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Having come to the end of such an historic year in the life of St. Timothy's School, it is only fitting to recap the year and give you some of my thoughts regarding how the year will have a significantly positive impact on our future.

Before beginning, however, I would like to give some special recognition to a few key individuals who made the year the success that it was. Lisa Ham, our Director of Development, was the key to the planning and execution of our 50th anniversary activities. Lisa certainly displayed her creativity, her ability to organize and work with volunteers, and her remarkable work ethic as she moved tirelessly from event to event. I also extend special thanks to those who worked with Lisa, both staff and volunteers, as no individual could have made these things happen. Lisa Mesick and Rhonda Price chaired the 50th Anniversary Gala and Auction and, along with their many volunteers, gave us a night to remember and a night which I believe will have a lasting impact -- not only because of the funds raised, but also the good will and enthusiasm generated among parents, past parents, alumni, and friends.

Students kicked off the year with a birthday party for St. Timothy's which included a picnic lunch and cake for everyone as they sang “Happy Birthday.” Father and Mrs. Hale, as well as past and present staff, board chairs and heads of school, were recognized in a memorable ceremony and reception. Our lower school students presented a special performance of the Christmas Pageant for alumni, past staff and parents, and guests.

Participation in Spirit Week gave students some perspective as to how long the school has been in operation as they dressed each day of the week in memory of each decade of the school’s existence.

Our Gala and Auction was a fitting end to the year-long celebration. For the first time, we had participation by a significant number of alumni and former parents and staff. Of particular importance was the presence of Father and Mrs. Hale and their family. Everyone enjoyed Father Hale’s stories and it certainly made me realize just how important his and Carolyn’s legacy is in defining St. Timothy’s today and shaping its future for the years ahead.

Connecting with our past gives us insight into our future. It is my hope that our bonds with the past, which were greatly strengthened by the events of our 50th anniversary celebration, will continue to become even stronger. To this end, we are in the initial stages of forming an Alumni Council which is intended to translate into an Alumni Association. As I meet more and more of our past students, I realize what an impact they find St. Timothy’s made in their individual development as well as in their lives. And who could ask for a better legacy?

**A Word From the Rector**

It is always moving and exciting to send our eighth graders off to continue their high school years. They are going off to high schools and preparatory schools in the Raleigh area, in other parts of North Carolina, and some to schools in other states. They are excited because they have completed these years and now they have a whole new adventure ahead of them. We are excited, too, because we see the fruits of our labor. The years we have taught these children, who are now young adults, have been some of the most formative years of their lives. They will remember these years and so will we. The calling that we have to support, work and run our school is bearing fruit and it is just wonderful to see.

The Board, some faculty members, the administration and some alumni have planned for the immediate future so St. Timothy’s can continue to bear rich and good fruit. The result takes the form of a 2008 Strategic Plan. This group met for an evening and a day to look at what we have done over the past four years, then planned what we would like to achieve over the next three to five years. The areas we concentrated on are: admissions and marketing; curriculum; development and finance; governance and leadership; and plant operations and facilities. Please take a look and find out what is hoped for and planned simply by reading the Strategic Plan. We will make it available on the website, in other school publications, and to area businesses and community organizations. Then commit the future of our School to your prayers. Bringing the grace of God to bear on this ambitious Strategic Plan will be essential if we are to continue our good work.

Over the years I have been chairman of the School Board, God has blessed the Board with thoughtful, caring and concerned Board members. I feel privileged to have worked with so many of these men and women. They have achieved and accomplished so much in their professions and then still give so much more of themselves to community organizations. The same willingness to use their gifts to support and direct our School is a great blessing for which I am truly thankful.

To this governing board we have recently added Kirk Whorf and Keith Killinger. I thank them for their willingness to serve. Our School will surely benefit from their presence on the Board.

May our School continue to flourish and become an even better witness for our children and the community in the year ahead.

Yours faithfully, in Christ,  
The Reverend. Jay C. James  
School Board Chairman
Congratulations to the Class of 2008!

Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened. – Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel

Although there were tears, smiles prevailed at commencement exercises for the Class of 2008 on May 30.

A majority of the 46 eighth graders had been together since kindergarten. A handful joined the class mid-way through their formative educational journey. And three, having enrolled as eighth graders, had but one year at St. Timothy’s.

