THE ANNIVERSARY GALA

offered an exciting conclusion to the school’s very special 150th Anniversary year. Nearly 670 patrons and supporters of the Academy joined together at the Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center in downtown Kansas City to celebrate this important milestone in the history of St. Teresa’s Academy.

The evening held many special and unique moments, highlighted by videos sent in from alums throughout the world, ranging from the Class of 1948 to the Class of 2015. These alums shared with the audience their love for STA and a wish for a very happy 150th birthday. Alums were also invited on stage that evening to personally share their story of St. Teresa’s Academy and how the school impacted their lives in pursuit of careers and passions.

One highlight of the evening was a performance from Quixotic Cirque Nouveau. Following the performance, gala attendees raised their paddles in support of the school’s endowment and financial aid. Through event sponsorship, underwriting, the annual raffle, donations, and the online auction, over $1,023,000 was raised.

Congratulations to Babette Macy and Jerry Bauers, this year’s lucky winners of the annual raffle. The winning ticket was sold by their daughter, sophomore Macy Bauers.

Attendees enjoyed a live performance by Quixotic Cirque Nouveau, celebrating the school’s history through video and dance.
Sr. Ruth Stuckel, CSJ, led the opening prayer. Alums from throughout the world who were unable to attend the gala sent video well-wishes. Watch their videos on our website: stteresasacademy.org/alumnae. You can also find them on the STA Facebook page. The video’s over 17,000 views and 182 shares illustrate the life-long “sisterhood” that begins at STA and grows over a lifetime.

Special thanks to the following (l to r): Gala Co-Chairs Dave and Denise Schloegel along with Ryan and Katie Duffy, STA President Nan Bone, emcee and KSHB anchor Christa Dubill, Laura Coates Samuelsen and Henry (Hal) Kugeler, the great, great grandchildren of St. Teresa’s Academy’s first student, Laura Coates. 

(left): Honorary Gala Co-Chairs (l to r): Marybeth Malsie Swartz O’Malley,’43, and Jean Aylward Dunn,’40, reminisced about their early days at STA and the important role St. Teresa’s Academy played in their lives.

(right): One of three unique centerpiece concepts that adorned the gala tables was a gorgeous tiered tray, featuring STA hand-painted china, heirloom crystal vases, and historic photographs from the STA archives.

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WHAT AN REMARKABLE YEAR THIS HAS BEEN! As the year draws to a close, I can’t help but be humbled by the incredible community of STA parents, alumnae and friends. You are rock stars. Your generosity and enthusiasm to secure the very best for this school has been phenomenal to see. Your efforts will help ensure future generations of young women have the opportunity to experience a superior STA education, one founded in the charisms of love of God and service to the dear neighbor the Sisters of St. Joseph so firmly value.

As I look forward to the coming new year, I am re-energized by the prospects of our pending Academy 150 Capital Campaign. This effort, highlighted later in this newsletter, focuses on providing new learning environments and enhanced curriculum for our young women, while securing funds to preserve the Windmoor campus and ensure the growth of our endowment. If we thought the year 2016 and our 150th anniversary was exciting, hold on to your seat. You’re about to experience a fantastic future at STA!

“A TRIP TO REMEMBER.
On June 21, 2016, twenty-two alums and friends of the Academy traveled to Lyon, France, to visit the birthplace of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the founders of St. Teresa’s Academy. The group toured southern France on a river cruise down the Saone and Rhone Rivers, exploring many fascinating cities and villages along the way. By the end of the trip, everyone had become great friends and all agreed it was a wonderful way to celebrate STA’s 150th birthday!


“The coming new year brings even more excitement as the capital campaign swings into full gear. More definitely starts here!”

returning to our roots
Nearly 250 persons arrived "on time" at the Airline History Museum on September 22 for the pre-gala party. The full in-flight service included unlimited beverages and barbecue provided by Woodyard Bar-B-Que. Passengers, including numerous alums, parents, past parents, and friends of the Academy, enjoyed touring the classic propeller airplanes on display and reconnecting with friends and family—all in celebration of the school's 150th anniversary.

Thank you to event Co-chairs Katie and Ryan Duffy along with Denise and Dave Schloegel, along with the Pilot and Co-Pilot underwriters who sponsored the special evening. Their generosity, along with those who attended, will support scholarships and financial aid for current and future students of STA.

