

Dear Friend of St. Paul School,



Saint Paul School

Please accept an invitation to all St. Paul School alumni and friends to come and be a part of our alma mater's biggest fund raising effort ever. On November 9, 2009, from 6:00 to 9:00pm, former students and staff, including principal Sister Mary Ann Spangler and pastor, Monsignor Jay Clarke, will meet with other friends of the school to make phone calls to St. Paul alums across the country in an effort to help raise money for current operating expenses and to help establish and maintain the school's long-term financial security.

In the 105 years since its founding in 1904, St. Paul has changed in many ways:

- The original building was replaced in 1955
- Classes consist of grades 1 through 6, with all-day kindergarten
- Three pre-school classes for ages 3 to 5.
- Computers in every classroom, including a dedicated computer lab with over 18 computer workstations.
- The blackboards are now green, the chalk is yellow instead of white
- Today's staff has over 225 years of teaching experience, with two advance degrees and five in progress

What has not changed at St. Paul is the commitment to educating all students to reach their potential. In the words of the school's mission statement, "Saint Paul School's mission is to educate the mind, body, and spirit of each child." It is the third goal, the educating of the spirit, that sets St. Paul apart from other nearby elementary schools. Students leave St. Paul with a sense of responsibility for "building faith communities and performing service to others."

Year after year, St Paul alumni excel academically, athletically, civically, and professionally. In the class of 2009 at Salem High School, for example, four St. Paul alums were co-valedictorians, and a fifth student was valedictorian of her graduating class at Heartland Christian High School in Columbiana. Seventeen St. Paul alumni who graduated from SHS last spring qualified for scholarship money from the SHS Alumni Association. Other alumni distinguished themselves at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville and at other area schools.

Sean Clary, as a member of the University of Dayton football team and Amy Scullion, who will be joining the Ohio State University's women basketball team next fall are following in the footsteps of other St. Paul grads - Henry Maxim (University of Southern California), Joe Maxim (Notre Dame), George Begalla (University of West Virginia), and Greg Pshniak (Air Force Academy), among others who played college ball. St. Paul alumni also participate in cross country, golf, soccer and volleyball at the collegiate level.

Professionally, St. Paul alums have succeeded in a variety of jobs and vocations. Anyone who has ever been to Disney World and has experienced the spectacular grand

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Computer lab



Mileage Club at school



Field trip to Whitehouse Farms

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finale at the end of each day is familiar with the music of alumnus Greg Smith. Journalist Michelle Ross reviews books for national television programs and publications. Bill Shivers was recently named Akron/Canton Regional President of the Huntington Bank. Vickie Galchick Sherrow has published more than 100 children's books.

Civically, St. Paul graduates have always been involved. Rita Joseph O'Leary, MaryAnn Karmazin Dzuracky, and Denny Groves currently sit on Salem City Council; Steve Andres is City Services and Safety Director for the city, and Dave Plegge was recently inducted into the Salem Athletic Hall of Fame for his longtime work with the Salem wrestling team and football team.

Former St. Paul students continue to figure prominently in local and state medical professions, in public and private education - from kindergarten to graduate school, and in the military and other public sector service.

Whatever we have chosen to do, and wherever we have gone, the common experience of all of us is the start we received at St. Paul School. And although our alma mater continues to prepare young men and women to succeed and to live lives of purpose, St. Paul is currently experiencing many of the same financial concerns as those faced by individual families and by many other organizations, both large and small.

Due to its efforts to keep the school affordable for families, St. Paul's tuition is relatively low and covers only a portion of the total cost of educating its students. Other funding sources contribute revenue such as Tuesday night bingo in the gymnasium-cafeteria, now known as Paul Scullion Hall, and The St. Paul Home and School Association which continuously donates volunteer hours and financial resources to support the children's education. And, since 1990, the St. Paul School Foundation has worked toward establishing long-term financial stability by building an endowment that helps purchase computers and other equipment and that provides for tuition assistance for students and continuing education for teachers.

Even after all of these sources of revenue are taken into account, the parish still provides a significant portion of operational funding each year to keep the school open. The bottom line is that St. Paul School, like so many other parochial schools, needs our help.

If you are going to be in the Salem area on November 9, please stop by 925 E. State St. in Scullion Hall for a reunion with classmates and staff. If you cannot be in Salem that evening, please be ready to make a pledge toward our fundraising efforts that evening when you are called. The future of St. Paul School is in our hands, and together we can solidify its future.



Students on SMART Board



Pre school students at play



Creation banners by 4th graders

Note from Father Thomas C. Eisweirth

Dear Friend(s) of St. Paul School or Parishioner(s) of St. Paul Parish,

I want to thank you for your involvement and/or support of the students in St. Paul School. The education and sharing of our faith with the youth in our community has been part of the ministry of St. Paul Parish for one hundred and five years. That ministry is possible only through your support.

