

## WELCOME BACK

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PHIL BANIEWICZ

If you are reading this, chances are you are part of a unique group of people that make up the alumni and alumnae of Maur Hill Prep, Mount St. Scholastica, and Maur Hill-Mount Academy. In the time I have been here, it is clear to me that those of you who received a Benedictine education from our school have gone on and done truly remarkable things. I want you to know that it is YOU our students try to emulate. They hear about the traditions you established. They read about how you learned to carry yourself. They see how successful you have become. And they desire to follow in your footsteps.

First of all, I want to thank you for what you have already done for our school. The Benedictine tradition you lived is still here today. As a matter of fact, I hope that what you established, will help us grow stronger today. The faith. The academic rigor. The tight-knit community with an international appeal. It continues to live on in today's students.

Second, thanks for connecting with us here on our website. I hope that you will stay connected by sending us your current email and/or becoming a member of the alumni association. You can also follow us daily on social media. I think you will find yourself in contact with classmates that perhaps you haven't seen in a while. Today more than ever, alumni involvement is key to the success of the school.

Third, I want you to know that this school year is starting off with great community support and a strong student body. We have made many changes in the past few years and I am confident that this will result in a stronger educational experience for our students and families. These changes have created a positive "buzz" about MH-MA in the community and among our students. These changes, along with our academic and faith endeavors, have given us national recognition. If you haven't done so in a while, I encourage you to stop by campus some time and feel that ole' Raven spirit in the air.

Finally, it is no secret that one of the main reasons great Catholic schools in our country thrive is because of the financial support they receive from alumni. For us to become one of the

best Catholic boarding schools in the country, we need your support. I ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting our school or offering your talents to help us. You have no idea how your gift can make a difference in a student's life. In fact, there are several students enrolled today that would not be able to receive an MH-MA education, if not for the generosity of our alumni. I encourage you to review the <u>Giving</u> section of the website to find a way that YOU can support your Alma Mater.

Thanks again for connecting with us. I hope to see you on campus or at an MH-MA event soon. If you ever have questions or just want to reconnect, please contact me.

God bless,

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