

# CRUSADER CONNECTION

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## EDGEWOOD DELIVERS EXCELLENCE in 2020-21

by President Michael Elliott '77  
Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart



EHS President  
Mike Elliott '77

With all that has been going on, it seems like forever since our last *Crusader Connection*. Our faculty, staff and administration have been amazing. We have delivered

a first-class learning experience both virtually and in a hybrid model where half the students are attending virtually and half in person to accommodate Dane County's distancing requirements. Our parents and students hoped we could make our pandemic learning as close to normal learning as possible. Thanks to hard work, extra effort, flexibility, creativity and teamwork, we have maintained all classes in our six-day, nine-mod schedule, letter grades, attendance, homework, quizzes and final exams. This is a truly amazing accomplishment of which we should all be proud and thankful. We hope to have all our students back together soon. Community is the cornerstone of an Edgewood education.

We have still not succeeded in our desire to light our athletic fields. We are following a multi-step plan to accomplish our goal. Even though the city recently denied our lighting permit, we are still confident we will achieve our goal. I thank you all for your patience and your support. We will

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not quit until EHS students have the same rights as the other city high school students to play games at night on their home field.

COVID has had a very serious negative impact on this year's fundraising efforts with all events to date canceled and face-to-face meetings more challenging. This type of situation is not one for which you plan. I am extremely thankful to the current parents, past parents, alumni and friends who have come forward to help in special ways during this challenging and difficult year. We need those who have the means to help to step up and do special things in this situation. For those who have not yet donated, please consider making an extra special gift this year to help us reach our goals.

We were still able to provide nearly \$700,000 in needs-based financial aid to just under 40% of our student body. Annually most of that money comes from generous gifts. If you can help, I would welcome a call to have a conversation or set up a meeting to discuss our needs and opportunities.

While this year has not allowed many opportunities to celebrate, we certainly want to recognize that this year is Edgewood's 140th birthday. We look forward to celebrating this milestone together when it can be done safely.

May God continue to bless Edgewood and keep all of us in this special community safe and healthy. Thank you for being part of the Edgewood Community.

See facilities update and photos Pages 8-9



### *Celebrating 140 years!*

The Edgewood campus story began in 1881 when former Wisconsin Governor Cadwallader C. Washburn donated his lakeside estate to a small group of Dominican Sisters for use as a convent and school for girls. The sisters took in and educated both paying boarders and orphaned girls in need and St. Regina Academy at Edgewood was founded!

Their vision grew over the decades to encompass three schools on a single campus, plus an additional off-site location, serving students from kindergarten through doctoral degrees.

More than 13,500 have graduated from Edgewood and we currently have more than 10,500 living alumni. Our mission statement is rooted in the Sinsinawa Dominican tradition and it inspires all we do:

**Edgewood, a Catholic high school, educates the whole student for a life of learning, service, and personal responsibility through a rigorous academic curriculum that embraces the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership.**



## 2020 SCHOOL YEAR EVOLVING

## Student Artwork



EHS Principal  
Beth Steffen

Our school year continues to evolve, informed by feedback from students, parents and faculty. Our hybrid virtual/in-person instruction began on January 12 with 2/3 of our students choosing

to attend in person while the other 1/3 chose to remain at home learning virtually.

A common theme from students and parents is gratitude for the efforts of faculty and staff to be flexible in accommodating the complex needs of learners and families this year. Edgewood's 2020-21 Community Standard emphasizes building authentic relationships, holding ourselves and others accountable for our speech and actions, and collaborating to analyze complex issues.

These lifelong skills are relevant during this school year but will serve students well long after they graduate from Edgewood!



**Edgewood High School is still accepting applications for 2021-22 school year!**

Visit our website to learn more and start your application process:

[www.edgewoodhs.org/admissions](http://www.edgewoodhs.org/admissions)

### Grace and flexibility

All classes continued to be held online for the Fall 2020 semester, as the effects of the pandemic worsened. In January, with guidance from the Board and a COVID-19 Task Force made of up of parents and professionals in the medical, mental health, legal and HR professions, our hybrid virtual/in-person learning model was developed and implemented to allow about a third of students in the building at a time. Great care was taken with safety measures in the school to keep students, faculty and staff safe.

We are truly grateful to those who have stuck with us through the ups and downs, and twists and turns of the pandemic. We could not have navigated this past year without the extraordinary efforts, grace and flexibility students and families, who are successfully negotiating this challenging year.

There are many people who are guiding us all through this year!

- Teachers, who had to pivot quickly to guide our students through online learning last spring, mastered that, and then moved deftly to the hybrid virtual/in-person model.
- Student Services faculty and staff who stayed in close touch with students to keep them engaged in these isolating times.
- Building staff led by Bill Bollig, who are making many safety modifications to our building.
- Technology department led by Ben Mund '07, guiding the effort to keep us connected!
- Administrative, Admissions, Advancement and Business staff including marketing and development.
- School Nurse Sue Richards.
- EHS Board of Trustees and our COVID-19 Task Force.



Junior Phillip Silbert  
3D Art - Cardboard Relief Sculpture

### Receive Crusader Connection online!

Help us honor the commitment of the Sinsinawa community to protect the environment and, at the same time, help Edgewood save printing and postage costs!

Go to [www.edgewoodhs.org/alumni/crusader\\_connection](http://www.edgewoodhs.org/alumni/crusader_connection)

Complete the form to elect to receive this twice-yearly Crusader Connection newsletter electronically.

### Follow Edgewood High School on Social Media

#CommunityJusticeEquity

Follow our pages to see photos and updates; like and share our posts to help spread the word about Edgewood!

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## THE "MUSTARD SEEDS" that grew into EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Musings on 140 years of EHS  
by  
Dennis McKinley '63



"I have a mustard seed and I'm not afraid to use it!" These opening words from Fr. Bart Timmerman's homily during our virtual back-to-school Mass last August were a great way to begin our 140th year of Catholic secondary school education at Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart. I am sure you immediately recall the parables in Holy Scripture where Jesus refers to the power of having faith the size of a mustard seed.

Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli certainly used his mustard seed when he founded the Congregation of Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters in 1847 with two women. The congregation quickly expanded to four, and by the mid 1870s, to 100 sisters. While Fr. Samuel had a vision of what could happen, there was no way he could know for sure what the results of using his "mustard seed" would be. He relied on his faith in God, used the seed, and invoked God's providential spirit.

Mother Emily Powers used her mustard seed to expand the mission and physical plant of the congregation greatly during her tenure, and Mother Samuel Coughlin used her mustard seed to oversee the growth of the congregation into one of the largest congregations of sisters in the United States. As with Fr. Samuel, they placed their seed in God's care for however God wished to use it. Their faith and hard work came to amazing fruition.

Edgewood High School is a product

of those mustard seeds, and the growth of Edgewood from the small Regina Academy to the larger Sacred Heart Academy, to the present-day Edgewood Campus School, Edgewood High School and the "new kid on the block" Edgewood College, is living proof of the faith that Fr. Mazzuchelli, Mother Emily, Mother Samuel and the subsequent leaders of these institutions placed in the sowing of their mustard seeds.

However, it wasn't just those in leadership who had the courage to use their mustard seeds in Edgewood's history. It was and still is manifested in the faith and courage of the parents and guardians who sent their children to Edgewood, not infrequently to the criticism of those around them. It was and still is manifested in the commitment and hard work of the many, many faculty and staff members whose hard work and sacrifices have continually made an Edgewood diploma second-to-none for their students even during this time of pandemic. It was and still is manifested in those who have invested their hard-earned donations and prayers that "water and fertilize" the mustard seeds at Edgewood. And, lastly, it was and still is visible in the young women and men who attend Edgewood, who go above and beyond in carrying out the Sinsinawa

Dominican values and spread those values to the greater Madison community and, after graduation, to the world.

Even this cursory glance at Edgewood's

history reveals the profound and many mustard seeds that have brought us to this 140-year anniversary. We know, as Jesus points out in another parable, that those seeds scattered and sown have and will have varying results.

That being said, the Edgewood High School of today is the product of thousands of people who were and are willing to take risks and have the faith in using their mustard seeds so that Catholic secondary school education at Edgewood High School is viable, sustainable and capable of growing into a large bush "... so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

So, congratulations to the Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart Community past and present on your 140th anniversary. And, Fr. Bart, know that from Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli up to today, people can justly say, "I have a mustard seed and I'm not afraid to use it!"

### 2008 alum named to EHS Board

#### Connor R. Meloy

'08 is the newest member of the EHS Board of Trustees. He is Chief Operating Officer at Automation Components Inc. (ACI), where he has worked since 2015. Connor graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a business degree and previously worked at M3 Insurance.



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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Published!



Senior Sergei Mundt's research on peer groups has been published in the International Journal of Adolescence and Youth. Sergei's paper based on his research about adolescents' college expectations is titled "The role of peer groups in adolescents' educational expectations: a stochastic actor-based model."

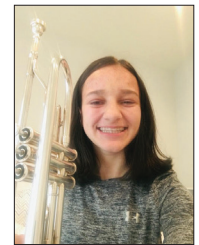
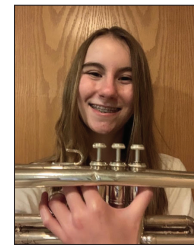
### Natalie Marshall receives Kiwanis Music Scholarship



Sophomore Natalie Marshall received the Madison West Kiwanis Joseff-Endle Music Scholarship in November. This scholarship is awarded to provide opportunities for study and musical experiences to a student who has demonstrated interest, commitment, musical success and a strong work ethic to their school music department.

### EHS students participate in WSMA Virtual festival

Congratulations to three Crusader music students who participated in the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) virtual Fall Solo/Ensemble Festival! Music teacher Carrie Backman says "Sophomore Henry Maes (below left) and freshmen Sarah Gorman (middle) and Sonia Insolia (right) gave themselves the extra challenge of new music, preparing it, recording it and receiving helpful feedback from other educators! All did very well!"



### Edgewood Elite Esports State Champs!



The Edgewood Elite Esports team continued its winning streak through the Wisconsin High School State Championships in January! The team is excited to bring Edgewood the title, and looks forward to the "Overwatch State Champs" tournament later in February, where they will compete against some of the best high school teams from across the country. The Edgewood Esports team is a founding member of the Wisconsin High School Esports Association (WIHSEA) league. The goal is to provide an engaging high school Esports experience and prepare our athletes for college level gaming. We focus on good sportsmanship, athletic achievement and fierce competition. Coached by the EHS Technology Director Ben Mund '07, both our Varsity and JV Overwatch teams have gone undefeated this season!

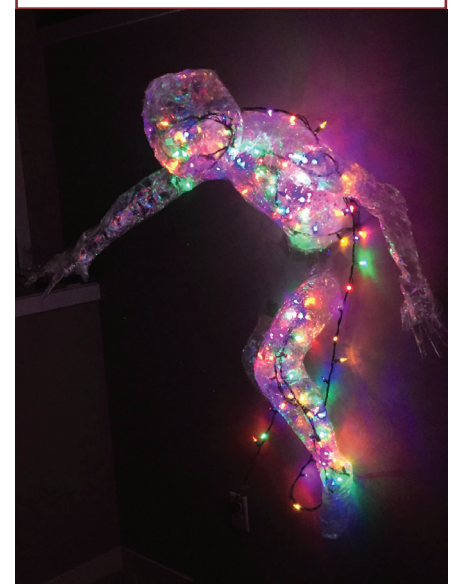


Students and teachers have become skilled in the new hybrid in-person/virtual learning model!