(top): Richard Teahan; Kathy Teahan Jantsch, '76; Tom Jantsch; Jenny Jantsch Johnson, '04; Michelle Jantsch, '07; Brian Jantsch

(middle): Sharon Meyers Perry, '74; Lulu Mulloy Barton, '74; Susie Schmiedeler Barnthouse, '74

(bottom): Molly Iwerson Wiedeman, '73, and Ted Wiedeman with Rob and Becky Flores
OFTEN TIMES, academic departments operate on a zero budget basis, meaning the amount of funds needed to operate their labs and classrooms throughout the year equals the amount of money available within their budget. What it also means is that there are no additional funds available to further develop curiosities and explore new ideas and possibilities.

Science teacher Mary Montag knows this all too well. Fortunately, she has discovered the Women’s Circle of Giving (WCG), a philanthropic organization of women who collaborate to advance the mission of St. Teresa’s Academy by funding needs that lie outside of the typical operating budget.

“I consider grants offered by the WCG as “dream funds.” These funds allow our kids to explore ideas and concepts beyond the four walls of our classroom... to see possibilities and try new things that make kids excited about learning,” says Montag.

The WCG has funded numerous items for the Science Department over the years, in addition to grants that support all aspects of the STA education, including Campus Ministry, Fine Arts, Athletics, and more.

WCG members meet twice a year, once in the spring to vote on the distribution of funds and once in the fall to see how the funds were utilized. Any teacher or staff member may apply for grant money prior to the spring meeting.

Please consider becoming a member of this worth-while organization who believes in the positive effects women’s education has on society today. Members under 35 can join for half-price.

Join us for the March 30, 2017, spring meeting and see for yourself the difference this organization makes for the young women of STA.
serving the dear neighbor

“"I have been afforded a lot of opportunities and want to give back in some way. I’m always finding ways to help others and create opportunities for others.”

-Michelle Freeman, ’88

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Mo., in 2013, with the historian for The Leon Day Foundation, Inc., in Baltimore, Md., has evolved into one of the most meaningful service projects for alumna, Michelle Freeman.

Growing up in Kansas City, Michelle developed a love of baseball and community service from her maternal grandparents. She remembers spending Saturday mornings volunteering with her grandmother and taking care packages to elderly residents who were sick and shut-in. Her grandfather taught her about Negro Leagues Baseball greats such as the legendary Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson.

The Leon Day Foundation, Inc., provided the perfect opportunity for Michelle to serve in West Baltimore. The foundation preserves the legacy of National Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Leon Day and provides opportunities for kids to engage in baseball in West Baltimore. Although baseball is America’s past time, it is virtually non-existent in income-depressed neighborhoods. Further, the percentage of African-American players in major leagues baseball is significantly lower than in professional football and professional basketball. Baseball is an expensive sport.

The lack of sufficient funding is an obstacle that prevents many inner-city athletes from playing. Through Michelle’s leadership, the foundation has been successful in winning community grants to sponsor a youth league baseball team, underwriting a summer instructional baseball program for a high school baseball team, and providing funds for kids to attend baseball camps.

“Baseball is all economics driven. If you don’t have the money to play, you can’t advance to the major leagues,” Freeman says. The foundation’s mission is to eliminate the barrier to access and create opportunities for kids in West Baltimore to engage in baseball.

Learn more about The Leon Day Foundation at www.leondayfoundation.org. Michelle can be reached at michelle.r.freeman@gmail.com.
ST. TERESA’S IS SETTING THE STANDARD for educating today’s young women in unparalleled ways. However, there is still much work to be done. The women we are working to prepare—what we teach them, the beliefs we instill in them, and who they become when they leave us—are exactly what the world is starving for today.

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For this reason, we are launching the Academy 150 Capital Campaign in January 2017. Watch your mailboxes in January as we share further information about this exciting campaign. Please consider answering the call of the Sisters of St. Joseph as they continue their mission to empower young women through a superior education anchored in Catholic faith.

View of the Goppert addition from the steps of M&A. The new space will house a learning commons, the Campus Ministry Department, robotics labs and makers space, high-tech ALC classrooms, and more!
Making STA more affordable to students continues to be an important priority as we grow our endowment to directly benefit students through scholarships and financial aid.

FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS
Offering education-forward, state-of-the-art facilities for 21st century learning through the creation of new or expanded spaces, including the following:

Goppert Expansion: learning commons (library of the future), Campus Ministry Dept. (more prominent location), elevator, expanded Star Shop and concession area, sports archive, expanded storage, and more;

Donnelly Hall Enhancements: the Math Hub, science teaching lab, Active Learning Classroom furniture throughout;

M&A Enhancements: renovation of the third floor to include an additional classroom and STEAM labs/studio spaces, Active Learning Classroom furniture throughout.

CAMPUS PRESERVATION
Maintaining and preserving the charm and grandeur of our campus into perpetuity by establishing a fund to care for the Windmoor campus. The plan includes the creation of an arboretum and contemplative prayer walk for visitors to campus.
main street
windmoor’s original entrance

What better time than our 150th anniversary year to commemorate the historic legacy of the Windmoor campus. Over 100 years ago following the construction of M&A, the Sisters created the school’s first entrance to campus along Main Street at 56th. This year, this sometimes overlooked entrance was updated with new landscaping and signage that recognizes it as the original entrance to the Windmoor campus. Stop by and admire it the next time you’re on campus.
2017 upcoming events

**GRADUATE REUNION LUNCHEON CLASS OF 2016**
**Thursday, January 5**
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.  
Verheyen Room
Recent graduates reconnect with current STA students to share their experiences of college life.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
**Saturday, February 25**
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.  
Trivia starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.  
Goppert Gymnasium
Gather a table for Beatlemania! Dress up, decorate, pack refreshments, and join in the fun!

**FATHER/DAUGHTER DINNER & DANCE**
**Sunday, February 26**
6:00 - 10:30 p.m.  
Downtown KC Marriott  
A beloved tradition at STA as dads and daughters gather in costume for dinner and dancing.

**REUNION PLANNING MEETING**
**Wednesday, March 8**
7:00 p.m. | Zahner Lounge
Reunion classes for 2017: join us if you’re interested in organizing your class’s reunion activities. Contact Kathleen Barry to RSVP.

**WOMEN’S CIRCLE OF GIVING**
**Thursday, March 30**
6:00 p.m. | Windmoor Center
Join us for wine and hors d’oeuvres as WCG members review and assign funds to grant requests.

**LINGER OVER BREAKFAST**
**Live Until You Die: Aging and Caregiving**
**Saturday, April 1**
9-11:00 a.m. | Windmoor Center
How Humor, Holiness, and Hospitality can add a jolt to caregiving. Presented by Pat Dunphy, CSJ, and Kathleen Karbowski, CSJ.  
Register online at stteresasacademy.org/alumnae or call 816.501.2944.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON**
**Sunday, April 2**
11:00 a.m. | Downtown KC Marriott
Another tradition not to be missed as mothers and daughters enjoy lunch and senior models showcasing the latest fashion.

**ALUMNAE FINE ARTS CONCERT**
**Thursday, April 20**
6:15 p.m. Reception  
7:00 p.m. Performance  
M&A Auditorium  
An evening for alums to share their talents in the fine arts. Contact Kathleen Barry to participate.

**STARS WALK-OF-FAME & COLOR THROW**
**Friday, April 21 | STA campus**
This student fundraiser supports financial aid programs and the Emergency Fund.

**SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT**
**Thursday, April 26**
6:00 p.m. | Goppert Gymnasium
Scholarship donors meet their student recipients, making it one of the most special evenings held at STA.

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**
**Sunday, April 30**
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Begins in the Windmoor Center
Grandparents are invited to join their granddaughters for an Open House on the beautiful Windmoor campus.

**STA GOLF CLASSIC**
**Monday, May 15**
10:30 a.m. | Registration/Breakfast  
The Country Club of Leawood
Gather a team and join us for golf, lunch, refreshments, prizes and fun.

Katarina Fitzpatrick, ’11, and Mary Ryan Strati, ’88, performed a ballet duet. Ryan Tucker, ’11, was the vocalist and accompanists were Karen Engebretson, ’75, and Susie Adams, ’77. It was an enjoyable and relaxing evening of entertainment by some very amazing alums.

St. Teresa’s Academy has many talented alums all over the world. If you are interested in participating or know if someone who may be, please contact Kathleen Barry. It’s a great opportunity to perform and give back to the community.

**SAVE THE DATE:**
**Spring Alumnae Concert: Thursday, April 20, 2017**
Oh Holy Night
the stars are brightly shining.

It is the night of our dear Savior’s birth.

Wishing you peace, love, and joy at Christmas and throughout the year.

