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Dear Alumni, Former Students, Friends, and Parishioners,

Foundations. They are the fundamental support for our homes, churches, schools, offices, and factories. While structural foundations provide stability for buildings, educational, religious, and moral foundations provide the ballast to set a positive, productive, and stable course in life. (See *A Note from the Principal*, p. 2.)

St. Paul School has been instilling these foundations in its students for 111 years. Many former students recognize the value of these underpinnings and their links to St. Paul School throughout their lives. Others, understandably, may have forgotten or feel that time has obscured the school's foundational work.

Two who have not forgotten are Stephen Navoyosky, '49, and Randall Colaizzi, '66. (See *Alumni Reflections*, p. 5.) Earlier this year, Navoyosky eloquently summed up his St. Paul experience:

"[We] grew [up] during a time when this country respected family values and others. It was a time of war when we all worked together and sacrificed for our country. As children at St Paul, we were taught the spiritual [values] and morals that would have us eventually grow to be contributing adults. Helping [to] achieve those goals were nuns insisting that we march in mature time without distraction.

From their guidance we learned pride, enthusiasm, social values, and respect of others as well as ourselves. Our report cards even had a grade line for social behavior revealing that the nuns were cognizant of personal direction. [We] are what we are today

because of them, the Humility of Mary nuns who settled for nothing less from us than to work prudently, diligently, and with appreciation for our parents, teachers, one another, and our God. And it was all accomplished in a two-story, four room, double class, brick school with a large playground beside a watchful convent. What more could one ask for?"

Though times and methods have changed, St. Paul School still strives to produce the type of student that Navoyosky describes.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of another type of foundation—the St. Paul School Foundation. (See pp. 6-7.) Hundreds of students have benefited from the foresight of a former principal and the trustees who created the foundation in 1990.

We hope that you will consider the value of the foundations that St. Paul School has instilled in you, a friend, or loved ones. Please consider the foundation or school in your estate planning. And for those who are able, we encourage you to donate generously in appreciation for all that the school has given.

In grateful appreciation,

The St. Paul School Foundation



A Letter from the Pastor...

Dear Friends of St. Paul School,

It is a pleasure to wish St. Paul School members a 'Happy Eleventy-first Birthday.' In JRR Tolkien's book, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, the hobbit Bilbo celebrates his eleventy-first birthday at the beginning of the story. Calling this our eleventy-first year makes the year after our 110th anniversary sound a little more exciting.

September and October were exciting months because of Pope Francis' visit to the United States, the World Meeting of Families, and the Synod of Bishops on the "Vocation and Mission of the Family." The enthusiasm for these events now yields to a whole year of celebration in the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of Vatican II. It ends on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King.



*Father Edwards explains the Sacred Heart of Jesus to 2nd and 7th graders.
Photo: JC Williams*

Pope Francis, introducing the upcoming Jubilee Year said that, "We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it." We need God's mercy because it allows us to see how we need our Redeemer, Jesus Christ to save us. God's mercy allows us the grace to repent of sin, to be forgiven, and to grow in love of God and our neighbor. If we have difficulty knowing how to pray, we can always say, "Lord, have mercy on me."

My prayer for all is that we will be able to experience God's mercy in a special way in our lives during this Jubilee Year. Then we will be more merciful to our family members and those around us. This Jubilee Year of Mercy can change the world.

Mercy will be a point of reference for much of what we do in religion classes this year at St. Paul School. Our Olweus anti-bullying program was employed in teaching our students about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits are evident in those who do not bully – those who instead are able to be merciful.

I hope this edition of the St. Paul School Foundation Newsletter reaches a wider readership than ever and that you will think back with fondness on your days at St. Paul School.

Peace in Christ,

Father Bob Edwards

A Note from the Principal...by David Pancurak



David Pancurak

Before moving forward, it is nice to stop and see where we have been. – one way that Principal David Pancurak maintains perspective.

I had the opportunity twice in the last few months to stop and see where St. Paul School has been. The first time came when the senior class of 2015 graduated from high school. We saw many St. Paul alumni shining brightly with their accomplishments—whether as valedictorians, top honor students, or athletes; or for committing to the US Naval Academy; or for many of the charitable services they completed. When I visited with some of these students, they shared how St. Paul prepared them for high school by teaching them the concepts they would need to know. I also listened to them talk about how many of the activities they did here at St. Paul formed their character and prepared them for the adult stage they were on

the doorstep of entering.

The other opportunity came in late August when I gave a tour to the class of 1965 as they were meeting to celebrate their 50th reunion from St. Paul School. As I opened each classroom, they shared their memories from that particular teacher

or an event that happened there. They listened to me as I shared what we do in that particular room nowadays.

