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SUCCESS STORIES *St. John's Academy*

Morgan Dale - SJA Kindergarten Teacher



mired my teachers and the work that they do. I remember telling my mother that I dreamt of being a teacher - just like the teachers I had as an elementary school student. I absolutely LOVED being an SJA Eagle! I am so grateful my parents made the decision to send me to such an amazing school. It is an honor to now be working with several of the teachers I had as a child and teaching at the school I care so much about. The decision to venture back home after college to be closer to my family and start my teaching career has definitely blessed me in many ways.

In my classroom we praise God, have fun, learn, dance, exercise, stay positive and work hard! We started the year out by investigating apples and pumpkins in the fall. In the winter we learned all about the Christmas story of Jesus's birth and made precious ornaments as gifts for our parents. Then we moved onto spring where our class has spent time learning about life on the farm, lady bugs, plants, magnets, and the solar system. To wrap up the school year this May, we have several field trips planned where we will venture out in the community and get a chance to see the places of work of some of my students' parents.

Whew! It has been an awesome three years working with the parents, staff, and students at SJA. What a ride it has been, and I have loved every minute of it.

Hi! I'm Ms. Dale, and I am about to wrap up my third year as a kindergarten teacher at St. John's Academy.

I attended the College of Saint Benedict located in St. Joseph, MN, where I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. During my time at St. Ben's, I had the opportunity to study abroad for a semester in London and travel to 13 different countries. I was also a member of the Blazer Women's Basketball team for four years. I have countless memories during my college experience that have transformed me into the person and teacher that I am today.

As a former SJA student, my interest in teaching started at a very young age. Ever since I was a little girl I have ad-



From all of us at FACE & St. John's Academy:
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FACE Board Member Welcomes Baby Theodore

"What should we do this weekend?" asked Steve on Friday evening... Little did we know it would be... "Let's have a baby!" However, that is exactly how our story unfolded. Saturday morning we took the trek to Fargo to welcome Theodore Steven into this world. Born six weeks early, weighing in at a whopping 6 pounds 5 oz and 20 inches long - he was a large 34 weeker! We were aware of the risks for our little one; however, we were not prepared for the amazing support of family, friends, and the wonderful staff at Sanford. Theodore needed extra support for breathing and eating in the NICU in Fargo, which is common for "later preemies" of his age. During his short 10 day stay in the NICU, we learned a tremendous amount from the phenomenal nurses, NP's, and doctors - we truly are blessed that our baby was as "old" as he was. We were humbled knowing that our stay would be relatively short and continued to pray for the other families that had a longer road ahead of them. We also were blessed with staying at the Ronald McDonald house and calling that our home for a short



while. We are forever changed by all the different aspects we experienced during the journey of bringing in our youngest son - however - life is about the journey and how we react to it, isn't it?

April 15th marked Steve's father's birthday; after praying a rosary to him late that evening, we celebrated Easter the next day with my parents (on their 40th wedding anniversary) and Harry (our oldest) in Fargo. Theodore started to quickly get better and stronger - then we were told on Easter Monday that we would be taking our tiniest human home (Could you send some monitors home with us? we asked!)! We were convinced of some intercession from Steve's dad and how fitting that we came home when we did. Now we are adjusting to our new normal: a toddler, crazy dog, and another tiny human. We are beyond grateful for all the support, prayers, and the amazing people that share their gifts with this world to make it better.



Poker FACE

Our eighth annual "Poker Face" fundraiser was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jamestown on January 21, 2017. Our guests played poker, blackjack, dice, pig races, horse races and other games of chance, competing to win the grand prizes of a Yeti cooler, Google Home, or a smoker. The evening also included a purse raffle, wine pull and silent auction, and everyone who purchased a ticket was eligible to win a \$200, \$100, or \$25 door prize.

It was a fun, casual evening, and all who attended had a

good time. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their assistance in organizing this event. FACE also extends a big "thank you" to everyone who donated items or cash for the silent auction or who volunteered to help out with the games. We couldn't have done it without you!

Plans are being made for the ninth annual "Poker Face" to be held in 2018. Watch for more information about this event in FACE's upcoming newsletters.



2017 Annual Meeting

FACE held its annual meeting on March 29, 2017, at the Basilica Community Room in Jamestown. Linda Mohn of Schauer & Associates presented her



FACE Secretary, Meggen Henke and Board President, Walt Nieland.

audit report on FACE's accounts, and John Yatskis presented the Investment Committee's report. FACE's financial position remains sound. FACE president Walt Nieland announced that FACE's gift to St. John's Academy for the 2017-2018 school year will be \$105,961.

Three positions on the FACE Board were up for election. Brenda Kirkeby, Joan Morris, and John Yatskis were re-elected to three-year terms. It has been determined that the board is too large. The board will be reduced to 11 members over time. Proposed amendments to the by-laws will be presented at the June board meeting.



From left to right, Joan Morris, Brenda Kirkeby & John Yatskis.

Jim Ukestad and Dave Barnick retired from the board. Jim has been on the board for 15 years and served 3 of those years as president. Dave has been on the board for 9 years and all of those years have been spent on the investment committee. A big thank you to these gentlemen for all of their dedication and hard work over the years!



Dave Barnick, Board President Walt Nieland and Jim Ukestad.

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In Memory of Jack Brown

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In Memory of Phillip D. Brown

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In Memory of Paul Casavant

Sonshine

In Memory of Marguerite Cebula

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Mary & Gary Fox

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Jim & RaeAnn Vandrovec

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Patsy Klose

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Joe Ebertz

Joe & Claire Exner

Tom Gould

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In Memory of Gerard "Jerry" Engels

Blaine & Marlys Fix

In Memory of Robert Exner

Bonnie Exner

In Memory of James Gion

Joyce & Dwaine Heinrich

In Memory of Gary Guler

Blaine & Marlys Fix

Jim & Connie Harty

Joyce & Dwaine Heinrich

Kevin & Colleen Koehn

LeFevre Family

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Sonshine

Jim & RaeAnn Vandrovec

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Tom Gould

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The Jamestown Sun

Joan Morris

Walt & Jane Nieland

Bette Parsons

Jerry & Pam Szarkowski

In Memory of Mona Williams

Joyce & Dwaine Heinrich



FACE Raffle



FACE held its first raffle this spring. Tickets were sold for \$100 each to 250 people. At the drawing on April 5, these were the winners: \$5,000 – Kim Schmit; \$2,000 – Cal Ova; \$1,000 – Jim Ukestad; \$500 – R. D. Brown; \$500 – Darlene Kropp and 10-\$100 winners: Kevin Wanzek, Andrew Kudrna, Craig Middleton, Meghan Braun, Mark Wanzek, Larry Kropp, Tammy Skari, Alyssa Fitzgerald, Jeff Quandt and Alida Sjostrom.

Thanks to all who purchased tickets!

Dave Barnick and Darla Schmitz.



Jim Ukestad, \$1,000 winner.



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