Regardless of the number of years on campus, graduation brought a mix of emotions as faculty and students processed into St. Timothy’s Church together one last time. Father Jay C. James welcomed the overflow crowd of parents, grandparents and special friends, and introduced the evening’s speaker, Keith Harrod.

Mr. Harrod, president of Harrod & Associates Constructors in Raleigh, is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, North Carolina State University. He is also past chairman of the Board of Trustees and a current member of the Foundation Board of Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa Falls, Georgia.

His commitment to education is evident, and his ties to St. Timothy’s are long and strong. He served as co-chair of the first phase of the capital campaign that restructured the campus in 2005. And, in the words of his own family, he is the “devoted and doting” grandfather of two STS graduates, Sarah and James Harrod.

In a compelling address to the graduates, Mr. Harrod emphasized the choices these students will face in one year, five years and 10 years hence. He assured these young men and women that the foundation laid during their years at STS will guide them in making the right choices.

In a fitting sequel to the commencement address, the fourth and fifth grade chorus sang “Dream Your Dreams” to the graduates, who then received their diplomas. A reception in the dining hall, hosted by parents of seventh graders, followed.

We bid farewell to the Class of 2008 as they head off to the following high schools:

Kevin Allen
Cardinal Gibbons

Katie Baxley
Wakefield

Scarlett Beamon
West Johnston

Sophie Bird
Saint Mary’s

Jack Browne
Raleigh Charter

John Capetanos
Cardinal Gibbons

Ayn Corrigan
Stoneleigh-Burnham

Quinan Dalton
Broughton

Parker Dixon
Raleigh Charter

Cecelia Erwin
Stoneleigh-Burnham

Anna Farley
Sanderson

Danielle Farzanegan
Cardinal Gibbons

Sarah Fritsch
Ravenscroft

Suzanne Garner
Saint Mary’s

Sarah Godwin
Sanderson

Amy Goodling
Cardinal Gibbons

Lauren Gosse
Saint Mary’s

Elizabeth Gwinn
Broughton

James Harrod
St. David’s

Chandler Heath
Broughton

Sam Heath
Cardinal Gibbons

Ian Hicks
Ravenscroft

Blair Houtz
Cardinal Gibbons

Sam James
Broughton

Billy Joyner
Sanderson

Cayce Kaminski
Johnston Christian

Sarah King
Saint Mary’s

Caïd Kirven
Woodberry-Forest

Grant Klute
Leesville

Meghan Lord
Wakefield

Charlie Lowe
Raleigh Charter

Jordan Malik
Broughton

Josh McClenny
St. David’s

Kip McMillan
Raleigh Charter

Tim Niccolosi
Cardinal Gibbons

Jesse Osiecki
Wakefield

Janelle Prather
Ravenscroft

Danny Reiland
Cardinal Gibbons

Madeleine Roberts
Saint Mary’s

Arthur Samia
Cardinal Gibbons

Mia Schneider
Saint Mary’s

Angel Smallman
Sanderson

Taylor Swearingen
Sanderson

Jake Todd
Cardinal Gibbons

Jonathan Wiggins
Cardinal Gibbons

Mary Wrenn
Undecided

We bid farewell to the Class of 2008 as they head off to the following high schools:
Over 280 students and family members attended the St. Timothy’s Titans 2007-2008 Evening of Champions.

“We celebrated the participation of 114 middle school students who played on one or more of our athletic teams,” said Athletic Director Larry Hoxie. “We also honored eight of our eighth graders who played on a team every season they were in middle school.”

This year’s Titans won 10 trophies in the Triangle Middle School Conference. Tournament champions include girls tennis, boys soccer, boys basketball, and girls soccer, while volleyball and boys tennis were tournament runners-up.

Girls tennis, boys soccer, boys basketball and girls soccer also won conference championship titles.

“Titan athletics had great support this year,” Hoxie said. “Over 10,000 people witnessed a Titan athletic event and over 50 families and businesses provided support for the Titan Athletic Club.”