This also allowed me to reflect on everything we accomplish in our building as a whole. We go well beyond the ordinary classroom textbook by incorporating technology; by emphasizing STREAM—science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math; and by asking our students to use 21st century skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.

I feel lucky enough to travel classroom to classroom and see the



*Third grade students enjoying some time with their principal.
Photo: JC Williams*

concepts we are teaching every day and how they prepare our students for their future classes. I also see how our work builds a foundation for years to come when our students are adults and need to make the right choices. This foundation provides more than academic education, but will also provide an education for the mind, body, and spirit.

I invite all of you to come visit and see the education we are providing to our students as we continue to build on that foundation for future generations.

School News

Enrollment Increases; 7th Grade Added

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year increased by 17 students (17 percent) over last year to 116 for pre school through 7th grade. This encouraging news can be attributed to the quality work of the school, satisfied parents, financial aid through Ohio's Educational Choice Scholarship Program for kindergarten through 2nd grade, tuition assistance from the foundation, and continued recruiting efforts.

Seventh grade was added this year to accommodate families that expressed interest in continuing their children's Catholic education beyond 6th grade. Four students now attend 7th grade using half of the school library as their classroom. Eighth grade will be added next year. The next graduation will be for the 8th grade class of 2016-2017. Graduation will not be held for this year's 6th or 7th grade classes. The last time St. Paul offered 7th and 8th grades was the 1972-1973 school year.

Uniforms Back in Style

For the first time in many years, St. Paul students are dressing in uniforms. A uniform policy was adopted to conform with other diocesan schools. The policy permits different styles and colors and allows clothing to be purchased at a retailer of choice. Navy, light blue, white, maize, and khaki are the acceptable colors for boys and girls along with classic navy plaid for girls. Emblems on the clothing are limited to St. Paul School logos.



Kindergarten students show off their new uniforms early in the school year.
Photo: JC Williams

St. Paul Honors its Veterans

Principal David Pancurak and teacher JC Williams have created a veterans wall to honor former St. Paul School students who served or who now serve in the US military. The sacrifices made by those deployed to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan moved and inspired Pancurak to conceive and construct the memorial. He wants it to remind students of the value and honor of service to the nation.



"St. Paul School Veterans Wall: Honoring Alumni for their bravery, sacrifice, and dedication to our country." Visitors are encouraged to view the memorial.
Photo: JP Tolson

The wall will be dedicated in memory of Michael Walpert, '62, a four-year Army veteran who served two years in Vietnam. (See sidebar.) It is located in Scullion Hall and includes the names of over 300 former St. Paul students. This number will grow as more St. Paul School veterans learn about the wall. To view the names online, visit the school's web page. To submit a new name, contact the school or complete the online contact information form on the foundation's web page. (See page 1.)

Benefactors Fund iPads and Online Access Upgrade

At the beginning of the school year, Geoff and Kim Goll purchased 36 iPads for the 1st grade and kindergarten classes. They also funded half the cost of improving Internet speed in the school. Over the past several years, the Golls have donated 65 of the 85 iPads in use at the school. The St. Paul community greatly appreciates their ongoing generosity.

Memorial Wall Brings Joy to Veteran in His Final Days

Two weeks before he passed away, Mike Walpert, '62, received the 2014 edition of this newsletter that announced plans for a veterans memorial wall at St. Paul School. News of the wall brought him great joy and excitement. "He wanted to know all its details and how he could help," said his sister, Mary Ellen Walpert Mayo, '63. Thoughts of the wall occupied most of Walpert's final days, taking his mind off his declining health. Grateful that it was able to lift his spirit during this difficult time, Mayo directed all donations that she received in her brother's memory to St. Paul School for the wall. The donations, supplemented by funds from the Walpert and Mayo families and a contribution from Jill Brahm, '66, covered the entire cost of the wall, giving Mayo comfort and satisfaction that her brother helped to build the memorial.

Mrs. Clapsadle Retires

Mrs. Nancy Clapsadle, a teacher at St. Paul since 1980, retired at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. She taught 1st grade as well as religion, reading, spelling, phonics, and handwriting in other grades.

Known for her quiet dedication and devotion to her students, Mrs. Clapsadle was firm, compassionate, patient, and respectful of children's unique personalities.

She will also be remembered fondly for her class Thanksgiving feasts, Christmas gifts tailored to fit each student's interest, poetry readings, and a passion for good penmanship. After 35 years at St. Paul School, she will be greatly missed.



Nancy Clapsadle

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Graduation Day 2015

Principal David Pancurak kicked off a day of awards and celebration when he welcomed students, their families, and parishioners to the 110th St. Paul School graduation Mass on May 28th in the church. Rev. Robert Edwards was the celebrant. In his homily, Father Edwards engaged the graduates in a light-hearted game of 'true or false' as a way to introduce the concept of truth. "God's word is truth, and we hope our students learn that throughout life," he said. Father added that God knows much more truth than we know, and sometime we do not want to hear the truth. "Strive for truth by always staying close to God," Father Edwards urged the graduates.

