

# The Marquette Graduate

A publication for graduates, parents, and friends of Marquette Catholic High School.

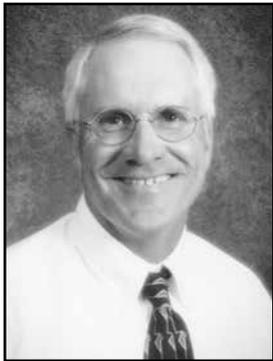


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DECEMBER 2012



**Dear Alumni/ae, Friends and Supporters of Marquette:**

In the last Marquette Graduate I expounded on how “cool” it

was to be a principal of a Catholic high school and in, this particular case, my alma mater.

Well, it’s still cool, but with all the construction going on, it is also rather hectic.

On one hand, I can’t tell you how exciting it is to see the transformation this school has undergone in the past two years. We began on the outside of the building with tuck pointing and a new electrical service--two things which may not be glamorous but had to be done before the real construction began. We then had new windows installed in the gymnasium and cafeteria. Next we had the patio and hall outside the gymnasium razed. We also gutted both the boy’s locker room/old typing room/study hall and the girl’s locker room. Then we began the installation of a new commons area including restrooms with a concession stand and athletic offices outside the gym; a new boy’s and girl’s locker room separated by a weight room on the gym level; a new restroom on the cafeteria level with added storage space where the old girl’s locker room once stood; central air conditioning for the

gym and cafeteria; a new frontage leading into the gym; and topped it off with a newly repainted gym floor with new LED score boards. Keep in mind that most of this work has been done since July of 2012.

Here it is December, dust is flying everywhere, the work is not yet finished, but the end is in sight. There are days I walk through the construction areas and beam with pride, and there are days I feel like Pope Julius II asking Michelangelo as he painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling, “when will it be finished?”

My words here are not adequate to paint a proper picture of what you will be seeing when you walk into the new areas, so you really have to come in and see for yourself. After the first of the year there will be plenty of opportunities to come in and walk and gawk. Dates are being worked out. All I do know for sure is that we are going to have an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 12:00-2:00 for all alumni and friends of Marquette. If you cannot make it on that date—keep your eyes and ears open for other dates.

There are way too many people to thank for all that has been done, but if you helped out in any way, large or small, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

On Explorers,

Michael E. Slaughter ‘74  
Principal

## Upcoming events:

**Dec. 14 & 15** - Marquette’s Christmas Play, 7:30 pm at the old Roxana Theater.

**January 12, 2013** - Incoming Freshman Entrance Exam, 8:30-11:00 am at Marquette, 10:00 am parent meeting

**January 12, 2013** - Open House for alums and friends of Marquette, 12-2:00 pm. Come see the changes we’ve made to the locker room areas and the gym. The new “commons” will be opened for you to tour.

**January 19** - Incoming Freshman Entrance Exam at St. Elizabeth’s in Granite City, 8:30-11:00 am, 10:00 am parent meeting.

**January 26** - Raffle Grand Drawing and party at Marquette. Please see ad in this publication.

**February 2** - Explorer Club Trivia Night (rescheduled), doors open at 6:15 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm.

**March 9** - Incoming Freshmen registration

**March 16** - Marquette Dinner Auction “The Luck of the Irish”



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

## *A Note from Peter Tassinari, President of the Marquette Foundation*

Dear Friends of Marquette:

As we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope that comes with a New Year, we want to share exciting news with you. Pledges and contributions to the Marquette Capital campaign continue to come in. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the Marquette community.

Fantastic updates have already taken place including increased scholarship offerings, endowment fund increases, air conditioning of the cafeteria and gymnasium, new gym windows, tuck-pointing, painting, a security system, new white boards, desks, and lockers, and much needed repairs to the 1927 building.

But, the crown jewel will come just after the first of the year as we complete the addition of the new Marquette commons (old courtyard outside gym) and a complete renovation of the facilities around the gymnasium to better serve students, guests and alumni.