Awards bestowed at the banquet were:

**Boys Cross Country, Coach John Payne:**
Most Outstanding Runner: Chase McCord
Titan Award: J.B. Collins

**Girls Cross Country, Coach Lyn Swain:**
Most Outstanding Runner: Wesley Frazier
Titan Award: Olivia Allen

**Girls Tennis, Coach Matt Scheer:**
Most Valuable Player: Sarah King
Coach’s Award: Mia Schneider
Most Improved Player: Catherine Monaco

**Girls Volleyball, Coach Judy Whitley:**
Most Valuable Offense: Anna Farley
Most Valuable Defense: Abby Crawford
Titan Award: Sophie Bird

**Boys Soccer, Coach Ivan Gattis:**
Coach’s Award: Grant Klute, Josh McClenny, Robbie Thorburn, Tim Nicolosi, and Freddie Woodward

**Varsity Boys Basketball, Coaches B.J. Nowak and Rob Wilson:**
Best Offensive: Billy Joyner
Most Improved: Caid Kirven
Titan Award: Robbie Thorburn
Coach’s Award: Tim Nicolosi

**Junior Varsity Boys Basketball, Coach Allen Patton:**
Most Improved: Alex Warren
Coach’s Award: Daniel Stockton, David Foyle, Travis Albrecht, and Jeremy Gage

**Varsity Girls Basketball, Coach Judy Whitley:**
Most Valuable Offense: Anna Farley
Most Valuable Defense: Sarah Fritsch
Titan Award: Megan Carley

**Junior Varsity Girls Basketball, Coach Jennifer Noel:**
Best Offensive: Kristen Bagley
Best Defensive: Paige Reynolds
Coach’s Award: Abby Gay

**Cheerleading, Coach Kim Balentine:**
Coach’s Award: Sophie Bird
Titan Award: Suzanne Garner
Most Improved: Janelle Prather
Most Athletic: Angel Smallman

**Girls Soccer, Coach Judy Whitley:**
Most Valuable Offense: Sarah Fritsch
Most Valuable Defense: Sophie Bird
Titan Award: Suzanne Garner

**Baseball, Coaches Larry Hoxie and Dwayne Houtz:**
Titan Award: Sam James
Coach’s Award: Kevin Allen, Arthur Samia
Silver Slugger: Blair Houtz
Cy Young Award: Robbie Thorburn

**Boys Tennis, Coach Matt Scheer:**
Most Valuable Player: Jacob Munster
Coach’s Award: Tim Nicolosi
Most Improved: Chris Bonavita
Students End Year With Honors

Outstanding achievements in citizenship and academics were recognized at end of year chapel services in May. Among the recipients were:

### Headmaster's Award for All As All Year:

**Fourth Grade:**
- Henry Atkeson
- Erin Perry
- Abigail Chilman
- Robyn Sawyers
- Kate Hawkins
- Lily Schneider
- Davis Peacock
- Taylor Smith

**Fifth Grade:**
- Caroline Albright
- Lee Whitley
- Bailey Ham
- Sarah Zimmer
- Eric Lester

**Sixth Grade:**
- Meredith Burke
- Erin Quinn
- Caitlin Garrabrant
- Patrick Renegar
- Sam Kasierski
- Rachel Schwitzgebel
- Olivia Kosco
- Wesley Smith
- Alexandra Meads

**Seventh Grade:**
- Huston Wallace

**Eighth Grade:**
- Sarah Fritsch
- Amy Goodling
- Suzanne Garber
- Elizabeth Gwinn
- Sarah Godwin
- Madeleine Roberts

### Citizenship Awards:

**Third Grade:**
- Riley Mears
- Lindsey Schneider

**Fourth Grade:**
- Henry Atkeson
- Lily Schneider

**Annie Lawrie Jennette Awards:**
- Mackin Boylan
- Kate Driscoll

Mrs. Jennette was a much-loved teacher at St. Timothy’s who sought to recognize those students who tried their hardest and put forth their best efforts. This award is bestowed annually upon a fourth grade boy and girl.

**Margaret Evans Scholarships:**
- J.B. Collins
- Claudia Meyer

Mrs. Evans was a beloved teacher, principal and headmaster at St. Timothy’s. This $500 scholarship is awarded to a seventh grade boy and girl each year.

**Headmaster’s Cup:**
- Suzanne Garner

The recipient of this award, chosen by the faculty, is a graduating eighth grade student.

**Faculty Cup:**
- Sarah Fritsch

The recipient of this award, the runner-up to the Headmaster’s Cup, is also chosen by the faculty.

### Young Scientists Advance

Five of the six STS students who advanced to the regional science fair this year left with awards!