After Mr. Pancurak presented the graduates with their diplomas, Mrs. JoAnn Barto, 6th grade teacher, bestowed the Christian Witness Award on Carly Hall, Emmanuel Heestand, and William Shugart. This award honors the graduates who best demonstrate respect for others,



2015 St. Paul School Graduates. Front row from left: Emmanuel Heestand, William Shugart, Jacob McLachlan, Wilson Corbisello, Della Toliver, Joseph Tungate, Hailey Carmelo, Carly Hall, Sarah Heestand. Back row, David Pancurak, principal, JoAnn Barto, 6th grade teacher, Rev. Stephen Wassie, priest-in-residence, Rev. Robert Edwards, pastor. Photo: JC Williams

respect for school property, prayerfulness, sound choices, leadership, and other Christian principles as determined by a committee of six teachers.

In the afternoon awards ceremony, the graduates were recognized for achievements in music, art, and technology as well as for good citizenship

and for making a difference. They were also acknowledged for their service as altar servers, lectors, and choristers. All enjoyed the traditional 'crazy awards' when graduates received good-natured gag gifts from Mrs. Barto, specially selected to fit their personalities.

Alumni News

Academic Achievements

•Seven of 13 alumni from the St. Paul Class of 2009 graduated in the top tier of their high school class last spring. The students and their schools are **Jacob Bezon, Emily Ehrenberg, Katharine Paumier, and Anna Shivers**, Salem; **Abbie Gallagher**, Crestview; **Grace George**, South Range; and **Daniel Schlueter**, West Branch. This group was awarded over \$314,000 in scholarship funds. Schlueter received an appointment to the US Naval Academy.

•Forty percent of the 2015 National Honor Society inductees at Salem High are from the St. Paul Class of 2010. They are **Shelby Dailey, Kerry Dombroski, Emily Fitch, Paige Johnson, Dorianna Miller, Maximilian Righetti, Maria Shivers, Owen Washam, Matthew Weingart, Brittany Zamarelli, and Kane Zellers**. Inductees from St. Paul at Cardinal Mooney were **Marta Hergenrother, Seth Hill, and Quentin Rice**; at West Branch, **Brianna Long**.

•**Jackson Corbisello, Ryleigh Groom, Mackenzie Jeric, and Zach Tungate** from the St. Paul Class of 2013 were part of the Salem Junior High Academic Challenge Team that won the Columbiana County Junior High Academic Challenge. The team beat 10 other schools.

Athletic Achievements

•**Jacob Bezon**, '09, received several athletic awards during the 2014-2015



Jacob Bezon

school year. In football he was named Salem High's most valuable player, made the Quad County Football Coaches Assn. first team, and won special mention in NE Ohio Division

IV schools. In basketball he made honorable mention on the Columbiana County All-Star Team and in the Northeastern Buckeye Conference. Bezon also ranked ninth in his class and in the top 25 players academically from over 100 schools that entered the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Academic All-Ohio Contest.

•**Mitchell Maroscher**, '06, won the National Collegiate Clay Court West Penn Amateur Tennis Tournament last summer. Maroscher, who is on the tennis team at Grand Canyon University in Arizona, beat the first, fourth, and fifth seeded players to reach the championship match.

Career Achievements

•**Carolyn Shivers**, '98, is now an Assistant Professor of Human Development at Virginia Tech in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Science. Starting next year, she will also serve as Director of Disability Studies. Shivers earned a Master's and PhD in Developmental Psychology from Vanderbilt Univ. and recently completed a two-year postdoctoral research fellowship.



Carolyn Shivers

•**John Dennis "JD" Creer**, '69, won third place in the Best Feature Writer Division of the 2014 Ohio Associated Press Media Editors Contest. Creer is managing editor of *The Salem News*.

•**Christopher Cox**, '96, was awarded the St. Barbara Medal at Fort Hood, TX. St. Barbara is the patron saint of field artillery and those who work with explosives. Cox, an Army staff sergeant, has been deployed overseas five times.

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Alumni Reflections... by Dr. Randall Colaizzi '66

After my first grade class at St. Paul began to learn phonics, our family drove to visit my grandparents in Leetonia. A sign on the road for St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus made me try to figure out "K of C," wondering what "kuh" of "suh" meant. Here began my interest in English. At that age, learning the sounds and roots of words seemed to unlock their meanings. My eighth-grade science fair project on the space program pushed me to create vivid descriptions of flights that did little more than go up, circle around, and come down. Learning to enjoy this as I did at St. Paul steered me to work on *The Quaker Bi-Weekly* newspaper in high school, made me an editor, and led to all my writing jobs since.