This year we celebrate a new mascot that better reflects our relationship with Jesus, the Christ. *The Vindicator* stated in an article dated October 24, 2009, "The penguin is out and the panther is in at St. Paul School." Since medieval times the panther has often been used as a symbol for Christ. During the past two years Mrs. Bauman and a team from our school have worked very hard to find words to express our Christ-centered approach to education. They unveiled the new mascot in an effort to better depict the mission of our school within the community. We have a unique Christian approach to education that is reflected in every aspect of our school. The students learn to celebrate diversity and to appreciate the differences that exist between individuals.

We invite you to pray with us and to attend Mass with our school community on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul Church. The whole school gathers each week to celebrate Eucharist. The students proclaim the scripture readings, lead the singing and participate fully in the liturgy. Please join in our weekly celebration!

We invite your financial support for our school. We are in need of funds to help with the daily operation of our school. You can make a donation directly to the school for this purpose. We are also in need of tuition assistance for students, whose families are experiencing financial difficulty. The St. Paul School Foundation has helped the school in many ways though the years and donation to them is always a help to St. Paul School.

We invite you to visit our school and see the many good things that are happening there. Thank you for your support in any way or any amount!

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Thomas C. Eisweirth
Pastor



Father Tom



A Note from the Principal

Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life

The 2010 National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) Catholic Schools' Week theme is Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life. The theme of this week-long celebration draws attention to the many benefits of Catholic education.

In these tough economic times we are reminded that the dividends of faith, knowledge, discipline, and morals are dividends that pay throughout a person's life. Families and communities count on Catholic schools, in general, and St. Paul School specifically, to instill values such as these in the next generation of students.



Patricia Bauman

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recent pronouncement states:

Our vision is clear: our Catholic schools are a vital part of the teaching mission of the church. The challenges ahead are many, but our spirit and will to succeed are strong. We...are committed to overcoming these challenges.... We must respond to the challenging times with faith, vision, and the will to succeed because the Catholic school's mission is vital to the future of our young people, our nation, and most especially, our church (USCCB, 2005 p.16).



We need Catholic schools that make a priority of families of all kinds; schools that keep in mind family's needs, and defend its dignity as well as the values on which to build its happiness; and strive to be an effective help in educating the children of these families.

As we strive at St. Paul School to live out our mission of educating the mind, body, and spirit of each child, we teach with the understanding that the education of the human person includes all dimensions: human, intellectual, spiritual and religious, and cultural.

Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Education, supports the important role Catholic schools play in the effort to provide an educational environment that helps form free persons—persons who are able to choose good, when faced with so many obstacles to freedom - materialism, drugs, moral decisions, etc. In a world filled with terrorism and hate, wars, conflict, Catholic schools still are able to teach respect toward each person; love, forgiveness, reconciliation and dialogue.

As we look toward the future of Catholic education in Columbiana County we see a willingness of the parish to support the school as much as possible emotionally, spiritually, and financially but servicing a community of declining population, employment, and income. We are experiencing many families who want a Catholic education for their children but are financially struggling to meet basic needs.

We are helping about 15% of the families through the generosity of the St. Paul School Foundation's educational scholarships. However, several families inquiring about enrolling their children in the school chose not to because of the financial burden it would cause them.

The St. Paul Home and School Association also works tirelessly to raise \$20,000 each year to help with teacher's salaries and other needs of the school. The school faculty, staff and families are also working the Bingo kitchen weekly to pay operation expenses of the school that tuition does not cover.

I am confident that there is a need for Catholic education in Columbiana County in the near and distant future and I am hoping that you will support the future of St. Paul School through your emotional, spiritual and financial support.

If you are a member of Facebook, I hope you consider joining the Salem, St. Paul School Alumni and Friends Group. You might reconnect with some former classmates and friends.

Patricia Bauman, Principal

Mrs. Patricia Bauman



St. Paul Unveils New School Mascot

St. Paul School unveiled its new mascot when the Home & School Association hosted a "Pep Rally" on October 14th to meet the new mascot and learn about the panther as a symbol of Christ. The St. Paul School Foundation provided school shirts with the new logo for all St. Paul School students, teachers and staff.



Panther pep rally

It is hoped that the selection of a sage panther will allow the school to be more clearly identified with its important work. "During the last two years we have worked to find the words to express our Christ-centered approach to education," says Saint Paul Principal Patricia Bauman.

The new mascot features a sage blue leopard seemingly radiating golden rays atop a shield displaying the school's name and a cross. The objective was to create a symbol to personify the 105-year-old school's important traditions in a current and unique manner. Using the school's blue and gold colors within the context of the shield, the message is one of strength.



Pre school & kindergartners with lil' panther



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