Catherine Carter and Kofie Yeboah both received honorable mentions, Claudia Meyer won a third place award, and Kacie Bagley and Justin Barber advanced to state competition. Kacie was twice honored at the state level, receiving the Young Naturalist Award from the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and second place in the elementary division from the North Carolina American Association of Water Works.

Kofie, meanwhile, entered his science fair project in the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers Science Fair in Philadelphia, and won second place in the junior division.

“It was great to see the St. Timothy’s gym packed with over 150 creative displays of scientific models, collections and experiments,” said Perry Suk, science lab instructor. “I was especially pleased with the way our students handled their interviews with the judges. They were polite, patient and pumped up to discuss their projects!”

The annual science fair, said Suk, “truly showcased the inquisitive minds of some of our young scientists.”

### STS Student Wins State DAR Award

For the first time in over 35 years, the winner of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) essay contest has gone on to win top state honors. We are proud to claim the author of this essay as our own sixth grader, Rachel Schwitzgebel.

“Espionage in the American Revolution” was the theme of this year’s contest. What was it like to be a spy as the colonies fought for independence? Students did their research, then created a fictional short story.

After scoring top honors on the chapter and district levels, Rachel’s account of a young girl who eavesdropped on the conversations of Loyalists and Redcoats at her family’s tavern went on to score the top state honor. J.T. Fritsch won the second place chapter award, with Taylor Lord and Kaylee Braswell tying for third place.

Fifth graders Joseph Ward, Alex Yost and Caroline Pope won, respectively, first, second and third place on the local chapter level, with Ward going on to garner top honors on the district level.

“America’s Heroes” was the theme of this year’s DAR Junior American Citizens (JAC) Contest for fifth graders. The following STS students were honored with state awards:

**Poster:** Dakota Zuehlke, first place
**Short Story:** Mary Scott Willson, honorable mention
**Stamp Design:** Ethan Thompson, second place
**Photo Essay:** Kayla Gwaltney, second place
Maggie Strickland, third place

Sarah Lowery (poster), Kreager Taber (short story), Dustin Gurrera (stamp design), and Jackson Feathers (photo essay) and were all honored with second place chapter awards.

Congratulations, one and all!
Sadovy Awarded Park Scholarship

STS alumnus Garik Sadovy is a recipient of the prestigious Park Scholarship to the North Carolina State University.

Over 1,000 applicants vied for the competitive and coveted Park Scholarship. Garik was one of 50 students nationwide to receive the award, which includes a four-year scholarship covering tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and travel and personal expenses.

A 2008 graduate of Wakefield High School, Garik was a captain of the lacrosse team, founder and president of the school mountain biking club, and a peer mentor. An Eagle Scout, he is a former head chorister of the Raleigh Boychoir.

Garik plans to pursue materials science and management at State.

“I am very indebted to the tutelage of Mrs. (Annie Lawrie) Jennette,” said Garik of his fourth grade teacher, who instilled in him a love of learning that never abated.

STS Alumni Council Formed

Alumna Susan Gattis Patton has been named president of the newly formed St. Timothy's Alumni Council.

Susan’s ties to St. Timothy’s far exceed those of alum. She is the mother of rising second grader Grace Patton, the wife of junior varsity basketball coach Allen Patton, the sister of alum and physical education teacher Ivan Gattis, and the daughter of Pete Gattis, former school board member, and the late Mary Gattis, former school treasurer. Her sister, Kathy, is also an STS alum.

Although the idea of an alumni council has been brewing for some time, Patton said, it was the recent 50th anniversary gala that left many alumni wanting, more than ever, to maintain close ties to the school through a formal organization.

The alumni council will serve students who attended St. Timothy’s School and St. Timothy’s-Hale School.

At the inaugural meeting in June, members outlined annual activities geared toward young alumni (current high school students), college-aged alumni and adult alumni.

One of the first events on the schedule is a reunion for adult alumni this fall. College students can look forward to a gathering over Christmas break, with a young alumni event to coincide with homecoming in February.

One thing is certain – alumni of all ages can expect to hear from their new council soon. With communication a top priority, plans include a detailed mailing in the fall.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the St. Timothy’s Alumni Council, contact the school at 787-3011, x1010 or kcampbell@sttimothys.org.

A Good Excuse
To Visit A Good Friend!