St. Paul's also hooked me on the ancient world. In eighth grade Fr. Gaffney asked my classmate, Bill Odorizzi, and me to teach the new altar boys the Latin Mass. This forced us to learn how to ingrain foreign phrases into younger colleagues—my first teaching job. I then took Latin in high school, and in college studied Latin and Greek. In graduate school that interest nudged me to excavate in Greece. I now teach courses in Latin, Roman archaeology, and topics like Women in the Roman World and Greek and Roman Religion. Thank you, Fr. Gaffney and Bill. (See side bar.)

My classmate, Thom Lodge, two years ago in this column, movingly described how our teachers molded him. To those I would add Sr. Mary Ronald, who urged me to talk more because she thought I had good things to say; Sr. Mary Claude, who forced me to consider moral matters transcending religion; and Mrs. Helen Brahm, whose toughness, determination, patience beyond comprehension, and devotion to her students I have often tried to emulate.

Our teachers demanded precision, economy, and improvement; there was no free ride, and our class sent four of the top ten graduates to the Salem High class of 1970. I was taught by the best teachers, and sat among the best classmates, smarter than me, who made me want to be better.



Randall Colaizzi conducts a study tour in the ancient city of Pompeii. Photo: Jan Denman

Randall Colaizzi, '66, is a professor in the Dept. of Classics and Religious Studies at the Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Literature Division. He earned a BA in English from the Univ. of Wisconsin and an MA and PhD from the Univ. of California, Berkeley.

St. Paul Altar Boy Follows the Footsteps of St. Paul

"then we weighed anchor and came to Rhenium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. There we found believers and were invited to stay with them for seven days." (Acts of the Apostles 28:13-14)

On returning to Jerusalem from his third missionary journey, St. Paul was arrested for violating laws of the temple. He then spent two years in custody before the governor sent him to Rome in 60 AD to stand trial. During the journey, his ship landed at Puteoli on the Bay of Naples in the Mediterranean.

Every year since 1999, Randall Colaizzi, '66, has also been stopping at this ancient town, now known as Pozzuoli. He leads tours and conducts travel study classes in the region through the Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston. They are based on his archaeology class, Cities of Vesuvius, that examines sites buried during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. On some trips to Pozzuoli, Colaizzi, an altar boy at St. Paul, visits a memorial at the harbor that is dedicated to St. Paul. How fitting it is that Colaizzi, who traces his career success to his St. Paul education, is now an annual visitor to a place where his school's patron saint once trod.

Alumni News (from p. 4)

Of Special Note...

•Earlier this year, two St. Paul graduates began their studies for a religious vocation. **Ellen Schlueter**, '08, joined the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, a religious congregation of pontifical right, as a postulant at the order's novitiate in Steubenville, Ohio. Her brother, **Frederick "Fritzie" Schlueter**, '14, entered the seminary to become a diocesan priest at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. It is interesting to note that both won the Christian Witness Award when they graduated from St. Paul.

•**Sidney Dailey**, **Kerry Dombroski**, and **Paige Johnson** were selected to attend Buckeye Girls State last June at the University of Mount Union. **Maximilian Righetti** and **Matthew Weingart** were chosen for Buckeye Boys State at Bowling Green University. All attend Salem High and are from the St. Paul Class of 2010. Boys and Girls State programs are sponsored by the American Legion and designed to teach participants how government works.

•**John "Gray" Buta**, '13, captured third place in the Columbiana County 2015 Spelling Bee.

•**Daniel Schlueter**, '09, **Joshua Tungate**, '10, and **Owen Washam**, '10, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the past year. For their community service projects, Schlueter constructed, repaired, or refurbished eight signs at three Salem parks; Tungate landscaped the front lawn of St. Paul School (see p. 12); Washam re-built a stone wall along Park Avenue in Salem's Centennial Park. All are members of St. Paul Troop Six.

•Rev. George Murry, SJ, Bishop of Youngstown, presented **Theodore "TJ" Pittman**, '14, with the Boy Scout *Ad Altari Dei* (to the altar of God) award at St. Columba Cathedral. Requirements for the award are designed to help Catholic scouts develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community.

Foundation Began with Former Principal's Vision

This year the St. Paul School Foundation marks its 25th anniversary. Founded in 1990, its mission is to assist in providing for the long-term financial security of St. Paul School. While financial shortfalls have forced many parochial schools across the nation to close in recent decades, St. Paul School continues to offer an excellent Catholic education. This can be attributed to the support and cooperative efforts of the school, parish, the Home and School Association, parents, donors, the Salem community, and the foundation.

