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Dear Alumni, Former Students, and Friends of St. Paul School, and St. Paul Parishioners,

Many good things have happened at St. Paul School in the past year. Former students, current and former staff, parents, grandparents, and friends celebrated the school's 110th anniversary as a beacon of Catholic education in northern Columbiana and southern Mahoning counties. Enrollment increased for the first time in a number of years. A successful marketing effort boosted the school's visibility in the community. The first St. Paul School golf scramble raised nearly enough money to cover annual tuition for two students. And St. Paul School continued, with renewed vigor, to educate the minds, bodies, and spirits of children whose families value faith-centered education. On a sad note, Anthony DeCrow, Jr., one of the driving forces to establish the St. Paul School Foundation and its first president, passed away in March. His vision and foresight are paying huge dividends today as the foundation serves an expanding role in financing school operations.

When the foundation was established in 1990, its emphasis was to provide financial support for academic programs and capital improvements that enhanced students' educational experience. At that time and for many years, foundation trustees viewed school operational expenses to be covered by tuition, the parish subsidy, and other sources of school income.

However, since 2008 the role of the foundation has, out of necessity, evolved significantly. It has now provided a portion of school operating funds for five

of the last seven years. The foundation is blessed with financial resources to meet expenses left by the school's income gap. But the foundation's resources are not limitless. St. Paul School will need ongoing financial assistance in order to continue offering children of the Salem area a faith-based elementary education.

Please consider a generous donation to the school or the foundation that is commensurate with your means and the role that St. Paul School has played in your life. This might be for receiving a solid scholastic or faith foundation, for nurturing what has become a life-long friendship, or for finding inspiration from a favorite teacher. Ten suggestions for providing financial support are listed on page 11. Online giving is now available. Your contribution will be deeply appreciated and put to good use.

So much has happened at St. Paul in the last year that the 2014 edition of this newsletter has expanded to 12 pages. We hope you will read and enjoy its contents, and that they bring a sense of pride for being part of the 110 year-old St. Paul School family.

In grateful appreciation,

The St. Paul School Foundation



A Letter from the Pastor...

Dear Friends of St. Paul School,

Congratulations on the 110th anniversary of St. Paul School! Many students have been educated at St. Paul School during our 110-year history. Those students had parents, guardians, religious and lay teachers and principals, bus drivers, cooks and kitchen help, custodians, crossing guards and pastors. St. Paul parishioners have been exceedingly faithful in their support of our school, its students, faculty and staff. I feel very grateful for the faith, prayer, time and hard work of all these people.

When people share their experiences of St. Paul School, they grab my attention. Like the father who said, "My son was one of those Protestant kids who came to St. Paul School." Or, "I didn't know



Father Edwards distributes communion at the weekly children's Mass.

Mr. Plegge was your custodian. He coached me for wrestling." Countless people come to the parish center (old convent) and reminisce, "I remember Sister Hildegarde taught me piano in this room." Also, "Sister Ernestine and

Sister Maureen were so nice."

The person responsible for all these lessons and memories is Jesus Christ. He is the foundation underlying the commitment of all these people. Ideally, our involvement with St. Paul School brings us closer to Jesus. Our purpose in life is to "know, love and serve God in this life and to be happy with Him forever in heaven," the seasoned veterans of St. Paul School can testify. The current work of the New Evangelization is still aimed at proclaiming this message. I thank God that we can be the people who, by our prayers and support, help continue the history of St. Paul Parish and School.

God bless you and your loved ones,

Father Bob Edwards

Foundation News

School Support 2013-2014

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the foundation contributed \$92,120 in direct support of St. Paul School, its students, and staff. Of this total, \$50,000 went to school operations—salaries, benefits, building maintenance, and utilities—and \$25,000 to tuition assistance, a 108 percent increase from 2012-2013. These two amounts accounted for 12 percent of the school budget. Including the current (2014-2015) fiscal year, the foundation has helped the school meet shortfalls in revenue from tuition, the parish subsidy, and other income during five of the last seven years.

Last year's support also included \$5,000 for a school-wide technology upgrade and \$12,120 for school marketing and staff appreciation. Since 2004, the foundation has contributed nearly \$550,000 in direct support of school operations, academic programs, students-in-need, capital improvements, and building maintenance.



Anthony DeCrow, Jr., 1950-2014



Anthony DeCrow, Jr.

Anthony DeCrow, Jr., '64, a driving force to create the St. Paul School Foundation, died at his home in Salem, Ohio, on March 20, 2014.