Sisters Lauren and Justine Carr used the 50th anniversary gala as a good excuse to visit a good friend!

The Carrs moved to New Hampshire in 1995, but that didn’t end Lauren’s friendship with classmate Brenn Boisseau. They kept in touch over the years, even visiting on occasion. The 50th anniversary of their alma mater seemed like the perfect excuse for a mini-reunion in Raleigh!

Lauren is Director of Sales at the elegant Fairmont Washington Hotel. After majoring in hotel management at Boston University, she studied in London, lived in New York City for four years, and moved to Washington, DC two years ago.

Justine graduated from Northeastern University, where she majored in human services and deaf studies, and went on to earn her M.A. in education at the University of New Hampshire. She just completed her first year of teaching kindergarten in Bethesda, Maryland and says she enjoyed it thoroughly.

Have you graduated? Gotten married? Had a baby? Moved? Gotten a new job? Recently returned from an exciting adventure? Share your news with fellow alumni by emailing kcampbell@sttimothys.org or calling 787-3011, x1010. Your news is our news!
Crystal McLeary and David Watson met in the fourth grade. Although he had been at St. Timothy’s since kindergarten, she was one of the new girls on campus in August of 1989, enrolling when her mother, Nicki, joined the faculty.

They remained classmates through tenth grade, parted ways when David left Hale High School, and met up again at UNC-Chapel Hill. They started dating while pursuing their undergraduate degrees – a BS in Biology and a BA in Chemistry for Crystal, a BS from the Kenan-Flagler School of Business for David.

While Crystal remained at UNC for a doctoral degree from the School of Dentistry, David left for a job in financial and economic policy analysis with the CIA in Washington, DC. They continued dating.

Two years ago, Crystal joined a dental clinic in Raleigh. Last summer, David left the Agency to pursue an MBA at Yale. Still, they continued dating.

After many years of dating, much of it long-distance, Crystal and David were married on March 15 in a ceremony that just might qualify as having the most St. Timothy’s alumni in attendance. David’s brother, Brennan, served as best man. Crystal’s brother, James, was a groomsman, as were former classmates Nick Sargent and Tripp Lumpkin. Alumnae Helen Clement Sgro, Latanya Scott, Allison Matlack and Lawrie Gibson were there, as were former art teacher Peggy Sargent and St. Timothy’s School founders, Father George and Carolyn Hale. Officiating at the ceremony at Church of the Holy Cross was its rector, the Rev. Dr. John W. Gibson, Jr., who also happens to be a former faculty member.

Those who remember Nicki McLeary from her days as music teacher at St. Timothy’s will not be surprised to learn that she played the keyboard at her daughter’s wedding and for the first dance at the reception. And Peggy Sargent’s artistic talents have not waned over the years.

“She actually hand-made a beautiful picture collage for David and me for a wedding gift,” Crystal reports.

Second Wedding, Same Groom!

Allison Matlack, a 1998 graduate of Hale High School and a 2002 graduate of Appalachian State University, is preparing for her second wedding – to the same groom!

After a stint as an editor at Parkway Publishers, Allison joined the Peace Corps in 2005 and served as an English teacher for two years in the small nation of Lesotho in southern Africa. She met and fell in love with Anthony Pranger, a Peace Corps volunteer from Oklahoma, and the two celebrated a traditional Basotho wedding ceremony last October. Their traditional American wedding ceremony will take place this October.

Allison works as a technical writer for NetApp in RTP. She and Anthony have bought a home in Durham.

In Brief…

“I loved St. Timothy’s and have great memories of elementary school,” writes Michelle Cress Rowells from Carlsbad, California. “It’s such a wonderful community!”

Karen Sinclair Davis was in Mrs. Buchanan’s kindergarten class in 1965-66. “I still have the card she sent me welcoming me to school,” she wrote. “She painted a picture of ballerinas for me because I loved them!”

Cameron Simpson Blount had such a great experience in her kindergarten through fifth grade years at St. Timothy’s that she is “wanting to enroll my 19-month-old son in the same kind of school here in (Parrish) Florida.”

“I have very fond memories of being at St. Timothy’s back in the 70s,” writes Laura Gordon Stark, now on staff at Saint Mary’s School. “Those were the days! It would be great to see everyone from elementary and junior high!”
The 715 participants in the third annual St. Timothy's Spring Sprint learned exactly why the neighborhood surrounding the school is called North Hills! But the terrain didn’t deter them from completing the 5K Run/Walk or the 1-Mile Fun Run on May 10.