In the late 1980s, Principal Michael Marshall, was looking for a way to ensure the school's donors that their contributions would be used as intended and not be diverted to parish or diocesan needs. He also felt that parishioners-in-need who wanted a Catholic education for their children should have a source of funds to supplement the cost elsewhere if St. Paul School closed, or if their children wanted to attend Catholic high school. Marshall, the former director of development at Ursuline High School in Youngstown, Ohio, knew that to achieve these objectives, creating an independent foundation would be necessary.

Marshall approached Rick Crouse, who had expertise in setting up foundations and a parent of two St. Paul students, for assistance. In early 1990, Crouse drafted initial governing documents for a foundation that would be based on a principle of endowment to sustain the school into the future. He also drafted the application to the Internal Revenue Service that would establish the foundation as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

Marshall then brought together a group of interested parents and school benefactors, encouraging them to create a foundation with an endowment fund that would serve the school's long-term financial needs. Some of the parents had already been working independently to raise funds for more immediate needs to enhance students' education. After some debate within the group, its members reached consensus, at the suggestion of Crouse, that the foundation would include both an endowment fund for long-term financial needs and an operating fund for immediate needs. Crouse finalized the governing documents and tax application accordingly. Many from this group became founding trustees of the foundation. Articles of incorporation were signed on July 12, 1990.

Creating the foundation energized the school community. Gary Sobotka and the late Anthony DeCrow, '64, two of the founding trustees, were the driving forces behind early fundraising efforts. Enthusiasm for the foundation was so high that attracting donors was relatively easy according to Sobotka. Sister Mary Ann Spangler, HM, principal from 1992 to 1997, noted the passion of the trustees to build up the foundation. Rev. James Clarke, pastor beginning in 1991, worked to maintain a unified and cooperative spirit among the parish, school, and foundation.

The vision and legacy of Michael Marshall and the work of the founding trustees has paid off significantly. Over the past quarter century, hundreds of students in Columbiana and Mahoning counties have benefited from the financial support that the foundation has provided to St. Paul School.

School Support 1990-2015

Donors are the lifeblood of the foundation. Their gifts have grown through investments and have enabled the foundation to make significant financial contributions to St. Paul School. Some donors specify how their contributions are to be used, but most entrust their gifts to be spent in the best judgment of the foundation trustees in accordance with school needs.

Since its inception in 1990 through June 30, 2015, the foundation has contributed over \$907,000 in support of the students and staff, academic programs, and facilities of St. Paul School. The percentage breakdown of expenditures by category is:

- School operations, 49
- Tuition assistance, 19
- Building repairs and improvements, 11
- Computer equipment, 9
- Staff training and support, 8
- School programs, 6

(Percentages total greater than 100 due to rounding.)

Over the years, the foundation has funded several major computer purchases for the computer lab, paid for the sound system in Scullion Hall, and shared the cost with the school for a new roof, front sidewalk, and holding tanks to prevent flooding during heavy rainfall. Since 2008-2009, the foundation has supplied significant levels of operational funds.

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2015 Foundation Trustees. From left: Lucille Kar...
Laura Nestic, Greg Arcuri, John Paul Tolson, Kathr...
Not pictured: Joseph Cappuzzello, Gina Dermotta,
McCulloch III, and Michael Rea. Photo: JC Williams

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diocese, governs the foundation. Form

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Marks 25 Years – 2015



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School Support 1990-2015

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In addition, the foundation supports marketing and recruiting efforts, milestone celebrations such as the school's 110th anniversary, this newsletter, and the annual senior scholarship (see next column).

School Support 2014-2015

From July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, the foundation contributed \$152,504 in support of the educational programs, facilities, and students of St. Paul School. This represents nearly 24 percent of the school budget. Of this total, \$110,000 supplemented school operations—salaries, benefits, building maintenance and utilities; \$30,000 went to tuition assistance; \$6,425 paid for security improvements with funds from a grant awarded to the foundation by the James and Coralie Centofanti Charitable Foundation; and \$6,079 was spent on school marketing and recruitment.

The foundation also recognized the devoted individuals who are responsible for the excellent Catholic education that St. Paul School continues to offer by providing \$10,000 for teacher and staff appreciation. The salaries of St. Paul teachers are about one-half those of their counterparts in Salem public schools. The foundation also purchased nearly \$450 in school books thanks to the generosity of three donors who directed their contributions to be used for that purpose.

An Important Message...

The foundation is asking your help. In the past few years, we have increased our financial support for St. Paul School by assisting the parish to meet school operational costs. This fall the parish embarked on a campaign to increase offertory collections, in part, to meet school financial obligations. Whether by increasing your weekly offering at St. Paul Church, donating to the foundation, or choosing other ways to help St. Paul School (see p. 11), we request your participation in the collaborative work of educating the children of St. Paul and the surrounding areas. Please help if you can. Thank you for your support.