See more Edgewood student artwork throughout this issue!

### Student Artwork



Sophomore Kat Vereb - 3D Art Packing Tape Sculpture Project

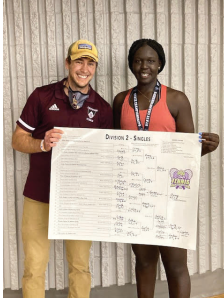


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## CRUSADER FALL 2020 ATHLETICS

**Deang wins second straight tennis title**

**Senior Baluck Deang** won her second straight state tennis singles title! Baluck was our first girls singles champion last year.



**State individual champion Richardson sets school 5K record**

Senior Leo Richardson, the **D2 individual state champ**, ran a 15:49.8 to break the

all-time EHS school record in the 5K in his sectional race!

**Congratulations to EHS student athletes pursuing their sport at the next level!**

- **Maya Alberts** - St. John's University, Women's Soccer
- **Ally Cruz** - UW-Madison, Women's Soccer
- **Ella Foti** - Marquette University, Women's Volleyball
- **Sarah Lazar** - St. Louis University, Women's Basketball
- **Leo Richardson** - UW-Madison, Cross Country
- **Hailey Rothwell** - Creighton University, Women's Soccer
- **Nicole Schmitt** - Univ. of Minnesota-Duluth, Softball

**EHS football players named to both the All-Region Team and All-State (second team)**



Crusader football players Senior DL Brett Krenke (left) and Junior DB Jackson Trudgeon (right) were selected to both the All Region and the Associated Press All State Second Team.

**Academic All-State**



Senior Caitlyn Hegenbarth was announced by the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin as an Academic All-State honoree for the 2020 girls' golf season, receiving a designation of High Honors. Nominated students have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25, participate in at least 75% of their team's varsity matches, and are in grades 10-12.

**Supporting our teams... from a distance!** As Fall 2020 competitions had to be held outside of Dane County and without spectators, most were livestreamed so families and friends could watch the games!

**Note from last year:**



Then Junior Sarah Lazar was named First Team All-State for D3 Girls Basketball as well as First-Team All-Badger Conference and All-Area Honorable Mention.

## Sectional Champs!



*Girls Golf*



*Girls Tennis*



*Girls Volleyball*

**Edgewood's UW Credit Union Student Athletes of the Week**

**Charlie Clark - October 2**

Charlie is a three-sport athlete with a GPA above 4.2, taking four AP courses during his senior year.

**Baluck Deang - December 2**

Baluck is the two-time state singles tennis champion and all-conference basketball player. Baluck also teaches tennis to kids.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE *during a PANDEMIC*



Junior Kayla Buelling organized a neighborhood food collection to donate to The River Food Pantry.

Edgewood partners with Habitat for Humanity for the fourth year



Students and families spend a Saturday each month working on a new home in the Habitat for Humanity Renaissance on the Park project in Fitchburg.

*Service is a vital element of the Edgewood experience. During the pandemic, students, faculty and staff have found creative ways to continuing honoring that commitment.*

### Lunches of Love bags

Several students decorated bags for the Ronald McDonald House “Lunches of Love” program. Junior Ellen Weinstock reflects on



her experience: “I decorated bags for kids who are going to the hospital for treatment. The bags will be filled with lunch or snacks. This service was important because it brought joy to kids going in for treatments. Instead of getting a plain, boring bag, now they are getting one decorated just for them. I learned that the smallest thing can make someone happy.”

### #CommunityJusticeEquity

### EHS letters brighten Christmas for seniors



More than 150 Christmas letters and cards were delivered to two local senior facilities. During a time when many cannot travel or

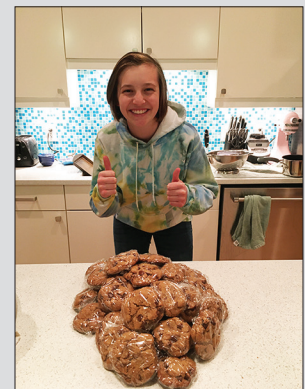
visit families, these cards written by EHS students brought some holiday cheer!



Senior Brett Krenke cleared weeds and watered plants as a food pantry garden volunteer last summer at the Catholic Multicultural Center Emmett Schulte Garden in Verona.

*“The Edgewood Community is grounded in a commitment to working for Truth, Justice and Equity inside and outside our walls. Community service is a powerful way to learn with and from those we serve. Our students attest that the service they perform expands their understanding of others -- which is a more rich and meaningful education for their lives than students can earn within a classroom setting.”*

EHS Principal Beth Steffen



Freshman Stella Roher enjoys baking for the Catholic Multicultural Center!



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## CREATING IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITIES in a VIRTUAL WORLD

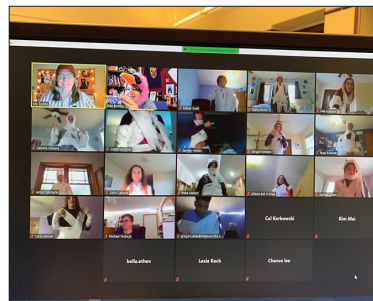


Director of College and Career Counseling Monica Ladell hosts College Application Work Sessions in the Library two to three times a week after school and Saturdays. Students come in to ask questions, brainstorm essays, have their applications proofread, or just have a quiet place to work and chip away at the college app process! (BONUS: here's a peek at the new Library space!)



### FIT team organizes Hallo-lympics for freshmen!

The Freshman Interdisciplinary Team (FIT) team helped freshmen celebrate Halloween with a part virtual, part in-person Hallo-lympics! Stations and games included a Candy Slingshot, Pumpkin Bowling, a Mummy Wrap and the Halloween Name Game. Kids could participate in person in small distanced groups, or virtually!



### AP Biology students doing in-person lab work

Even while classes couldn't meet, EHS AP Bio students came in to do an in-person lab on photosynthesis.