Please consider a year-end gift to St. Teresa’s Academy. Donate online or use the enclosed envelope. Your tax-deductible contribution will enable us to carry on the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of providing excellence in Catholic education. Help empower the young women of STA to make a difference in their community and world.

stteresasacademy.org/support
spotlight on alums

1992

KATIE ACKERMAN BUCHANAN recently finished her role with Viacom at CMT in Nashville where she was the head of programming strategy and acquisitions. She also helped oversee feature film and series acquisitions for Nickelodeon, Nick at Nite, TeenNick, and TV Land with the Viacom senior team in New York. Katie recently accepted a new position working for A+E Networks in New York City where she’ll oversee the program strategy and acquisitions for the FYI network. Prior to departing Nashville, Katie was awarded the 2016 “Women of Influence” Award given by the Nashville Business Journal. She’ll be relocating to New York with her husband, Michael, and their two daughters, Scarlett and Lucille.

1995

ALICIA BAILEY STACY had an amazing year. Not only was it the 150th anniversary year for STA and her 20th class reunion, it was also one of her happiest moments watching her senior daughter, Elaina Elizabeth, in her cap and gown graduate from STA. They will now forever share the bond of STA sisterhood.

2006

LAURA KEARNS WALTON was married on October 17, 2015. She and her husband just moved back to Kansas City after living in Bedminster, NJ, for 16 months and in Chicago, IL, for 11 months. They are happy to be back home with friends and family and are very excited to be building a house in Olathe. She recently started with FSC Inc., cross training on the fire protection team and code consulting team.

2006

KATHERINE SCHILLING CLARK and her husband Christian welcomed their first child, Henry Joseph Clark, on December 19, 2015. After three years in Cambridge, Massachusetts, they now live in New York City.

2007

TRACY HADEN PETERSON was married to Geoffrey Peterson on December 19, 2015. All women in the bridal party were STA graduates so naturally a photo stop on the Quad was necessary. Tracy and her husband lived in Dublin, Ireland, for two years prior to moving to Chicago last fall. Tracy currently teaches English as a Second Language at a charter high school on Chicago’s south side.

DR. EMILY TUMMONS completed her Ph.D. in environmental engineering at Michigan State University in July and began working at Black & Veatch in Kansas City as a process engineer in the Water Treatment Group. Emily is giving back to the community by mentoring 5th grade students at many schools in the Kansas City metro area through the Black & Veatch/KCPT STEM Mentoring Program. Emily is excited to be a part of this program because it involves STA students who have the opportunity to learn from professional engineers and help lead hands-on, project based learning activities that focus on electricity, water, and structural design.

2010

LAUREN HEERMAN graduated from Kansas State University in May with a master’s degree in landscape architecture and regional and community planning. She landed her dream job at Vireo, a landscape architecture, planning, and design firm in downtown Kansas City. She is very excited to be planning a wedding with Wes Cano set for March 2017.

IN MEMORIUM

Margret Fitzsimons Muckenthaler, 1940
Barbara Altman Hodes, 1950
Joanne Campbell McMahon, 1953
Debbie Hughes Keenan, 1954
Martha Hogan Mauer O’Donnell, 1955
Suzanne Richards, 1959
Ann Butler, 1961
Cathy Emert, 1961
Sally Eagan Euston, 1969
Diane Dierks Hubert, 1970
Jean Marie Conwell Anello, 1976
Sharon Garcia, 1983
Gretchen Wilhelm-McCabe, 1985
Michelle Laughlin Edwards, 1986
THE 2016 ALUMNAE REUNION CELEBRATION was held on Saturday, October 8—a beautiful evening on the STA campus. The night began with Mass in the M&A auditorium celebrated by Father Robert Stewart and accompanied by the STA Praise Band. Academy medals were presented to the Golden Girls from the Class of 1966 in honor of their 50-year class reunion.

More than 350 alums and guests enjoyed a buffet and cocktail reception in the Goppert Center. Classes in attendance spanned 75 years, from the Class of 1936 to the Class of 2011. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing, while many took advantage of campus tours led by current and proud STA students. The strong legacy of St. Teresa’s Academy was certainly evident that night.


There will be a reunion planning meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at STA for all alums interested in helping organize their class in preparation for the event.