We have also been very blessed, and challenged by an anonymous donor. Blessed in that the benefactor has pledged \$500,000 (the single largest contribution in the history of Marquette). We are challenged, though, because in order to receive the \$500,000 we must raise \$500,000.

We have made progress in meeting this challenge. However, we remain \$300,000 short of our goal.

For every dollar the Marquette community contributes to the Impacting, Leading, Succeeding Capital Campaign the anonymous donor will match that contribution dollar for dollar.

So, will you help us? Trust me, no amount is too small.

Not only can you make your contribution online, but to make contributing more affordable, we have made it possible for you to spread your contribution out monthly, or over as many as five years.

*Here are some examples:*

**You want to contribute \$100 to Marquette but need to spread your contribution out:**

You pledge \$10 a month x 10 months = \$100  
+ \$100 (anonymous donor match) = \$200

**You want to contribute \$250 to Marquette:**

You can pledge \$50 annually to Marquette x 5 years = \$250  
+ \$250 (anonymous donor match) = \$500

**You would love to give Marquette \$500 but can't do it all at once:**

You pledge \$100 annually x 5 years = \$500  
+ \$500 (anonymous donor match) = \$1000 !!!

You can do all of this by going to  
**[www.marquettecatholic.org/matchingpledge](http://www.marquettecatholic.org/matchingpledge)**

The bottom line is this:  
***The Capital Campaign  
is the first one we've had in 40 years.***

When you come to our open house in January and see all we have accomplished, I know you will be proud. But, we need everyone's help to reach our goals. No amount is too small, especially when each dollar is matched 100%.

If you have already contributed, thank you for helping us accomplish so much already. If you have not yet made a commitment, please consider doing so now so we can wrap up the campaign. We want everyone to be a part of this regardless of how much they can afford to contribute and hope we have made it possible for you to do that by making it possible to spread your contribution out monthly or annually. With the end of the year looming, now is the perfect time to make your donation to take advantage of the tax deduction in the current year.

It's a great time to be an Explorer and  
your support will help put us over the top!

Your consideration of this request is most appreciated.  
Please respond with your commitment by mailing it to:

MCHS Capital Campaign

219 E. Fourth St., Alton, IL 62002 or online at

**[www.marquettecatholic.org/matchingpledge](http://www.marquettecatholic.org/matchingpledge)**

**For more information,  
email the Capital Campaign at  
[ccadmin@marquettecatholic.org](mailto:ccadmin@marquettecatholic.org).**

Sincerely,

Peter Tassinari, '84  
President MCHS Foundation



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Dear Patron,

Students of the Alton-Godfrey communities have benefited for many generations because of the presence of Marquette Catholic High School. I am pleased that Marquette's future has never looked brighter.

Your support of Marquette's capital campaign benefits not only Alton and Godfrey, but primarily the families who desire to avail their children of the educational opportunity that Marquette offers.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McCormick  
Mayor



**CITY OF ALTON  
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Dear Friend of Marquette:

Please accept this letter of support for the Marquette Catholic High School Capital Campaign Fund.

Marquette Catholic High School is one of the crown jewels of Alton and has provided quality education to our community for years. The City of Alton has greatly benefited from Marquette's presence and students have played a vital role in Alton's success for generations.

I urge you to support Marquette's efforts to reach its capital campaign goal. The future of our children is dependent upon all of us stepping up and getting involved.

Sincerely,

Tom Hoechst  
Mayor



*A Message from  
Margot Huber  
Director of  
Fundraising  
and Special  
Events:*

Here are some events coming up for 2013. It's going to be a great year. Thank you for all you do for Marquette.