More than $26,500 was raised on a beautiful Saturday morning, with proceeds benefiting the WakeMed Pediatric Diabetes Program, the premiere program in the area for diagnosing and treating type 1 and type 2 diabetes in children.

Sharon Keen, STS Director of Marketing and race coordinator, was thrilled with the race results. “In addition to raising school and community spirit,” she said, “we raised money for and awareness of an alarming epidemic among children – type 2 diabetes and pre-diabetes.”

She was quick to thank North Hills, grand sponsor of the event, as well as co-chairs Illyse Lane and Dottie Honeycutt.

“So many of our students had amazing race times and won their age groups or events,” Keen said. Christian Klute, a 2008 STS grad, placed second overall among male racers with a time of 19:10 in the 5K. Wesley Frazier, a rising STS eighth grader, took top honors among female runners with a time of 21:09.

But runners weren’t limited to St. Timothy’s students. The event drew alumni, parents, faculty, school neighbors, and avid runners throughout Wake County and beyond.

Awards were presented to the top three overall males and females, top three overall masters males and females, and the top three finishers in 12 separate age divisions. The top 10 finishers in the 1-miler were also recognized, and each child participating in this event received a ribbon.

Warning Signs of Diabetes:
Education is key in the detection and management of diabetes. There are often no warning signs at the onset. However, the following may indicate pre-diabetes or diabetes, and warrant further study:

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Unusual hunger
- Weight loss
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fatigue
- Irritability
- Frequent infections
- Cuts or bruises that heal very slowly
- Blurred vision
- Tingling or numbness in hands or feet
- Recurring skin, gum or bladder infections
Thanks for the Memories, Mrs. Potok!

In 1966, Marietta and Gene Potok were among the first wave of IBM transplants to the Research Triangle Park (RTP). They relocated to Raleigh from Poughkeepsie, NY and enrolled their young sons, Tom and John, at St. Timothy's.

The RTP assignment turned out to be short-lived. After two years, they found themselves back north, this time in New Haven, CT. But when Gene retired from IBM in 1979, they headed south and settled in Cary.

A decade later, Gene succumbed to leukemia and Marietta found her way back to St. Timothy's.

Having taught first and third grades in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, it was natural that Mrs. Potok would return to education. Although eminently qualified to serve as lead teacher, she opted instead to become a teaching assistant to kindergarten director and teacher, Elaine Clark. And there she remained for 19 years.

Teaching reading skills to kindergarteners became her specialty and, judging from a scrapbook of letters from former students, it was a job she did well. “Often, when they graduated from high school or college,” she said, “former students would write to thank me for teaching them how to read!”

After 19 years, Marietta Potok decided to reverse roles – to retire from teaching to become a student! She will soon enroll in the Encore program at NC State University.

The Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment provides short courses, study trips, special events, and extracurricular activities for adults aged 50+. And Mrs. Potok has definite ideas about what studies she wants to pursue.

“Every year for Elaine Clark’s birthday, I wrote a play,” she said. “I’d like to learn how to format these plays and maybe put together a book, and I’m hoping that an Encore course can teach me how to do it!”

A round of farewell parties ended this final school year for Mrs. Potok, beginning with a class party at the home of kindergarteners Noah and Lila Casey. Then it was a luncheon with kindergarten teachers and assistants, where she was presented with a “Greatest Teacher” teddy bear embedded with a sound chip of her class singing “Thanks for the Memories.”

Finally, at a faculty meeting in June, an engraved heart pendant was presented to the woman who gave her heart to St. Timothy’s, and who won the love of all in return. On one side, her initials; on the other, STS.

The love was mutual, Mrs. Potok. You will be missed!

Mrs. Potok and Mrs. Clark as Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee on Halloween.

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packages: vacation homes, original works of fine art, theatre and music tickets, jewelry, restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia and tickets, priceless student art projects, memorable teacher outings, and much more.

B.J. Nowak, STS middle school teacher and boys’ basketball coach, added auctioneer to his resume as he commanded spirited bidding on six live auction items. A “dripping in diamonds” gold bracelet caught the women’s attention, while two prime seats at the Dean Dome for next season’s NCSU vs. UNC match-up had the men in a bidding frenzy.