Anthony's concern for St. Paul School led him and 14 other charter members, with encouragement from then principal Mike Marshall, to establish the foundation in 1990. It was founded in honor of his father Anthony DeCrow, Sr.

One year before his death, Anthony discussed the foundation's history. He explained that the founders were motivated by a commitment to Catholic education and a desire to improve the school, provide financial stability, and give students a better educational experience. Hundreds of St. Paul students and friends have benefited from this legacy.

Anthony graduated from West Branch High (1968) and Youngstown State University with bachelor's (1972) and master's (1976) degrees in business.

His mother, Libby DeCrow, daughter Sarah Zerbs, '97, son Anthony (TJ) DeCrow III, '98, siblings Joe DeCrow, '62, Loretta Connolly, '68, and Steve DeCrow, '69, and his former wife Lynn DeCrow survive. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

Senior Scholarships



Frederick Schlueter

In May, the foundation awarded \$10,700 in financial assistance to nine 2014 high school graduates for their first year of post-secondary education.

The first-place winner was Frederick Schlueter from West Branch High School, who attends the University of Dallas. Runners-up, their high schools, and the universities they attend are: John Cappuzzello, Salem, Kent State; Mary Ann Cappuzzello, Salem, Kent State; Anthony Dermotta, Cardinal Mooney, Ohio U.; Mikayla Englert, United Local, Kent State; Nathan Garofalo, Columbiana, Mount Union; Emma Presley, Western Reserve Academy, U. of Colorado; Max Wolfgang, Salem, Indiana U.; and Cassandra Wood, Salem, U. of Toledo. All are 2008 graduates of St. Paul School.

Since initiating the scholarship in 1995, the foundation has awarded \$60,550 to 90 St. Paul graduates. See the foundation web page for a complete list of recipients since 1995.

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A Note from the Principal...by David Pancurak



David Pancurak

Over the last two years as principal, I have had the privilege of listening to many stories from alumni about the relationships they started at St. Paul School. I heard from one gentleman about the time he and a friend were told to stay after school and write on the board over and over how they were to behave in class. However, the two young boys instead went down the block to their basketball practice. In the middle of practice, the doors to the gym swung open and the nun marched straight onto the court, grabbed one boy by the ear and took him back to school to receive his punishment while his friend hid under the bleachers. Year after year

relationships are created and stories are built in the hallways of St. Paul School.

Do you remember your friends and the stories you created when in class, walking these halls, going on field trips or eating lunch? Those relationships are one of our best marketing tools to help promote St. Paul School. When graduates go to middle school and then onto high school, our teachers always hear how well they represent St. Paul



Principal David Pancurak shares a light-hearted moment with sixth graders. From left they are Della Toliver, Sara Heestand, Jacob McLachlan, and Manny Heestand.

School. Every year we hear, “You know, he/she is from St. Paul because he/she _____.” (Fill in the blank with a compliment for what that child said or did.)

Graduates that now have children are sending their kids to St. Paul School to receive the same quality Catholic education. They are proud to be alumni of St. Paul School, and they tell others that the groundwork for their future success was laid at St. Paul’s.

With all of the potential marketing from our alumni, St. Paul School should have no problem continuing to grow and succeed for many years to come. Let’s continue to build lifelong relationships and create memorable stories.

School News

Enrollment Increases

The number of students attending St. Paul for 2014-2015 grew by five over last school year. Enrollment from preschool through grade six stands at 99. Though modest, this increase is significant. Principal David Pancurak attributes it to:

- Word-of-mouth. Parents have noted a renewed dedication at St. Paul to fulfill its mission to educate the mind, body and spirit in an enjoyable learning environment.

- Community outreach. Mr. Pancurak visited 13 preschools in a 10-mile radius of St. Paul in early 2014 to ask that parents consider sending their children to St. Paul kindergarten. Mr. Greg Arcuri, a member of the St. Paul School Foundation and the parish finance council complemented this by promoting St. Paul School at surrounding parishes. In addition, Math Night at Salem Giant Eagle and STREAM Night at the school helped to increase community awareness of St. Paul.

- School tours. Outreach efforts spawned inquiries from interested families that then visited and toured St. Paul.

- Social media. Photos of students’ classroom work, field trips, community

involvement projects, and religious activities were posted several times a week on the St. Paul School Facebook page.

These efforts will continue in order to increase enrollment in the 2015-16 school year.