### Freshmen and Transfer Students Induction Ceremonies

Induction ceremonies for new students took place in a distanced manner in November. New students were able to make the traditional walk into the school -- one at a time (right) -- through the Bishops Doors, and small groups participated in a prayer service in the Wilke Gym (below).



### Prayer Life

Peer Ministers felt it was important that students felt connected to each other during this distanced time. Using their advanced technology skills, they put extra effort into creating prayer services that included voices and experiences from a variety of students, reminding us that we are all still here even though we are separated. Peer Ministers wanted the prayer services to acknowledge the emotions we are feeling right now -- sadness, loneliness, boredom -- and contrast those with the hope, courage and optimism that faith gives us to get through challenging times. With hope as their guide, the Peer Ministers were innovative and creative in providing a little ray of light and spark of joy for our community. *Pictured, Bishop Hying saying Mass in the EHS Chapel, which was shared virtually for Catholic Schools Week.*





# EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

We have completed most of the construction from our facilities master plan including the McKinley Performing Arts Center, elevator, Student Services offices, the new Main Entrance, renovated Library and Learning Resource Center, new Athletics offices and Lance Johnson Strength and Conditioning Center, and a new Dance Studio.

Our amazing changes enhance the learning experience for current and future students and make alumni proud. The crowning jewel, our Commons, is the final phase. We have some excellent ideas, which you will be hearing about soon.



Library



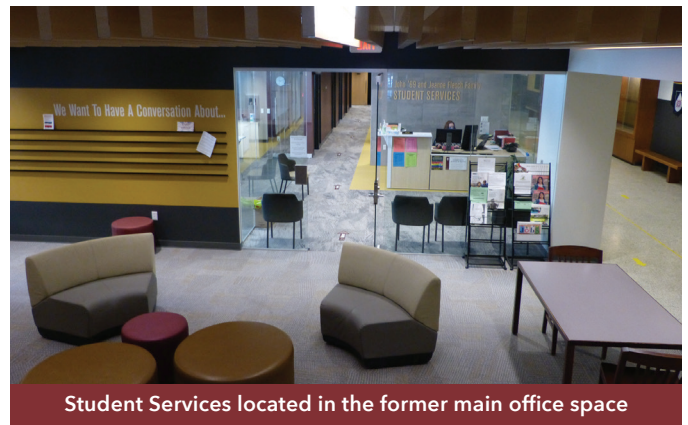
New front desk (above) located in the space where the kitchen was previously located; pictured: Main Office Assistant Jill Bailey



Learning Resource Center



Above: the new Administration Suite, which houses the Principal, President and staff.



Student Services located in the former main office space

See more photos:  
[tinyurl.com/3bgdb23h](https://tinyurl.com/3bgdb23h)



Left: the administrative suite hallway leads to the staff offices of Admissions, Advancement, Business, Technology and Data/Records.

Right: new main school entrance to the left of Commons Doors.







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Athletics Offices in the balcony of the Wilke gym; the new Dance Studio (shown below) is to the right of center doors.



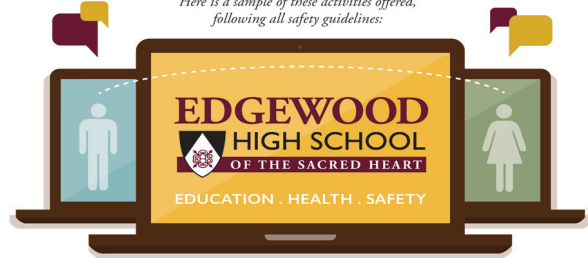
Lance Johnson Training Center is through the doors next to the Krantz gym occupying former music/choral room space, across the hall from the pool.



## FIRST SEMESTER

While students learned virtually, EHS offered opportunities for small, cohorted, socially-distanced in-person engagement.

*Here is a sample of these activities offered, following all safety guidelines:*



ATHLETICS	CAMPUS MINISTRY	STUDENT SERVICES
<p>323 students participated in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 BOYS SOCCER</li> <li>48 FOOTBALL</li> <li>30 CROSS COUNTRY</li> <li>45 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</li> <li>7 GIRLS GOLF</li> <li>31 GIRLS TENNIS</li> <li>10 DANCE TEAM</li> <li>32 GIRLS BASKETBALL</li> <li>54 BOYS BASKETBALL</li> <li>9 BOYS SWIM &amp; DIVE</li> <li>35 BOYS HOCKEY</li> </ul>	<p>292 STUDENTS participated in:</p> <p>RETREATS to consider relationships with others, themselves, and God.</p> <p>42 STUDENTS participated in:</p> <p>Peer Ministry</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS</p> <p>with: 2nd Harvest Food Bank, Thanksgiving Food Donations, Boys &amp; Girls Club Food Drive, The Giving Tree Toy Drive, Empty Stocking Club at Alliant, Pregnancy Helpline Donations, Church &amp; Parish Projects, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Habitat for Humanity, River Food Pantry, Flower Delivery, and more...</p> <p>495 :: TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT EHS</p>	<p>256 students participated in ACADEMIC SUPPORT DAYS</p> <p>117 Seniors in COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS</p> <p>108 Freshmen INDUCTION CEREMONY</p> <p>31 students in our TRANSFER ORIENTATION</p> <p>30 students used our LINK CREW SUPPORT</p> <p>18 transfer students at CONNECTION DAYS</p> <p>12 students in SCIENCE LABS</p>

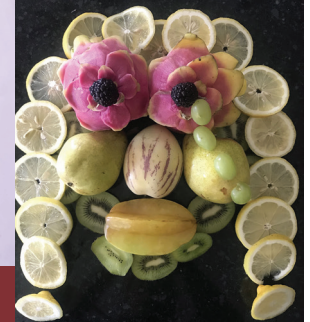
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## Student Artwork



↑ Senior Shae Pigarelli  
Rolled Magazine Bowl Project

Senior Gigi Pressentin  
Food With Mood ↓



Check out our new source for Crusader gear!  
EHS Sideline Store: <https://tinyurl.com/yxq2k3gy>



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## CLASS NOTES

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### 1948

**Sr. Mary J. Paynter, OP**, is “enjoying retirement and a happy Dominican community life of study and prayer.”

### 1955

**James P. Fleury** is retired and a volunteer docent for the Milwaukee Public Museum.

### 1956

**Jean M. Huston Robertson** and husband Bill are retired with two children, six grandchildren and live in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

### 1958

**Deanna J. Huston Finley**, who just became a great grandmother, works seasonally at American Girl and is active in Triad and RSVP.