**Explorer Club Trivia Night**

Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Marquette Gym – cost is \$160 per table for 8 people. Doors open at 6:15 pm and trivia begins at 7:00 pm Sharp! To reserve a table, email Margot Huber at [mhuber@marquettecatholic.org](mailto:mhuber@marquettecatholic.org) or call 618-463-0585

**Marquette Mega Raffle**

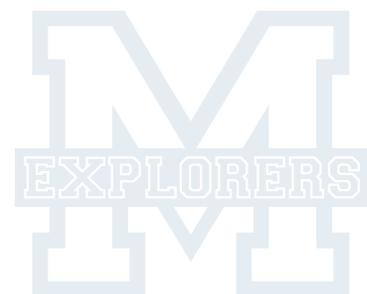
Mega Raffle tickets are on sale through Saturday, January 26th – cost of the tickets are \$50 each. Buy two get one free! To purchase a tickets go to [www.marquettecatholic.org/megaraffle](http://www.marquettecatholic.org/megaraffle) or stop by Marquette Catholic High School or local business to purchase a ticket. Our final drawing will be held at Marquette "New" Commons area on Saturday, January 26th. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm and the band Crystal Tassel will be performing.

**Cash Calendars**

Marquette Catholic High School has their cash calendars for sale for \$25.00 a calendar with a chance to win money every day in 2013. If you would like to get a calendar contact Angie Kizer at [angie@unlimitedimprints.com](mailto:angie@unlimitedimprints.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Marquette Dinner/Auction  
Saturday, March 16th  
at Lewis & Clark Commons  
Theme is "Luck of the Irish"



## *Merry Christmas from the Advancement Office*

Great things are happening at Marquette. We have had many 7th and 8th graders visit us this fall with our shadow program. If you have a 7th or 8th grader and would like to have him/her "shadow" a student for a day, please give me a call and we can set that up. It's a great way for the students to get a feel for what it is like to be an Explorer!

Our Open house was held on Oct. 21 this year and over 80 families came to visit. It was a great time for families to meet the Marquette teachers and students and see how things work at Marquette. Many thanks to those who came to visit and those who helped showcase our school.

The Entrance Exam for incoming freshman will take place on January 12, 2013 here at Marquette from 8:30-11:00am. Please call me at 618-463-0585 if your student would like to take the test. We will also offer it on January 19, 2013 at St. Elizabeth's in Granite City. There will be a parent meeting at 10:00 am to answer any questions parents might have. It is such a great time to be an Explorer! We are expecting another good size class for next year.

The construction project is almost complete and we are excited to have an open house on January 12, 2013 from 12:00-2:00 pm to show you what we've done with the place. You are going to love the renovations we've made to the gym and locker room areas. If you remember the old gym restrooms you will be so pleased to see the new and improved restrooms outside the gym and outside the cafeteria.

Did you know Marquette has a great website and facebook page? Check out [www.marquettecatholic.org](http://www.marquettecatholic.org) and see all the great things happening here.

Many many thanks to everyone who gives their time talent and treasure to Marquette. We appreciate everything you do!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Everyone at Marquette.*

**Meg Ducey Miller '80**



## *Class Reunions!*

**Class of 1993:** Marquette Football Game - 10/25/13 at 7pm  
Public School Stadium

Mixer - 10/25/13 - Mac's Time Out at 10pm

Tour of Marquette Catholic High School -  
10/26/13 at 1pm

Reunion - 10/26/13 - 6pm at Holiday Inn Alton

Room reservations are available for Holiday Inn. The group code is MAR and the room rate is \$111.95 and includes breakfast. Any questions or to update your current address, please contact Beth DeCoursey at [elizadeco@yahoo.com](mailto:elizadeco@yahoo.com)

**Class of 1958:** September 21, 2013, 55th Class Reunion In the New "Commons" room at Marquette. Please contact Janice Watsker Brown at [jwatsker@yahoo.com](mailto:jwatsker@yahoo.com) or Kathleen Meyers at 618-259-7803

Any class having a reunion next year please contact Meg Miller at 618-463-0585 or [mmiller@marquettecatholic.org](mailto:mmiller@marquettecatholic.org) and we will publicize it for you.

The new Marquette Commons will be available for class reunions! Please contact Assistant Principal Mr. Baird for more information at 618-463-0580 ext. 225 or email [rbaird@marquettecatholic.org](mailto:rbaird@marquettecatholic.org).