Senior Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to seven St. Paul School graduates on winning the annual St. Paul School Foundation senior scholarship! These 2009 St. Paul graduates shared a total of \$8,900 in financial assistance for their first year of post-secondary education. First-place winners and the schools they attend are Emily Ehrenberg, Univ. of Mount Union; Abbie Gallagher, Youngstown State Univ.; and Grace George, The Ohio State Univ. Runners-up are Jacob Bezon, Univ. of Akron; Julia Dundon, Edinboro Univ.; Ashlyn Kuffleitner, College of Wooster; and Anna Shivers, Cleveland State Univ.

High school seniors who graduated from St. Paul School are eligible for the scholarship. Awards are based on academic achievement, church and community involvement, three letters of recommendation, and an essay that describes applicants' educational and career plans and the contribution of St. Paul School in their academic success.

The foundation takes pride in helping these graduates and encourages them to return often to St. Paul. Since establishing the scholarship in 1995, the foundation has awarded \$70,450 to 99 St. Paul School alumni. The names of all winners are available on the foundation's web page.

Correction

In last year's edition, we incorrectly reported that Anthony DeCrow Jr. served as the first president of the foundation. The first president was Frank Bailey. DeCrow, a founding trustee, was the first secretary and the second president from 1991 to 1995.



Emily Ehrenberg



Abbie Gallagher



Grace George

Featured Teacher: Mrs. JoAnn Barto, 6th Grade and Language Arts

JoAnn Barto's biggest rewards are seeing students succeed, watching them grasp an important lesson, and hearing them ask, "Do you remember when...." while recalling fond memories of St. Paul School. She has been planting and nurturing the seeds of these rewards since 1980 when Sister Marjorie Haidet, HM, hired her to teach music, science, and 4th grade at St. Paul.

Though she always loved school, teaching was not Mrs. Barto's first career choice when entering college. But a combination of friends who were studying special education, including her future husband, Bob, a love of children, and a desire to emulate her teachers led her to pursue a degree in elementary education.



Mrs. Barto helping a student. Photo: JC Williams

Mrs. Barto, a lay associate of the Sisters of Humility of Mary, holds her 12 years of Catholic education in highest esteem. Her parents sacrificed to pay \$500 in annual tuition per child so that she and three siblings could attend Catholic school in Ambridge, PA. Learning about God and her faith were very important, and the nuns and lay teachers were her role models.

She sees her most important work as helping to shape a student's character. As their last teacher before students leave the nurturing environment of St. Paul, she prepares them to recognize the pitfalls of peer pressure, teaches them to be responsible and accountable, and encourages them to hold on to their faith. "If you want privileges, you must be responsible," she tells her students. "God is a loving God even through hardship," she reminds them. She hopes that her students see her as firm but fair and as one who believes in them, challenges them, inspires them, and makes learning fun.

Mrs. Barto credits retired teachers Sally Steffel Flanigan for mentoring her and Patty Bauman for motivation and inspiration. She won the prestigious



Mrs. Barto having fun with her students on a Halloween project. Photo: JC Williams

Golden Apple Award from the Youngstown diocese for her leadership, teaching skills, and service as a model Catholic educator.

Memories at St. Paul that stand out are children's liturgy, penance services, picnics, assemblies, and the staff camaraderie during the tenure of Principal Mike Marshall. But most gratifying are remarks from junior high teachers at other schools who compliment St. Paul students for their good behavior, study habits, work ethic, and grammar. Hearing this gives Mrs. Barto great satisfaction, knowing how much she has helped to shape her students' characters.

Fine Arts at St. Paul

In a time when many schools are cutting arts from curriculums, St. Paul continues to offer a program of music, visual art, and digital art. Teachers who



JC Williams working with his art students. Photo: David Pancurak

are specially trained in these fields serve as instructors. Students from kindergarten through 7th grade participate once a week. In addition to their intrinsic value, music and art are important parts of the curriculum for

two other reasons, according to Principal David Pancurak. Art helps with problem solving by stimulating critical thinking, and students who can read music perform better in math and reading English.

The art component of the program draws on creativity to solve problems notes art instructor, Mr. JC Williams.

Students learn to integrate analytical reasoning used to understand a problem with creativity used to solve a problem through art. Williams emphasizes that students are taught

to go beyond conceptual problem solving by identifying steps to achieve solutions with concrete results. A final step in the problem solving process is creating artistic representations like drawings by applying artistic principles such as lines and contours, light and shadows, and perspective and proportions.

Music education at St. Paul explores rhythm, melody, and harmony in both song and musical instruments according to music instructor, Mrs. Jody Roliff. In early grades, students are introduced to tone recognition in order to understand sound before progressing to musical notation. By 3rd grade, students learn to



Fifth grade students use tone chimes to play "America" during the 2015 spring music program. Photo: JC Williams

read music and begin to play the recorder. Tone bells and chimes also help students learn to play melody. Hand drums, finger cymbals, and maracas are used to teach rhythm. In 6th grade, students learn to play the mountain dulcimer. In the upper grades, Mr. Thomas Mastromico, the band teacher, assembles students into beginning and advanced bands. The music program culminates twice a year when students perform at the Christmas and spring programs.