### 1959

**James G. Heidt** is a retired University of Wisconsin System professor.

**Judie M. Pfeifer** and husband Bill Lunney set up The Foundation for Dane County Parks working to support county parks.

### 1960

**Sr. Jeanne A. Derer, FSM**, celebrated her 60th anniversary with the Franciscan Sisters of Mary. Sr. Jeanne has worked as a photographer in the archdiocese of St. Louis and campus administrator and councilor at St. Mary of the Angels Convent in St. Louis. She served as secretary at Woman's Place in St. Louis and is still pursuing artistic endeavors.

**Sr. Carolyn N. Wildrick, OP**, is retired after 34 years teaching in Dominican Schools and working as a certified chaplain.

### 1961

**Maureen A. Hagen Drake** and husband Larry have two children, **Julie A. Drake '84** and **Stephen B. Drake '87**. Maureen is a retired RN and says they enjoy traveling, tending their gardens, and has taken up quilting and sewing. Maureen and Larry look forward to celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2021.

### 1963

**Duane D. Koch** is retired from the Dow Chemical Company and living in south Texas with his wife Janet.

### 1964

**Nancy J. Jones Custer** is a carrier account manager for NFI Industries in Washington.

### 1965

**Jeanne M. Miller** is retired and living in Bremerton, Washington, where she enjoys hiking, kayaking and bicycling, as well as volunteering for Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul.

**Paul S. Raynoha** retired in 2013 as a systems and software engineer at Motorola & General Dynamics in Phoenix, Arizona. He and wife Irene will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in February; they currently live in El Paso, Texas.

### 1967

**John F. Tefft** is a retired U.S. Ambassador currently serving as Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Rand Corporation in Virginia.

### 1968

**Mary C. Hunold Zachman** is retired and living with husband Richard in Fitchburg.

### 1969

**Michael T. Aide** is a rice agronomist with experience in United States, SE Asia, Central America and North Africa.

### 1971

**Sharon E. Starr** is retired but still does marketing consulting. She is active in various volunteer roles including with Chicago Master Singers; the Village of Libertyville, Illinois; Lake County Democratic Party; and St. Lawrence Episcopal Church.

### 1972

**Monica L. Nelson Short** is a retired special education teacher and supervisor of a preschool education unit. She has served on the Board of Trustees for The Charlton School in Burnt Hills, New York, and cooks and serves meals for the poor and homeless in Albany. Monica and husband **Michael B. Short '72** are establishing Safe Harbor of the Schoharie Valley ([www.shsv.org](http://www.shsv.org)), a center for spiritual and creative renewal.

**Gordon V. Simle** retired in October 2019 and recently achieved 7th degree black belt.

### 1973

**Thomas J. Bremer** has lived in Europe for 37 years, working as Director of Europe Teen Challenge, a faith-based drug and alcohol recovery program operating in 40 countries in Europe. He and wife Terry have been married for nearly 40 years and have three children and six grandchildren.

**Kevin G. Derus, M.D.**, is a retired physician living in Milwaukee.

**Mary K. Back Nohr**, and husband Richard retired after 31 years repairing autos at Nohr's Auto Haus in Buellton California. Mary is pursuing artistic endeavors in retirement.

### 1976

**Julie M. Luby**, after 35 years leading product development teams in the food industry, now a board-certified health and wellness coach, focusing on helping people prevent and reverse chronic illnesses.

### 1978

**John H. Pertzborn** is morning anchor on Fox TV KTVI in St. Louis. John and wife Mary have a son, Nicholas.

### 1979

**Michelle A. Hart Behnke** is principal of the law firm Michelle Behnke & Associates in Madison. She has been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America since 2006 in the field of Real Estate. Michelle was elected to the Board of Directors of Capitol Bank.



**Patrick E. Corcoran** is retired from the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University.

**Kathleen A. Quinn** retired from Stanford in 2018. She opened Quinn Results Coaching in Ashland, Oregon, in 2019.

### 1980

**James P. (“J.P.”) Hansen** is CEO of Hansen Executive Search, Inc., in Omaha; success coach; professional speaker; and bestselling author of “The Bliss List,” “The Bliss List Journal,” “Find Your Bliss,” and “Pink Slips and Glass Slippers.”



**Catherine (“Kate”) A. Ripple** worked 33 years in marketing and communications for nonprofits and schools (including EHS), and now works for brother **Thomas D. Ripple '68** at Ripple (Property) Management.



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**1981**

**Matthew T. Blessing** retired in Spring from his position as administrator of library, archives and collections at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Matt received the 54th annual William Best Hesselstine Award for work in the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*.



**1983**

**Sara A. Didier Brechbill** began her fourth year of teaching TV Broadcast Journalism at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano, California. Sara worked for 25 years in the TV and video production industry before starting her teaching career.

**Kellie J. Craft Sigh** is

the Executive Director of College Possible in Milwaukee. Kellie was recently identified as a "Person on the Move" by the Milwaukee Business Journal. Prior to joining College Possible, Kellie was the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Milwaukee Public Schools.



**1985**

**Chandler R. Zillman** is a retired pilot from American Airlines and from the U.S. Army. His volunteer works includes Wounded Warrior Project, Snow Ball Express and Medal of Honor Program. He is creator of 787studyresources.com.