Students Travel to State Geography and Science Competitions

Three St. Paul students qualified for two state-level academic competitions last spring. Colleen Bungard contended in the state geography bee, while Jacob McLachlan and Nicholas Scarpitti vied in the state science day sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science. Both were held in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Bungard, a sixth grade student, won the school geography bee and passed a written exam to earn the right to compete in the state capital. Jacob won first place among fifth graders for his project on how dissolved salt affects the density of water. Nick was tops in the sixth grade class for his project on designing and racing computer robots. Both were selected to participate at the regional science day at

Youngstown State University where each received superior ratings, earning Jacob and Nick a trip to Columbus.



St. Paul School Science Fair winners, Jacob McLachlan and Nicholas Scarpitti.

Respect Life Kickoff

On September 24, St. Paul students joined the parish life ministry to kick off the 2014 Forty Days for Life campaign with Mass followed by a balloon launch. This national interfaith campaign seeks to win over hearts and minds of Americans to respect all human life from conception to natural death and bring an end to abortion.

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Graduation Day 2014

Eleven happy and enthusiastic sixth graders received their diplomas on June 4 following graduation Mass in St. Paul Church. Appropriately for the occasion, *Enter the Journey* was the celebration's gathering hymn.

Celebrant and homilist Reverend Stephen Wassie noted that graduation is a time to reflect on how each student reached this milestone and to look forward to the next. Father Wassie urged the graduates to continue the good work they accomplished at St. Paul in their future endeavors. "God will be with you to guide you and strengthen you," he assured them.

Mrs. JoAnn Barto, sixth grade teacher, presented the graduates and congratulated them on learning to be part of a team both in class and on playing fields. When they arrived at St. Paul, a parent was holding their hand, she reminded them. Now, as parents let go of one hand, God continues holding onto the other. But, she told her students,



Graduates from the St. Paul School class of 2014 pose in front of a mural of St. Paul Church and School that they created under the guidance of computer and art instructor JC Williams. From left the graduates are Theodore (TJ) Pittman, Nicholas Scarpitti, Zachary Murray, Colleen Bungard, Carolyn Scarpitti, Abigail George, Andrea Fitch, Brianna Horvath, Bailey Price, Damien Phillips, and Jaden McFarland.

they can now use their free hand to bring others along as they have been taught to do at St. Paul.

Principal David Pancurak presented the Christian Witness Award to Andrea Fitch, Brianna Horvath, Jaden McFarland, and Damien Phillips. The award is based on respect for authority, classmates, school policy and property; a positive attitude; willingness to volunteer

and help others; and several other criteria.

Family, friends, teachers, and students later gathered for a fun-filled afternoon in the school. The program included a slide show featuring "now and then" photos of the graduates, awards, and idealistic and humorous oral musings centered around the notion "if I were in charge of the world."

What St. Paul School Means to the Graduates

One day before graduation, we asked St. Paul sixth graders to share their thoughts on what St. Paul School has meant to them. Here is what they said.

"St. Paul's has given me a good education, but more importantly, I don't think I would be as close to God if I had gone somewhere else." – **Colleen Bungard**

"I have gained more knowledge of Jesus Christ. I have learned how to be a leader and I've learned to include everyone." – **Brianna Horvath**

"I have gained great friends forever. This school has taught me that you need to work for your grades and friends. If I had to choose a school, St. Paul would be number one." – **Annie Fitch**

"I have gained many things from St. Paul School, for example, an excellent education. I have learned about what the Church teaches, and I have met wonderful friends. My teachers have also helped me with things I did not understand." – **Abby George**



Collen Bungard serving as lector at the 2014 graduation Mass.

"I have learned new words and the definition of these words. I have made many friends in all the grades. To me, St. Paul School means that we are all one in mind, body, and spirit." – **Jaden McFarland**

"I have gained a lot of thought about my faith and have grown closer to God. St. Paul let me learn and do better in my work. I'm glad to be here and meet many people and have great friends." – **Zach Murray**

"St. Paul School means fun, responsibility, and helpfulness. I say this because I have had a lot of fun with all of my classes, and everyone helps each other when they need it." – **TJ Pittman**

"I've become better at school. I've learned that you always must try your best. I've learned to be more respectful. I've learned to always walk with God." – **Bailey Price**

"I will miss Mrs. Baranovich's food and all the teachers' kindness. I have gained the ability to trust one another. I have gained respect for nature." – **Damien Phillips**

"During my years at St. Paul, I greatly increased my faith and religion. Also, I gained many great friends and awesome teachers. St. Paul School is the best school ever!" – **Carly Scarpitti**

"I have learned that studying hard pays off in the end. I also learned that you can't change who you are. If you try to, you are cheating yourself. Lastly, I have learned that friends are like family and I will not forget them." – **Nick Scarpitti**

Alumni Reflections... *by Kelli Crouse Jorz '97*



Kelli Jorz

My St. Paul School education is precious to me and my family. It is an education where faith, knowledge, and family are interwoven to help students reach their highest potential.