Finally, there was a raffle unlike any other. Two hundred identically wrapped Jolly’s Jewelers boxes were sold, then simultaneously opened. While most boxes contained an engraved 50th anniversary STS silver key chain, one box held a gold key chain – and claim to an exquisite diamond necklace. Alumna and current parent Susan Patton was the lucky winner.

After a sumptuous dinner of filet mignon and poached salmon, and before the grand ballroom opened up to dancing, Father Hale regaled attendees with stories spanning the five decades of St. Timothy’s School. In conclusion, the toast of the evening offered a toast of his own. “Hale St. Timothy’s!” he proclaimed as he lifted his glass to the cheering crowd.

Thanks for the Memories
--written by Elaine Clark, to be sung to the tune of the old Bob Hope classic

Thanks for the memories
You helped us raise our sons
And daughters every one
You hugged us tight
With all your might
And we had so much fun
We thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories
The piano you would play
For each Thanksgiving Day
Mr. Turkey loved to strut
When you began to play
We thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories
You taught us reading, too
You made sure that we knew
The skills we need so we succeed
In learning all things new
We thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories
St. Timothy’s loves you
For all you say and do
The love you share, the way you care
There’s no one quite like you
Yes, thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories
We thank you so much.
Birthday Bingo

Birthday Bingo was the theme of this year’s family fun night, dovetailing with the school’s year-long 50th anniversary celebration. Susan Patton, Jenni Hart and Lou Garvey chaired this school-wide favorite.

Bingo and raffle prizes were a hit with students (and parents!) of all ages: sports baskets, iPod Nano, Nintendo DS Lite, and American Girl doll, to name a few. A special section was reserved for middle school students to enjoy the evening with their friends. For the younger crowd, there was entertainment and face painting on the blacktop.

Fifty and Fabulous

A big salute goes out to Rhonda Price and Lisa Messick, chairs of the “Fifty and Fabulous” 50th Anniversary Gala, which netted over $65,000 for a gymnasium “make-over.” Work will include new lighting, new bathroom fixtures and stalls in the bathrooms and locker rooms, new flooring in the lobby and bathrooms, new grid and tiles for the lobby and locker room ceilings, and fresh paint.

Spring Open House

The day after a sell-out crowd at the 50th Anniversary Gala, students, parents, grandparents, alumni and special friends converged upon campus for the annual Spring Open House. Classroom visits, the art show and the book fair were all popular destinations.

Open House launched the 2008 Book Fair Reading Celebration, which continued through the week. On hand for the kick-off was Consie Powell, well known artist and author. Earlier in the week, author Victoria Holmes treated students to a presentation and book signing. Writing under the pen name Erin Hunter, Holmes is one of the authors of the best-selling Warriors series. It wouldn’t have been possible without Kim Bost and Robin Bost, Open House chairs, and Gretchen Waldrup and Michele Russell, Book Fair chairs – and their army of volunteers!

An enormous thank you goes out to Copie Cain, outgoing Friends president. The 2008-2009 Friends of St. Timothy’s Executive Committee includes Rhonda Hering (president), Susan Patton (president-elect), Teri McKee (treasurer), Angela Hawkins (secretary), and Sona Thorburn (assistant treasurer).

Two Named to School Board

Two new faces have joined the St. Timothy’s School Board of Directors. Kirk Whorf and Keith Killinger were appointed by Father Jay James and unanimously ratified by the board in June.

Whorf is chief financial officer and executive vice president of North State Bank, and currently serves on the executive committee of Phase II of the school’s capital campaign. He is the father of a rising eighth grader, Courtney.

Killinger, a parishioner of St. Timothy’s Church, brings to the board an extensive background in construction management. His wife, Ginny, and daughter, Blair, are STS alumnae.

The pair will join board members Jim Cain, Ed Fritsch, Heather Garrabrant, Jeff Harrod, Noah Huffstetler, and Father James.

Used (and New) Uniforms

The Used Uniform Sale, benefiting the Margaret Evans Scholarship Fund, is ongoing throughout the summer in the first and second grade corridor of the elementary wing. Visit during summer office hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Used uniform donations – clean and in good condition – are accepted throughout the summer and school year.