**1988**

**Patrick J. Mack** is enrolled in a Masters of Divinity program and is also completing Clinical Pastoral Education. He and his wife Angela live in Port Washington.

**1989**

**Mitchell M. Bradt** is director of electrical engineering at Realtime Utilities Engineers in Fitchburg.

**1990**

**Shannon M. Quinn Brott** lives in Green Bay with husband Jacob and three teens, all of whom are advancing to Eagle Scout.

**1991**

**Carrie A. Boucher Sager** is senior technical writer at Gilson, Inc. Carrie and her husband, Todd, have two children.

**1996**

**Ana ("Victoria") Luperi** is associate principal clarinet and principal E-flat clarinet of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.



**2000**

**Brooke E. Espinoza Andersen** and husband Mario have two children: Aracely (9) and Thiago (6). She is an educational assistant and Latinx coordinator at Core Knowledge Charter School in Verona.

**2003**

**Cole K. Richter** and his wife Morgan welcomed their first child, Ivy Elise on November 1, 2020.

**Derek K. Zachman** earned a Ph.D. and M.D. from Oregon Health and Science University and is currently a third year pediatric resident at Duke University.

**2005**

**Elizabeth J. Benzschawel** is a private account manager at GlaxoSmithKline in Madison.

**2007**

**Patricia C. Pawelski Conohan** and husband Corey welcomed their second child, Nora Rita, on July 9, 2020, joining big brother Evan Francis.

**2008**

**Caitlin E. McKinstry** is ecommerce manager at Discover Mediaworks in Madison.

**2009**

**Thomas S. Holaday** received his first patent in his work to create 40% more fuel-efficient jet engines with GE Aviation, as well as his Masters in Materials Engineering. He and wife **Laura M. Lang Holaday '09**, a process engineer for UPM Raflatac, live in Asheville, North Carolina.

**2010**

**Caroline M. Yeager** is a principal at Vitalize Venture Group in San Francisco Bay area.

**2011**

**Mark D. Holaday** is an in-home occupational therapist in Denver, working with children who have autism and other

developmental disabilities. He enjoys hiking, snowboarding and rock climbing.

**2012**

**Meredith A. Pointer Ibach** is a music teacher. She and husband **Andrew J. Ibach '13** live in Lexington, Kentucky.

**2014**

**Penn H. Ryan** works for the State Department of France teaching English in Nantes public schools.

**2015**

**Parker W. Alsteens** graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a B.S. in geology; he is a lab tech at Milestone Materials in Onalaska.

**David S. Holaday** lives on the east side of Madison, learns online, enjoys piano and maintains ties with several EHS friends.

**Faith C. Holaday** earned her B.S. in Conservation Management with Soils and Wetlands foci from the University of Minnesota. She is a Conservation Technician with consulting firm Native Lands and Soils in Minneapolis.

**Anderley R. Penwell** is a weekend anchor and producer at KOTA-TV in Rapid City, South Dakota.

**2017**

**Zachary ("Zach") J.F. Wall** is a senior at the University of Notre Dame. In summer 2019, Zach had a virtual internship with Ford Motor Company as a Program Management Intern, working on the 2021 Ford F-150 Program Launch Control Team.

**2019**

**Kristin B. Kiley King** is studying Chemistry, Russian and Education Policy at Harvard College; she is also executive director and tutor at Pandemic Learning Tutors, which offers free tutoring, college application help and advising to students K-12 focusing on students in high school STEM courses.

**2020**

**Thomas C. Weis** was selected by the Wichita Falls Warriors in the first overall pick in the North American Hockey League draft.

He scored the first goal in Warriors history, 21 seconds into opening night October 24th.





## EHS PERFORMING and VISUAL ARTS

### EHS Performing Arts "No Heartbreak" Policy

by Carrie Backman, Arts Department Chair

The Arts Department enjoyed a creative, innovative and enjoyable fall semester of making music, art and theatre, even if different! We have focused on what we CAN do and on learning new skills that will help us grow and improve our skills and learn more about our humanity through our creativity.

We have enjoyed learning through smaller group experiences that have allowed us to choose our own adventures in learning and focus on what is of most interest to us. We have utilized new technology tools to be able to share our work and hear/view one another through recording and design tools.

We committed ourselves to the "no heartbreak rule," meaning that we would only announce what we knew was going to happen in the way we intended and planned! With heartbreaking cancellations, pivots and postponements of special events in our community since the pandemic began, we committed to providing great Arts experiences for our students with integrity and reliability. We are so proud of the resiliency, creativity and joy of the students and look forward to the skills and creations that we can carry with us as times return to normal to make our arts education more relevant and student focused and guided than ever before.



### Fall 2020 Radio Play

In these unusual physically distanced times, the EHS Fine Arts faculty and students got creative and presented a show that could be produced and enjoyed safely by all! Working with the adaptation of the beloved holiday show "It's a Wonderful Life," the students rehearsed over Zoom and learned how to use their voices to create visual pictures. Students also learned how to record a project and this entirely new process helped them grow in listening skills and ability to use their voices dramatically to allow someone to feel over the screen or through audio! Presenting a radio show was a unique performance experience for our whole community!



### Spring 2021 Musical

The Edgewood High School Spring musical, *A Killer Party*, is in production! We have selected a new madcap musical send-up of the classic murder mystery created by a Tony award-winning all-star team.