**Please come to the**

*Grand Prize drawing for the  
\$50,000 Raffle!*

**Food, Fellowship and Fun!**

**Saturday January 26, 2013 at 6:00pm  
In the Marquette Catholic High School  
new Commons room next to the gym.  
Food and Drinks available for purchase.**

**Music by "Crystal Tassel" including  
Steve Roach (Class of '81), Pat Hughes  
(Class of '79), Robert "Chip" Daniels (Class of '81)  
with appearances by possible special guest stars.**

**Call 618-463-0585 for more information  
or to purchase raffle tickets.  
Tell your friends!!**

# CLASS NOTES

## Class of 1939



**Eldon Schmidt** and his son **Mark** (*class of 1976*) came by Marquette for a visit last spring. Eldon lives in Godfrey

and Mark was visiting from North Carolina. Thanks for visiting.

## Class of 1954

**Terry Dooley** is celebrating his 50th year in banking this year. "I've thoroughly enjoyed my life in banking," Dooley said at a ceremony in his honor in July 2012. Dooley started his career in 1962 at Piasa First Federal Savings and Loan. He then moved to Alton Savings and Loan which later became Olympic Federal Savings and Loan. Dooley joined the Bank of Edwardsville in 1992 and has been there for 20 years working in loan administration.

Dooley and his wife **Carolyn** (*Schwegel class of 1954*) also have three children who all went to Marquette as well as one grandchild who graduated in 2009 and one on his way in. Congratulations!

## Class of 1962

**Michele Lanham Todd** and her husband Raymond celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2012 with a family vacation to Cancun, Mexico.

Michele has been employed at Weber & Rodney Funeral Home in Edwardsville, IL for the last 15 years. The Todd's have three children and seven grandchildren.

## Class of 1983

**Christopher J. Williams** has been chosen as the incoming Commander of the 10th PSYOP Battalion and was honored at a ceremony on Nov. 4, 2012 at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.

Commander Williams began his career in 1990 when he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve in the Infantry Corps. He received his commission from the ROTC program at the University of Kansas where he earned a bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

He was deployed to Bosnia in 2001, Iraq in 2003, and back to Iraq in 2007-2008.

In 2009, Commander Williams became the Executive officer to the 10th PSYOP Battalion and went to serve in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom until his return in August of 2012. He has received many awards and decorations throughout his career.

Commander Williams and his wife Michelle live in Edwardsville with their daughter Emily. In his civilian occupation, LTC Williams serves as a police officer with the Edwardsville Police Department and serves as the Dare Officer in the Edwardsville schools.

## Class of 1988

**Michael Mazenko** has received the 2012 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program's Teacher Recognition Award from Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education. Michael was so honored after one of his students at Cherry Creek High School near Denver was chosen as a Presidential Scholar and named Michael for teacher recognition. Michael teaches English at the high school.

Michael lives in Greenwood Village, near Denver, with his wife, Julie, son Austen, 10, and daughter, Chloe, 7. He is also a guest columnist for the Denver Post. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1992.

## Class of 1996

**Ed Jacobs** and his wife **Erica** (**Kuchnicki**) Jacobs announce the birth of a son, Adam Joseph. Adam

was born on Aug. 24, 2012 and has a two year old sister, Sophia. The Jacobs live in Godfrey.

## Class of 1996

**Tom Lavelle** and his wife Kristy announce the birth of a daughter, Lucy Ann. Lucy was born on Sept. 4, 2012 and has an older sister. The Lavelle family resides in Edwardsville, IL.

## Class of 1997

**Matthew Klasner** married Carolyn Ford on Sept. 21, 2012 in St. Louis. Matthew graduated from MacMurray College in 2002 and is employed by FedEx ground.

## Class of 1999

**Annie Muehlheausler** married Brooke Moody on Oct. 12, 2012 at Holy Angels in Wood River, IL. Annie works for the county auditor for the city of Edwardsville. The couple will reside in Godfrey.

## Class of 2000

**Zach Kane** married Joni Isaacson on Oct, 6, 2012 in Peoria. Zach graduated from Bradley University in 2004 with a Bachelor's in Construction Management and is currently employed with Aldridge Construction.