If you don’t find what you’re looking for in used uniforms, you can purchase new Lands’ End uniforms with Titan Bucks using cash, check or credit card. When you buy your Lands’ End uniforms with Titan Bucks, St. Timothy’s receives a 17% rebate! Lands’ End Titan Bucks are available for purchase in the school office.

Whorf and Killinger replace outgoing board members Richard (Dick) Rendleman and Helen Kirven. “We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dr. Rendleman and Mrs. Kirven,” said Father James. “They were key components of the board and they will surely be missed.”
50th Anniversary Gala Highlights

For one St. Timothy’s family, the morning after the gala was akin to Christmas! John and Erin Wallace won the live auction high bid on a 14.5-foot skiff boat donated by Neal and Jenny Meads. Thanks to the efforts of Randy Messick, the boat was deposited in the Wallace driveway that same night. The next morning, they sent son William out to retrieve the Sunday newspaper. “There’s a boat in our driveway!” the rising fourth-grader squealed with delight to his big brother, Huston, as he ran back into the house.

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Ben Atkeson didn’t win a diamond necklace for his wife, Beth, at the “Fifty and Fabulous” gala. But he gets an A+ for his efforts! Ben purchased six of the Jolly’s Jewelers wrapped gift boxes, hoping one would contain that special gold key chain to claim the diamond necklace.

Although he took a gamble and lost, Ben didn’t mind. His only question was, “What am I supposed to do with all of these silver key chains?”

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Thanks to the efforts of Blair Wall Smallman (HHS Class of 1977) and Ben Freeman (HHS Class of 1981), the gala doubled as a class reunion for many St. Timothy’s and Hale grads. For some, it was the first gathering in more than a decade. The mini-reunion was a key factor in launching the new St. Timothy’s Alumni Council in June. Shown above (top right) are Vivian Lee McLaurin, Beverly Blow, Blair Wall Smallman, Melissa Little and Courtney Atkins Swanson.

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For the Mitchell sisters, it was not only a school reunion, but a family reunion! Marion Mitchell Klingler of Fuquay-Varina and Diana Mitchell Johnston of Holly Springs didn’t have far to travel. Sara Mitchell Edwards had a bit of a journey from suburban Atlanta, Georgia, but the prize for distance went to Teresa Mitchell from suburban Boston, Massachusetts.

Gala Photographs by Jennifer Robertson
When Erin and John Wallace and Dottie and Kent Honeycutt agreed to tackle the role of Annual Fund co-chairs in 2006, they asked Headmaster Mike Bailey, “What is the goal?” The answer – make the Annual Fund something everyone wants to be a part of! Two years later, they have come a long way towards that goal.

The Annual Fund was once a little-known way to support special projects for the school. It didn’t get the glamour of the Auction. It wasn’t as clearly understood as the Titan Athletic Club. And it wasn’t nearly as large as the Capital Campaign for the new building. But the Annual Fund, like the little engine that could, has made some giant strides in the past two years, in part to the “I think I can” attitude of Co-Chairs Wallace and Honeycutt.

By understanding that the Annual Fund allows the school first to meet its budget and second, by surpassing its goal, to make gains above and beyond the budget, the Wallaces and Honeycuts set out to educate other parents as to the Fund’s importance. By enlisting committee members, training them in the needs of the school and asking them to make calls to fellow parents, the Annual Fund began to emerge from a vague purpose to a necessary one.

The Fund simply seeks to support students, faculty and programs in ways that tuition alone cannot. From financial aid for qualifying students to salary increases for faculty to library funding, the Annual Fund allows the school to meet a menu of wish list options. Who doesn’t want the school to provide more financial aid, give teachers higher salaries or provide additional materials for the library? All of these things are within reach with the presence of a strong Annual Fund.

As the Wallaces and Honeycuts wrapped up their second year as Annual Fund chairs, the fund passed the $60,000 mark for the second year in a row. The administration will decide where to apply these additional funds – continuing to focus on students, faculty and programs. “These four parents have made a significant impact on the Annual Fund and our community’s understanding of its importance,” said Lisa Ham, Director of Development. “They have made the Annual Fund a club that more and more people want to be a part of. It’s a cool club!”

St. Timothy’s salutes Erin and John and Dottie and Kent and their entire committee. If you would like to make a gift to the Annual Fund, please use the envelope provided or contact the Development Office at (919)787-3011 ext. 1130 or lham@sttimothys.org.