Keeping with our "no heartbreak" rule, we wanted to mount a production that would showcase the talent of our students and withstand any future restrictions the pandemic might throw at us. *A Killer Party* was created to be performed in an online streaming format, so the emphasis on rehearsals and production will be on students' experience and not the technology. The show, which will be filmed and streamed from [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com), "represents a bold new way to produce theater while still adhering to the public safety guidelines." (*Music Theater International*)

**March 18-21**

7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday

2 p.m. matinee on Sunday

**Fine Arts Festival** The EHS annual Fine Arts Festival scheduled for the week of February 15 will include a bundle of materials for teachers to utilize in all of their classes including local musicians, visual artists, actors, writers and dancers, and will allow virtual ways for EHS students to share their creative work. The bundle of arts will focus on diverse people and creative mediums and connections to be made and explored, as well as how the arts are influenced by events of the world and how the world is influenced by the impact of the arts. Guests will include American Players Theatre, LunArt Festival, Li Chang Ping Dance, Rob DZ Hip Hop and more!



# CRUSADER CONNECTION

## WE ARE EDGEWOOD, a COMMUNITY for LIFE A TRADITION of GIVING

Chip MacKenzie '85, VP for Advancement  
Vicky Welch Vandenbrook '86  
Alumni and Development Director

For more than a century, Edgewood High School has been dedicated to providing an educational experience that instills in students the skills and character it takes to thrive in a rapidly changing world. This statement resonates more this year given the challenges faced by our students, their families, teachers, coaches and staff during the pandemic. Our community has shown resilience during this difficult time, working together to continue our exceptional, faith-based educational experience. We have welcomed our students back into the school, adapting from a virtual education

to a new hybrid of in-person and virtual learning.

We are Edgewood, a Community for Life! Now it is our time to do what generations before us have done: rise and meet the needs of our community. This unprecedented year has added unexpected expenses in technology, staff salaries, safety preparations to the building, and PPE for staff and students. An uncertain economy and the inability to hold our events have challenged our ability to raise funds. We need your help to overcome these obstacles as we strive to meet the needs of our Edgewood Family.

*"Your prayers and generous support of Edgewood are essential now more than ever."*

*Please consider donating to the Crusader Fund with the enclosed envelope or online: [edgewoodhs.org/CrusaderConnection](http://edgewoodhs.org/CrusaderConnection)*

### EHS CLASS REUNIONS

The COVID-19 pandemic has required many alumni reunion gatherings to be canceled or postponed. We look forward to seeing class reunion gatherings again in the future when it is safe!

See current reunion information: [tinyurl.com/1x0os0g8](https://tinyurl.com/1x0os0g8)

## SUPPORT EHS through the CRUSADER FUND

### Why your gift to the Crusader Fund Matters

The Edgewood Crusader Fund is used to enhance the Edgewood experience for all students. As a private Catholic high school, Edgewood does not receive federal, state or diocesan support. We rely on the philanthropic support of the EHS community to bridge the annual \$3,000 gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate each student. Your gift will help every student at Edgewood reach their potential by educating the whole student through a rigorous academic curriculum, quality extracurricular activities, and unique opportunities that embrace the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth,

Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership.

Please consider becoming a member of the Edgewood Leadership Circle. EHS Leadership Circle donations go directly to the Edgewood Crusader Fund, which supports all programs at Edgewood High School including academics, athletics, fine arts, student services and the wide variety of clubs. Edgewood Leadership Circle Members are honored and recognized at the "Living the Mission" event, and their names will be prominently displayed at Edgewood High School.

*The Edgewood Crusader Fund is the annual fundraising effort of EHS to support the immediate needs of our school.*

### Remember Edgewood in your estate planning

Join the Heritage Society and make a difference to future Crusaders by including EHS among your beneficiaries in your estate planning.

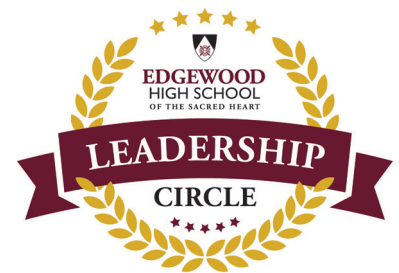
### Update your contact info!

Ever wonder why some of your classmates receive timely messages from Edgewood and you don't?

*It's because we don't have a current email address for you!*

Go to the Alumni tab on the EHS website: [edgewoodhs.org/alumni](http://edgewoodhs.org/alumni) and click on Update Contact Info

For more information, please contact EHS Vice President for Advancement  
Chip MacKenzie '85  
608.257.1023 ext. 133  
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# EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## EHS ALUMNI - COMMUNITY *for* LIFE

### Become a member of the EHS Alumni Association

For your one-time payment of \$250, Lifetime member benefits include:

- Commemorative insulated beverage mug
- Children of lifetime members receive a \$250 one-time discount on freshman tuition
- Buy one/get one free general admission tickets to home athletic events



### EHSAA WELCOMES NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS *(as of January 27)*

1954 Dr. Catherine Taylor	1998 Anne Maturi-Doan
1969 Peggy Lucas	1999 Peter McPartland Jr.
1995 Mark Maturi	2001 Ryan McCullough
1996 Katherine Maturi-Stafford	2020 Tyler Schmidt
1997 David Junck, DDS	

### CURRENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CLASS AS AN ALUMNI AMBASSADOR

1969 Mary Kay Wackwitz Johnson	1993 Christian Herro
1974 Carl Wackerle	1993 Lauri (Schumacher) Rollings
1976 Mary Kay (Crocker) Roseneck	1994 Chris Conohan
1978 Mary Beth (Sweeney) Arnold	1995 Chris Tierney
1979 Mary (Wolfgram) Walker, PhD	1997 Kristin (Lindbloom) Warden
1982 Jane Ellen Schrader-Griffin	2003 Lindsay Koth
1983 Pamela (Elliott) Marshall	2007 Kate (Ballweg) Marquardt
1987 Rob Webb	2007 Nick Palm
1990 Jennifer (Monge) Fink	2008 Austin Oliphant
1991 Helen Jordan-Turner	2014 Anh Hoang

### EHSAA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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*(to provide benefit updates and e-newsletter)*

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Lifetime Membership: \$250

Credit Card:  MasterCard  VISA

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check payable to "EHS Alumni Association" enclosed.