## Class of 2000

**Bret Hollinger** married Jamie Moses on October 6, 2012 at St. Ambrose in Godfrey. The couple resides in Alton.

## Class of 2001

**Sister Mary David Tappan (Andrea)** took her final profession of vows to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr of St. George on August 15, 2012 at

St. Mary's in Alton.  
*Sr. Mary David and Mrs. Paula Mattix-Wand (Campus Minister at Marquette)*



# CLASS NOTES

## Class of 2005

**Michael Gebben**, Owner of Gebbs Total Video in Alton, is sponsoring an event called "Rock N Life" "B 100% U" Michael promises this to be a motivating seminar on how to get the most out of your life. The event is scheduled for December 29, 2012. Go to URocknLife.Com for more details!

## Class of 2005

**Ashley Hayes** is beginning her second season as the head coach of the boys swim team at Columbia River High School in Vancouver, WA. Ashley is also the assistant coach of the girl's swim team which captured the class 3A district team championship. Ashley played soccer for McKendree University and graduated from there in 2008.

## Class of 2005

**Robert Logan** married Ruth Arbuthnot on Aug. 18, 2012. Robert is a 2011 graduate of SIUE with a degree in secondary education. He is currently employed with the Alton School District.

## Class of 2006

**Joel Gibson** married Ashley White on Dec. 1, 2012 in St. Charles. The couple will reside in Alton.

## Class of 2007



**Michael Friedel** has entered his second year of pre-theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, IL. After graduating from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Michael began his six years of priestly formation for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in Fall of 2011. Michael spent this summer in Springfield as a seminarian-intern with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, working out of the diocesan offices to promote and encourage social justice work throughout the diocese.

## Class of 2007

**Kayla Korte** is working at a Catholic camp in Louisville, CO. According to its mission statement, The John Paul II Adventure Institute aims to awaken in young people a full and active relationship with God, shaping their relationships with themselves, others and creation. Kayla's camp is composed of two different programs including an Outdoor Lab for middle school and homeschooled families

and Camp Wojtyla which is a Catholic Adventure program that runs during the summer for high school and middle school aged children. You can contact Kayla at [kkorte@jp2adventures.com](mailto:kkorte@jp2adventures.com).

## Class of 2008



**Andrew Schranck** traveled with "Engineers without Borders" to Los Eucaliptos, Bolivia last summer. Andrew attends the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla and participated in this program for a second year. While in Bolivia, the team's main objective was to provide a sustainable means of obtaining cheap drinkable water. Andrew will be working all year with "Engineers in Action" to make sure the projects keep on schedule for completion. He will graduate from Missouri S and T in May 2013.

## Class of 2011

**Alyssa Jackson** graduated Army military police training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, on July 26, 2012 and will be stationed at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii for two years beginning August 2012. Go Army! You can contact Alyssa at [alyssa.jackson8@yahoo.com](mailto:alyssa.jackson8@yahoo.com).

## Marquette is getting new scoreboards in the gym!

Here are some ways you could advertise on one of the four spots available on the new scoreboard.

- 5 years for \$5000
- 3 years for \$3600
- ( first 2 options must put 50% down at time of purchase)
- 1 years for \$1500- (Paid in full at time of purchase)

Sponsor area is 2' high and 5' wide. Four spots available on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Margot Huber at 618-463-0585.

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3	2	19	6	10	2	10	30	1	6
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Please help us stay in touch with you!

Please send us your current information and signup for email updates from Marquette.

[www.marquettecatholic.org/signup](http://www.marquettecatholic.org/signup)

## *Marquette Renovates Science Labs Thanks to Monsanto and Some Very Skilled Volunteers!*

When is the last time you were in the Science labs at Marquette? If it's been a while, you need to come by and check out our new digs! Thanks to the kind people at Monsanto Corporation and many talented friends of Marquette, the labs now have ample space for projects and experiments as well as lots of much needed storage areas.

