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Happy New Year! I'm sure most if not all of you have taken the tree down and put away the decorations, but let's not put Christmas behind us quite yet. Since Christmas celebrates the birth of a Baby, babies and Christmas just seem to go together. Please **check out the photos below** to see three darling babies from our MSS family as they celebrate their first Christmas.

Sr. Joan Keating, who taught 8th grade at Mother Seton School for 6 years from **1966 through 1973**, has a new assignment. For the last several years, Sr. Joan has been stationed at the Provincial House (I know it's not called that anymore, but I don't know that I'll ever think of it as anything other than the Provincial House) as a Provincial Assistant. She served on the MSS Board as the Council's representative for many years, and I am personally grateful for her wise counsel and clear devotion to Mother Seton School. Her new assignment takes her to Evansville, Indiana, where she will work with the Villa Sisters (those who live in the nursing home or assisted living facility at the former East Central Provincial House). Sr. Joan has made many retreats at the Evansville location and is looking forward to her new assignment. We'll miss you, Sr. Joan, but our prayers and best wishes go with you!



Sister Joan Keating with Ann Warthen, Class of 1991 and current MSS teacher.

The MSS Class of 1962 enjoyed a reunion lunch on January 4, 2012. Present were three grads who shared their memories of those long-ago school days; Shannon Boyle, Mary Knott Topper and Elizabeth Krietz Jacobson. **(see photo below)**

Class of 1961 Don Marshall was certainly the proud father when daughter Diana, a recent graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, unveiled a mural she and two friends had painted at the Flying Dog Brewery in Frederick. The mural, which depicts the history of Flying Dog from its Colorado beginnings to its current operation in Frederick, was unveiled at a party on January 18th. **(see photo below)**

Oh, and the mystery alum from the old-fashioned wedding photo in the December E-News? Bob Kalas, **Class of 1995**, and his bride, Kate Simpkinson.

May 2012 be a year of peace and blessings for you!

Kate Marshall
MSS Class of 1969

P.S. Let us know what's happening in your life. Send us happy news, sad news, milestones, and events. Gotten together with other MSS alums? Send us a photo! Are you proud of one of your kids' accomplishments? We would love to know that too! They don't have to be an alum for us to share that news.

Christmas Babies:

"The children were nestled all snug in their beds..." Two month old Ethan George van Capelle Morningstar, son of **Matt Morningstar, Class of 1989**, couldn't look cuter as he peacefully awaits Santa's arrival.



Dressed in Christmas red, 3 month old Jack Getty seems ready for the holidays!
Jack is the son of **MSS Board member Drew Getty**.



Caleb Ford, son of **Joe Ford, Class of 1987**, seems to be enjoying his first time on Santa's lap! Some kids find Santa a little scary but not 10 month old Caleb!



Class of 1962 Reunion:

Several members from the **Class of 1962** joined Mother Seton School students and staff to celebrate their 50th Anniversary at the January 4 Liturgy for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day.



Sister JoAnne Goecke, DC, Principal, and Msgr. Martin Feild are shown with members from the MSS Class of 1962: Mary Knott Topper, Elizabeth Krietz Jacobson, and Shannon Boyle.

Class of 1961:

Diana Marshall, daughter of **Don Marshall, Class of 1961**, recently completed a mural at the Flying Dog Brewery in Frederick.



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The mystery alum in this photo is **Bob Kalas, Class of 1995**, with his bride, Kate Simpkinson.



Bob joined us for our Bicentennial celebration in 2010. After coming back for the celebration, Bob wrote to us to express his gratitude.

"MSS was a great place to grow up. The education I received, the friends I made, and the life lessons I learned all allowed me to find success in high school, college, and my teaching career. I know MSS was the reason I was prepared for the academic challenges of Georgetown Prep and Boston College. The tough workload, constantly being pushed to work harder, and the supplemental academic opportunities like Junior Great Books really enhanced my education. But the one thing that really made a difference was the MSS teachers. They always challenged us to dig deeper, encouraged us when things got hard, and overall made learning a fun and enjoyable experience. Some of my fondest memories from MSS were formed in the classrooms of Sr. Mary Catherine W., Sr. Ann Claire, Mrs. Meno, and Sr. Charles. Since becoming a teacher, I am always striving to have the same positive and lasting effect on my students that they had on me. I'm the person I am today because of the time I spent at MSS. I couldn't imagine having gone to school anywhere else. I will always be indebted to MSS and its teachers for everything they gave me during my time there."



Bob Kalas and (future bride) Kate Simpkinson speaking with Sister Mary Catherine Warehime, former MSS Principal.

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