I am interested in volunteering as an Alumni Ambassador.

*Return this form to:*  
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Edgewood High School  
2219 Monroe Street  
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We will mail you a Lifetime Membership Card upon receiving the completed form and payment.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold our annual Living the Mission awards event.**  
*Please see our website [www.edgewoodhs.org/alumni/living\\_the\\_mission](http://www.edgewoodhs.org/alumni/living_the_mission).*

### NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING ALUM for LIVING THE MISSION AWARD

Please return form and supplemental materials to to EHS Alumni Office, 2219 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711

Every year Edgewood honors outstanding alumni who give back to their communities through the Living the Mission awards. If you know an outstanding alumnus/a, fill out the form below or submit an application online by clicking the Living the Mission tab at [edgewoodhs.org/alumni](http://edgewoodhs.org/alumni). Award categories include: Dominican Award for Service to Humanity, Mazzuchelli Award for Service to Christian Education, Alumni Appreciation Award (non-alum recipient), EHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame, EHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Class Year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



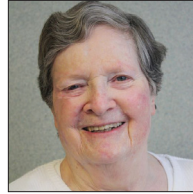
# CRUSADER CONNECTION

## SINSINAWAN SISTERS

**Sister M. Baptist Stohrer, OP**, died on August 31, 2020. She taught Glee Club at EHS 1962-63 and 1964-65.



**Sister Dorothy Gabel ("Marie Carl"), OP**, died on October 30, 2020. She taught at EHS in the 1960s and was an advisor on the construction of the Sonnderegger Science Center.



**Msgr. Michael L. Burke** died on September 19, 2020. As Edgewood's unofficial chaplain, Fr. Mike was the celebrant for the graduation Masses for more than a decade, helped with Masses for the Freshman FIT program, and was available as needed for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and other counseling situations.

### Memorial Donations honor Crusaders

Honor Edgewood alumni, family members and supporters with a donation in their memory. Contact Chip MacKenzie '85: [chip.mackenzie@edgewoodhs.org](mailto:chip.mackenzie@edgewoodhs.org); 608-257-1023 ext 133

**Virtual Memorial Service starts streaming February 24:** [edgewoodhs.org](http://edgewoodhs.org)

## in MEMORIAM

*We publish the names of deceased alumni as we become aware of their deaths and verify the information we have received.*

1937	Bernice J. Synon Hughes*	7/1/2020	1958	Sean G. Finnegan	10/30/2020
1938	Jerome ("Jerry") M. Fisher	11/9/2020	1958	Thomas H. Groth, Sr.	11/26/2020
1942	Robert C. Kraft	12/11/2020	1958	Sarah ("Sally") A. Coster Jaquish	1/13/2021
1944	Lorraine E. Greenheck Westphal	12/29/2020	1958	Gary M. Moston	10/19/2020
1946	Mary J. Gorman Fauerbach	4/27/2020	1958	Douglas R. Shackelton	11/27/2020
1946	Betty J. Kissane Smith	1/17/2021	1959	Eileen F. McKee Tiff	1/1/2021
1946	Mary L. Burke Williams	10/1/2020	1960	Robert J. ("Mac") McDermott	11/20/2020
1947	Donna M. King Thacker-Hohneke	9/9/2020	1961	Stephen V. Reisdorf	12/6/2020
1948	Patricia A. Baines Hart	10/26/2020	1962	Sr. Michelle Germanson, OP (Margaret A.)	10/21/2020
1948	Donald H. D. Jorgensen	10/3/2020	1963	Davilee C. Bass Turner Marble	10/30/2019
1949	Etta M. Geier Gray	3/5/2020	1966	Jane A. Lindsay	3/12/2020
1949	Shirley A. Walker Huemmer Schara	9/5/2020	1966	Timothy C. Sweeney	12/8/2020
1950	Ellyn A. Lathers Beilmann	4/7/2020	1967	Margaret L. Eberhardy Hewett	9/21/2020
1950	Barbara A. Bassler D'Onofrio Shurbert	8/30/2020	1967	Arianna Von Hildebrandt-Yount (Ruby A. Schraufnagel)	10/23/2020
1950	Charleen C. Brunner Zander	10/15/2020	1970	Mary T. Charlton Spencer	11/19/2020
1951	Mary Ellen Segerson Bertrams	12/15/2019	1971	John A. Dochnahl	8/31/2019
1951	Gladys R. Schlimgen Frederick	12/23/2020	1971	Mark S. Heinrichs	9/29/2020
1952	Kenneth E. Corcoran	1/9/2021	1971	Leslie C. Holt	3/27/2019
1952	Wava B. Warnecke Hanson	11/6/2020	1974	Kevin P. Croak	11/28/2020
1952	Roger A. Muskat	8/3/2018	1975	Patricia J. Koller	8/22/2020
1953	Gerald S. Donovan, DDS	8/11/2020	1975	Roberta ("Bobbie") S. Bertagnoli Seidemann	9/2/2020
1954	Frank J. Esser	11/5/2019	1979	William L. Cherek	9/8/2020
1954	Lois E. Finnerty Gunderson	8/27/2020	1979	Luann M. Reisdorf-Lawrence	11/23/2019
1955	Terrence ("Terry") W. Anderson	8/30/2020	1979	Kathleen ("Neen") M. Rock	1/3/2021
1956	Nancy J. Chase McMahan	1/23/2021	1979	Deborah S. Olson Zibell	9/13/2020
1957	Ruth A. Crapp Klang Bauhs	4/14/2020	1980	Vincent S. Matulionis	9/26/2016
1957	Peter M. Mack, Maj. USMC	7/15/2020	1985	Jennifer A. Wallace	12/19/2020
1957	Donald E. Michaelis	12/24/2020	1985	Kerry K. Edwards Widish	11/12/2020
1958	William T. Boltz	10/19/2020			

\*corrects spelling



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