(front, l to r): Lorraine Sullivan, Jan Bestgen Crosby, Anna Hood Diaz, Alison Egle Dudley, Theresa Becker Waller, Karen McShane, Claudia Rowland Huse, Michelle Baker; (back, l to r): Julie Growney Lewer, Jennifer Jordan Loe, Sally Runyan Blaskey, Ann Egelhoff, Andrea Messina, Teresa Woodrum Olsen, Paula Sprenger Hueter, Mary Connolly Hornbeck, Dina Vann, Maureen Brady, Mary Clare Reardon, Susie Effertz Elbrader, Deitra Nealy, Katie Moran Schell, Christine Roll, Valerie Koelzer Johnson, Chris Taschler Hegg, Elisabeth Spillman

(front, l to r): Jennie Sloan Curry, Andrea Gunn Henderson, Julie Zahner Wright, Tiffany Eubank Bakker, Gina Collins Moffitt; (back, l to r): Eloisa Medina Hendrickson, Maria Vasquez VanWinkle, Nancy Freeman Wilkerson, Amie Styers, Amy Kopp Baker, Tatia Anderson Batz, Beth Poliselnelli
(front, l to r): Kathleen Oxler Fendler, Karen Wiedeman Long, Amy Aldrich, Jennie Weiler Totta, Kenda Morado Bacott, Cathy Neenan Reggiardo, Karen Moran Redlich; (middle, l to r): Jessie Smolen Burtnett, Jill Trozzolo Wuetherich, Abby Frenzen Breihaupt, Sharon Wirkus Alton, Emily Twyman, Diana Hyde, Erin Kiekbusch Gabert, Patty Hayes, Katie Potter, Christina Corollo Hocker, Tameka Robinson; (back, l to r): Colleen Coughlin Claessen, Christine Oxler Cowan, Tricia Larson Moen, Meegan Addy Bennett, Melissa Berger, Brie Denzer Haines

To view more photos from the 2016 Reunion Celebration, please check out our website: https://stteresasacademy.org/alumnae/reunion-celebration
As you know, life gets complicated. Often times, families at STA find themselves needing unexpected tuition support. On the eve of our 150th anniversary year and during the 2016 Alumnae Reunion Celebration, STA introduced the first annual Give-A-Year Reunion Scholarship, designed to offer financial support to one deserving student. The scholarship was funded solely by alums from reunion class years and is one way all alums can pay forward their gift of an STA education to another young woman.

The funds raised during the Reunion Celebration in October will be given to one incoming freshman with need in the fall of 2017.

Many thanks to all of the reunion classes who supported this new scholarship: 1946, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011, with special thanks to the Classes 1961 and 1966 with the highest percentage of giving. With each succeeding year, we hope to eventually raise enough funds to cover full tuition ($12,000) for one student. Keep up the good work! Together, you will change the life of a deserving young woman.

nominate an alumna

Each year at the Alumnae Reunion Celebration, St. Teresa’s Academy formally recognizes an STA alumna who has positively and substantially influenced her profession, her community, or issues affecting society at large.

Nominations are now open for the 2017 candidate. Please consider nominating a classmate, family member, alum, or even yourself. Submit your nomination online at stteresasacademy.org (alumnae tab/Distinguished Alumnae Award page) or email kbarry@stteresasacademy.org.

Past recipients include:

- 2009 – Martha Meagher Downey, Class of 1961
- 2010 – Patrice Coolick CSJ, Class of 1958
- 2011 – Rosie O’Leary, Class of 1973
- 2012 – Martha Leahy Staker, Class of 1962
- 2013 – Kelly Crawford Friendly, Class of 1988
- 2014 – Marylyn Geraghty DeFeo, Class of 1954
- 2015 – Teresa Orpin Hamilton, Class of 1978
- 2016 – Peggy Gramlich Baker, Class of 1957

Peggy Gramlich Baker, Class of 1957, was recently honored at the Reunion Celebration. Peggy’s story and her acceptance speech can be found online.
COME TOGETHER

THERE WILL BE AN ANSWER AT

Beatlemania

TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. TERESA’S ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 25, 2017

GOPPERT CENTER GYMNASIUM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 P.M.
TRIVIA PROMPTLY BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

Learn more and register online at: stteresasacademy.org/alumnae/trivia-night
Anniversary Gala emcee and Emmy award-winning KSHB news anchor Christa Dubill stopped by STA to visit with journalism students about her experience at the Presidential Debate at Washington University in St. Louis on October 9. Students and teachers alike were fascinated by the behind-the-scenes experiences of a professional journalist and news anchor.