All faculty go beyond teaching the core curriculum by communicating every day the importance of Catholic values and morals through a faith-based education.

This faith-based education prepares students to be successful in the home, high school, college, and ultimately the workplace. It allows students to discover and develop academic strengths, while

deepening their commitment to social and moral responsibilities.

My educational experiences at St. Paul School have resulted in wonderful childhood memories. They also inspired me to pursue opportunities within the field of education where I would be able to positively impact the lives of others, just like my teachers did for me and so many more.

Over the past six years, I have been working with students ranging from grades pre-K to 12, first as a kindergarten teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina, and currently through educational work at the Cleveland Clinic.

My classroom experiences with my teachers at St. Paul School – Mrs. Barto, Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Clapsadle, Mrs. Fieldhouse, Ms. Shivers, Mrs. Tedeschi, and Mrs. Tolson – have shaped who I am

today as an educator. Students from the kindergarten class that I taught were even impacted by the kindness of Mrs. Bauman, who shared some of her materials with me to prepare for my first classroom.

It is easy for anyone to see that the value of a St. Paul School education goes far beyond academics. It is a community where faith, knowledge, and family are lived and taught. I will be forever grateful to St. Paul School and its teachers and staff.

Kelli Crouse Jorz is the manager for academic affairs and school-based programming at the Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives. She works to improve health and wellness, promote academic achievement, and foster career preparedness for students in grades pre-K through 12.

Alumni News

Academic Achievements

- Former students from the St. Paul class of 2008 who graduated at the top of their high school class last spring are **Michael Anzevino**, **Max Wolfgang**, and **Cassandra Wood** from Salem High; **Mikayla Englert**, United Local; **Kate Lowry** and **Frederick Schlueter**, West Branch. Schlueter was also class salutatorian.

- Nine students from the St. Paul School class of 2009 were inducted into the National Honor Society at their high schools last spring. They are **Abbie Gallagher** from Crestview; **Jacob Bezon**, **Seth Brine**, **Emily Ehrenberg**, **Katharine Paumier**, and **Anna Shivers**, Salem; **Grace George**, South Range; **Gabrielle Sanor** and **Daniel Schlueter**, West Branch.

- Dominic Righetti** and **Max Wolfgang**, both '08, were recognized as Heads Above the Rest by the Columbiana County Educational Service Center for scoring 30 or higher on the American College Test (ACT). This score put them in the top five percent nationally of those taking the ACT.

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Athletic Achievements



Julia Dundon

- Julia Dundon**, '09, led the Salem High girls' basketball team last season with most points per game and most steals. She was on the winning 800-meter relay team at the Division II district track championships last spring. Julia has also been a standout in girls soccer all four years in high school.

- For the 2014 high school volleyball coaches awards, **Maria Shivers**, '10, from Salem High was named District 1, Division II player of the year. **Abbie Gallagher**, '09, from Crestview High, was named to the Division III second team.

- Two St. Paul graduates were recognized with Salem High varsity track awards. **Anna Shivers**, '09, earned most valuable performer in middle distance running while **Cassandra Wood**, '08, had the highest team grade point average.

- Salem High quarterback **Matt Weingart**, '10, broke the school single game passing record with 423 yards in a 37-36 win over Canton South on Oct. 24.

Career Achievements



Joseph Shivers

- Dr. Joseph Shivers**, '62, was named superintendent of Salem public schools effective August 1, 2014. Previously he served as principal of Salem High, 2006-2014, and held administrative positions at Columbiana and East Palestine schools. His first teaching assignment was eighth grade at St. Paul School during the 1972-1973 school year.



Sean Morrissey

- Sean Morrissey**, '98, accepted a position in August as assistant professor of art at the University of Arkansas. His artistic style currently focuses on "the contemporary American landscape, dealing with population, identity, land use and consumerism," according to his website. Sean's work has been seen in New York, Pittsburgh, Boston, and Italy among many other exhibition venues. One of Sean's earliest mentors was the late Roseanne Ventresco, former art instructor at St. Paul.

St. Paul School Celebrates 110th Anniversary!

Over 120 parishioners, current staff, former students and teachers, and friends of St. Paul School gathered in Scullion Hall (the school gym) on August 23, 2014, to celebrate the school's 110th anniversary of its founding in 1904. The gathering was hosted by the St. Paul School Foundation. Mrs. Gina Dermotta, foundation board member, a class of 1979 graduate, and a staunch advocate of Catholic education served as chairwoman of the event. Mr. Frank Zamarelli, class of 1976 and president of the foundation, emceed the celebration.