The St. Paul Home and School Association funds partial cost of the fine arts program with \$12,000 annual donations from its fundraising efforts.

St. Paul School Class of 1965 Enjoys 50-Year Reunion

The St. Paul School Class of 1965 held its 50-year reunion on August 22. Class members gathered for the 4:30 Mass and were warmly welcomed by Father Robert Edwards and the congregation. Following Mass, Principal David Pancurak gave the classmates a tour of the school. They later assembled at Ricky's English Pub to reminisce about their years in the orange brick building where Sister Mary Conrad, HM, and Mr. John Daliman taught their 8th grade class.



St. Paul Class of 1965 Reunion Attendees. Front row from left: Linda Belich Miller, Elizabeth Tenzek Shutler, Jane Hess Malmsberry, Mary Jean Mundy Cabbage, Peggy Stone Steiner, Marcia Snyder, Barbara Hurray Hess, Leslie Landwert Bush. Back row: Rev. Robert Edwards, pastor, John Shivers, Thomas Jones, Floyd Crawford. Not pictured: Frank Dumovic. Photo: David Pancurak

In addition to those who live in the Salem area, class members traveled from Wapakoneta, OH, Columbus, OH, Dayton, OH, and Burnsville, MN, to attend.

Leslie Landwert Bush presented a carnation to the dozen who attended in memory of their 12 deceased classmates.

Special thanks go to Marcia Snyder, Linda Belich Miller, and Barbara Hurray Hess for organizing the reunion. Attendees unanimously agreed that they had great time!

St. Paul Students Gather at Salem High School Reunions

St. Paul classmates from the 1940s, 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s attended Salem High School reunions during 2015. See the photos below and on page 12. (No photos were available of St. Paul classmates from the Salem High class of 1950 and 1955 reunions.)



St. Paul School Class of 1956 (Salem High Class of 1960). From left: Vince Horning, Joe Julian, Lynn Jones Bennett, Joyce Whinnery Royce, Anthony Petrucci, Carol Burfield Shoen, Ed Eskay, Bob Eskay, St. Paul School Class of 1958. Photo: Mickey Cope Weaver



St. Paul School Class of 1961 (Salem High Class of 1965). Front row from left: Ron Parlontieri, Shirley Radler Swindell, Rita Pastorelli Clifford, Jeff Davis, Jeanne Mack McCool. Back row: Joel Fisher, Terry Zocolo, Joe Ciotti, Rich Juliano, Chuck Joseph, Joe Loutzenhiser, Gayle Detwiler Juliano. Photo: Jen's Photographic Memories



St. Paul School Class of 1966 (Salem High Class of 1970). From left: Dorothy Tolson Stahl, Mary Caye Mauro Bixler, David Plegge, Sue Taugher Gregg, Larry Bielski, Rebecca Skowron Grey. Not pictured: Karen Hoperich Lewis. Photo: Doug Stahl



St. Paul School Class of 1971 (Salem High Class of 1975). From left: Camille Armeni Logan-Franzen, Patricia Ward Mengert, Gail Rutkousky Pitts, Phyllis Schehl Powell, Frank Berger, Margaret Banar Janosik, Mike Sabatino. Photo courtesy of Gail Rutkousky Pitts

See page 12 for additional reunion photos.

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 4. Support annual fundraising efforts of the St. Paul Home and School Association.
 5. Support special fundraising projects of St. Paul School and Church.
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 7. Designate the foundation, school, or church for memorial donations.
 8. Enroll in a legacy life insurance program to establish the school, church, or foundation as a beneficiary.
 9. Volunteer at the school.
 10. Play BINGO at St. Paul School!
- Please contact the foundation with any questions.

St. Paul School Tuition 2015-2016

Kindergarten through 7th Grade (cost per year)

Catholic	
One child	\$2,700
Two children	\$4,500
Three or more children	\$6,100

Non Catholic	
One child	\$4,800
Two children	\$7,400

Incentives and financial assistance are available to reduce the cost of tuition. Contact St. Paul School for a complete tuition schedule.

†According to the National Catholic Education Association, the national average annual tuition for Catholic elementary schools is \$3,880.

The cost to educate a student at St. Paul School during 2014-2015 was approximately \$6,300.

Preschool (cost per child per month*)

Two days per week:	\$100
Three days per week:	\$125
Five days per week:	\$175

*There is a 20 percent preschool tuition discount for families with more than one child enrolled at St. Paul School.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 31, 2016, and ends on Saturday, February 6. St. Paul School will highlight the week with an open house, spaghetti dinner, family night, and service projects. For those in the Salem area, mark your calendar and try to attend one or more events during this fun-filled week to learn more about the educational programs at St. Paul.