STUDENTS FROM THE STA SPIRIT and Social Justice Clubs wanted to help keep neighbors in need warm this winter by collecting winter coats and jackets. To help bring awareness to this effort, they also thought it would be fun to set a Guinness World Record while doing so. And on Saturday, December 3, that is exactly what they did. Nearly 3,000 coats were collected in an eight hour time period for Kansas City’s less fortunate. The coats will be distributed through Catholic Charities of Kansas City–St. Joseph, and the girls will have set a Guinness World Record for their efforts! Thank you to our parents and alums who made this accomplishment possible.
THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK, which highlights the captivating history of St. Teresa’s Academy dating back to 1866, recently received top honors at the AIGA KC Awards program. AIGA KC is a community of design professionals committed to advancing professional design. The book was designed and produced in cooperation with local design firm Novella Brandhouse.

NOW ON SALE FOR $25! As we near the conclusion of our 150th anniversary year, don’t miss out on this fabulous 150th anniversary book filled with long-forgotten stories and cherished STA traditions combined with never-seen-before photographs and personal anecdotes. It’s a great Christmas present for alums, students, and parents alike.

Get yours before they’re gone! Order online through the Star Shop: stastarshop.com

Most Beautiful Website

THE ST. TERESA’S ACADEMY WEBSITE recently won top honors with a Fisher Net Award in the Most Beautiful Website category. The website was also a finalist in the Best Visual Identity category. These awards were developed to encourage and recognize churches, ministries, and apostolates who have drawn from the Church’s rich history of using art, design, and technology to reinvent the proclamation of the Gospel for a modern age. The website was designed and developed in collaboration with MBB+ Advertising.
did you know?

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Congratulations to the Class of 2017’s National Merit Semi-finalists, (l to r), Chloe Sutton, Caroline McDonald, and Madi Winfield. These students are in a select group of 16,000 students who tested in the top 1% of all students on the PSAT test taken their junior year. Finalists will be chosen in February, 2017.

Congratulations also to Gwen Doran (not pictured) who was named a National Merit Commended student. Gwen was identified as one of 50,000 high scores in a group of over 1.6 million students who took the PSAT last October.

ALL STATE CHOIR

Congratulations to junior Courtney Talken on her selection to the Missouri All-State Choir. Courtney is one of only six girls selected for this honor (from a field of 200) through a rigorous audition process. She will be rehearsing and performing for the Missouri Music Educators Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort in January.
This fall, STA was represented with State qualifiers in cross country (state meet), golf (state meet), tennis (state quarterfinals) and volleyball (state final four). The softball team set the school record for the number of wins in a season, with their season ending to an eventual state qualifier.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country once again placed runners in the MSHSAA Class 4, State Cross Country Championships in Jefferson City, MO. This is the 28th consecutive year at least one STA runner will compete at State. Rose Crowe (middle) and Katie Donnellan (left) ran top-not races at the MSHSAA Class 4, Sectional Championships. Prior to Sectionals, Crowe, Donnellan and Addie Coppinger (right) were each named All-District runners.

GOLF

Congratulations to Bri Arello for her outstanding finish at the MSHSAA Class 2, State meet. After shooting a 94 the first day, she came back and shot an 89 the next day, including a chip-in for birdie on 16! Bri's finish is the best for any STA golfer since 2012. Prior to the State Championships, STA golf finished fourth as a team at the MSHSAA Class 2, District 7 Championships and qualified five players for the MSHSAA Class 2, Sectional 4 Championships.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team made their second-straight appearance at the State Final Four in Cape Girardeau the end of October. Two of the three schools in pool play, Ozark and Lafayette Wildwood, have been to six-straight State final fours. The Stars faced Ozark in the consolation game. This was another outstanding year for the STA volleyball program and indicates the Stars will be State contenders for years to come.
It's Full Steam Ahead in the Math Hub on the second floor of Donnelly Hall. In addition to two Active Learning Classrooms, the hub offers areas for small group work, individual tutoring, and independent study. Nearly 100 students visit the hub throughout a day seeking additional math assistance.

Math Hub Facts:
- 2,600 recorded visits during the first two months
- Open 10 periods per day, 5 days/week, 50 periods/week
- Staffed on a rotating schedule by one teacher and one math mentor
- Students love the new furniture, whiteboards, and writable walls
- Average of 11 student visitors per period, with large spikes during Activity 1