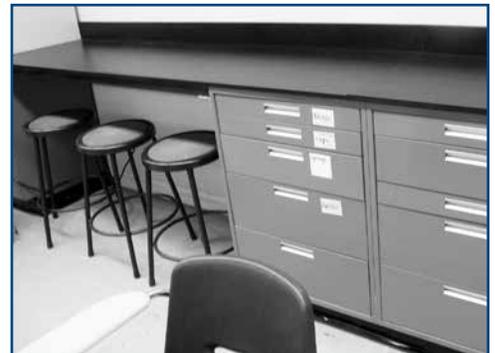
Monsanto Corporation generously donated cabinetry, countertops and labor in an effort to update all three of the science labs used by Marquette students. Dennis Johnson, Construction Manager of Monsanto, and father of Avery (a student at Marquette) spearheaded the mammoth project which was finished at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Rich and Bonnie Finger headed the effort to collect donations and materials for the project through the Monsanto Fund. Greg Ginger provided the new work surfaces through Lab Builders Incorporated or LBI.

Mr. John Walters, Science Department head at Marquette is thrilled with the results. "This is a significant upgrade to both the aesthetics and the functionality of the Science labs. With the increase in our enrollment, we will have much more work space for our science students than we had before the renovation," he said.

Other volunteers involved in this project include: Jerry Admire, Brian Diskin, Pat Merkle (Class of 78), MCHS students; Avery Johnson, Andrew Sanders, Jack Miller, Masen Schroeder, Michael Schneider, David Wilton, Clay Diskin, Woody Stanfield, Aaron John Mattix-Wand and the Marquette basketball team.

Marquette extends a big thank you to Monsanto and all the people who helped make this project a reality.



### *In Memoriam:*

Leslie Matter Bringer	Class of 1982	8-20-12	David Laux	9-21-12
Michael Mitchell	Class of 1982	8-24-12	Leonard Rose	Class of 1952 6-7-12
Joann Tunehorst	Class of 1948	7-24-12	Patricia Hinrichs	6-12-12
Ruth Ann Johnes		7-21-12	Ronald Gene Herren	8-12-12
Francis Crivello		7-20-12	Mary Gross	10-7-12
Sandra Holland	Class of 1961	6-27-12	Thomas Wille	Class of 1960 11-12-10
Kevin Cuneen		8-10-12		
Dorothy Lewis	Class of 1931	9-28-12		
Donna Hayes		9-12		
Leslie Denise" Lou" Bringer	Class of 1982	8-20-12	<b>Corrections:</b> <b>Bernard L Peipert, Sr.</b> is alive and living on Sherwood Terrace in Alton. He is 92 years old and would love to hear from his classmates from the class of 1938. You can contact him at (618) 465-3132. <b>Wilbur (Bill) Kienstra</b> from the class of 1949 is very much alive and living in Florida. His number is 407-647-8506. We are sorry for the misrepresentation in previous newsletters.	
Michael Mitchell	Class of 1982	8-24-12		
Dorothy Lewis	Class of 1931	9-28-12		
George Wegener	Class of 1944	10-14-12		
Helen Tovo	Class of 1943	10-29-12		
Bill Yeck		10-23-12		
Charlotte Deem		11-18-12		



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## *Mrs. U's Blue Crew Report*

What a fall season!!! For everyone out there following our sports programs, you know we have had one heck of a year so far. Congratulations to all of our fall athletes. I would like to congratulate the following teams and athletes:

- Boys football- 2 playoff wins
- Janelle Wilson- state qualifier in girl's tennis singles
- Claire Morrissey and Alexis Silkwood- state qualifiers for girl's tennis doubles
- Boy's Golf- 4th place in State
- Elaina Smith- state qualifier in girl's golf
- Trap- 1st place in league
- Adam Stevens- sectional qualifier in cross country



**CONGRATS TO THE BOY'S SOCCER TEAM  
FOR THEIR GREAT SEASON:**

- Regional Champions
- Sectional Champions
- Super-Sectional Champions
- 1st PLACE IN STATE!!!



I never get tired of saying this but it is a great time to be an Explorer! Good luck to the winter and spring sports. Go Explorers!!!!

Sara Ulrich, Athletic Director  
Marquette Catholic High School