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Additional Reunion Photos



St. Paul School Class of 1984 (Salem High Class of 1990). From left: Jodi Jones, Kathy Borrelli Pitts, Brenda Hays Bodine, Jennifer Cole. Photo: Jesse Kepple



St. Paul School Class of 1974 (Salem High Class of 1980 Reunion Committee). Top from left: Lynne Centofanti, Mindy Danklef Schwingle, Genie Wendel. Bottom: Kim Bricker Cox, Barb DeRoads Bostwick. Not pictured: Pam Huffman Gerace Photo: Genie Wendel

School News (from p. 3)

Crucifix Returned to St. Paul

The crucifix that once hung in the central entryway to the original St. Paul School building was donated back to the school last spring. For the past 60 years, the crucifix belonged to Richard Gurlea, '60. He won it in a drawing in 1955 when his number was pulled from those of all the students who were attending St. Paul. At that time, fixtures were being removed from the school as it was being readied for demolition, while teachers and students prepared to move to the present school building. Gurlea simply felt that he had the crucifix long enough and that he wanted to return it. He noted that 17, his winning number, has been his lucky number ever since.



Richard Gurlea with the crucifix that now hangs near the school office. Photo: JP Tolson

Auction Nets \$23K

Proceeds from a combination live, silent, and Chinese auction in May added \$23,000 to the school treasury. Over 220 businesses, organizations, and individuals donated hundreds of items including tickets to sporting events, weekend getaways, travel packages, and gift baskets. Attendance exceeded 300. A Disney World vacation sold for \$1,250, the largest amount for a single item. St. Paul is exceptionally grateful to all who contributed and participated, including auctioneer Harry Hofmeister who donated his services for the live auction.

Scout Project Beautifies School Grounds

During the summer, Joshua Tungate, '10, gave the front grounds of the school a fresh look with new landscaping that he completed for his Eagle Scout project. The work involved removing segments of the hedge bordering the city sidewalk and school parking lot and replacing them with new, low-growing shrubs that allow the school marquee to be more visible from the street. He also planted perennials around the marquee and sides of the walkway in the lawn leading to it. Josh, a member of St. Paul Scout Troop Six, supervised a crew of four other scouts, his brother, and parents. He consulted his mother, Lori Tungate, and grandmother, Mary Jane Yanek Pieren, '62, for suggestions on the perennials—stella de oro day lillies and hostas—that Josh and his crew planted. Local garden centers donated the plants.



Joshua Tungate and his landscape project. Photo: JP Tolson

Class of '66 Plans 50-Year Reunion

The St. Paul School Class of 1966 invites all former classmates to its 50-year reunion on May 13-15, 2016. Please come! Plans include visiting St. Paul classes and lunch with students on the 13th and attending 11:15 Mass on the 15th, followed by brunch at Salem Hills Golf Club. The reunion committee welcomes suggestions for activities on May 14.

Mary Caye Mauro Bixler, Jean Mitchell Fitch, and Ruth Adams are planning the reunion and strongly encourage classmates to attend. "We are excited at the prospect of seeing everyone again," said an enthusiastic Bixler. Contact Mary Caye at 330.277.1954 or dbixler@att.net by March 30, 2016, if you plan to attend.

In Memoriam...



Former St. Paul students known to have died between November 7, 2014, and November 19, 2015, and their class years are listed below. May their souls rest in the peace of Christ. We regret any omissions.

Veronica Strojek Aktabowski	1937
Gilbert Allison	1949
Jean Munsell Althouse	1936
Frances Cosky Armeni	1945
Betty Bruder Callahan	1937
Joseph Ciricosta	1945
Mary Anne DeRoads	1956
Mary Luisa Colananni Di Biase	1951
Michael Dimko	1971
Mary DeRienzo Eakin	1934
Thomas Ehrhart III	1950
Theresa Ciricosta Fithian	1936
William Goetz	1947
Justina Enders Greenawalt	1937
Roseann Loutzenhiser Hannay	1945
Stanley Kataro	1952
Anthony Kataro Jr.	1946
Jerry Lepping	1945
Cindy Loutzenhiser	1973
Dorothy Jackson McMichael	1941
Edward Mozina	1950
Bradley Pitts	1973
Richard Schehl	1973
Robert Earl Scullion	1936
Mary Albert Shasteen	1942
Henry Syppko	1943
Leo Taugher II	1959
Katherine Hay Thorp	1951
James Tracy	1958
Mary Kay Holzbach Van Garsse	1946
Richard Walker	1963
Michael Walpert	1962
Deborah Coy Watson	1964
Shirley Zocolo Zeppernick	1949
William Zocolo Jr.	1957