"Every year that St. Paul School is open is a celebration of Catholic education," said Mrs. Dermotta. "We are so fortunate in the Salem community to have a Catholic preschool through grade six with increasing attendance. It is a symbol that families are making a commitment and a priority for their children to come here. Having the dinner is a great opportunity to celebrate and visit among alumni, friends and former staff members. I can't say thank you enough to all that helped to put this celebration together."

During the program, Mr. Zamarelli, provided an overview of the foundation's work. David Pancurak, school principal, discussed technology upgrades in classrooms, improvements to security, and an increase in enrollment for the first time in a number of years as a result of an aggressive marketing and outreach effort. Guests watched a video of The Most Reverend George V. Murry, SJ, Bishop of the Diocese Youngstown, speaking of the value of Catholic schools. As they socialized before dinner, those in attendance also enjoyed perusing tables filled with old photos and school memorabilia and viewing a slideshow of recent school activities assembled by Mr. JC Williams, the school computer and art teacher.

Zamarelli also recognized all St. Paul teachers, past and present, foundation board members, and former students in attendance. One was Matilda "Tillie" Hurray Tolson the oldest known former St. Paul student. Tillie graduated from St. Paul School in 1929.

Assisting Mrs. Dermotta to plan, organize, and set up the anniversary dinner were Lisa Bezon, David Pancurak, David Plegge, Kathy Scarpitti, J.C. Williams, Frank Zamarelli, and Glory Zamarelli.



Some of the 120 former students, staff, and friends of St. Paul School that celebrated the school's 110th anniversary.



Parish priests and principals were some of the notable guests. From left, Rev. Robert Edwards, pastor; David Pancurak, current principal; former principals Carolyn Hammer, Patricia Bauman, and Sister Mary Ann Spangler, HM; and Rev. Stephen Wassie, priest-in-residence.



Frank Zamarelli, '76, Libby DeCrow, mother of the foundation's first president, Anthony Decrow, Jr., and Gina Dermotta, '79, event chair.



Dorothy Tolson Stahl, '66 and her mother, Matilda Hurray Tolson '29, the most senior known living St. Paul graduate.



From left, Mary Caye Mauro Bixler, '66, Karen Crouse, and John and Kathryn Arsufi.



St. Paul classmates Gary Cosgrove and Jim Simick, both '62. Jim travelled from Fairfax, VA, to attend.

More Photos from the 110th Anniversary Celebration



Jason Dietrich; Misty Dietrich, St. Paul math and science teacher; Jed Campbell; Diane Campbell, St. Paul math and reading teacher; and Nate Colvin.



*Father Bob Edwards,
pastor of St. Paul Parish.*



Former St. Paul principal, Sister Mary Ann Spangler, HM, Dennis Bungard and his wife Dr. Laurie Penix, parents of a 2014 St. Paul graduate and a current student.



Joyce Lowry Laughlin, '43; Ann Dugas Coy, '43, a former foundation board member, and mother of two and grandmother of three former St. Paul students; and James Laughlin.



John Scarpitti, father of two recent St. Paul graduates, Rob McCulloch, charter member of the foundation, and his wife Deb McCulloch. Rob and Deb are parents of three St. Paul graduates.



Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner prepared by A Catered Affair in Salem.



*Father Steve Wassie,
priest-in-residence.*



Saint Paul parishioners Virginia and Ed Toot whose three grandchildren graduated from St. Paul.



From left, Diane Waterbeck Robison, '99, Suzanne Waterbeck, '03, Alma and Sal Apicella, Wavelene Arnold and Lauren Arnold, '99. The Apicellas have six children and eight grandchildren who attended St. Paul School.



Sally Steffel Flanigan, '53, former St. Paul teacher and mother of three St. Paul grads, Ralph Flanigan, '65, Patty Keefer, mother of a St. Paul grad, and Mark Equizi, '65, a foundation board member.



Rita Joseph O'Leary, '52, a foundation board member, and former St. Paul School principal, Sister Mary Ann Spangler, HM.

Thanks to Rita O'Leary for most of the photos of the 110th anniversary dinner.

Featured Teacher: Mrs. Clara Tolson, Kindergarten

As a young girl growing up in Lisbon, Ohio, Clara Tolson always wanted to be a teacher. Even while playing with dolls at an early age, she made believe the dolls were in school. When she attended school and observed teachers at work, she was inspired by many, but was certain she could do better than some to help each child learn and love school.

Clara Tolson has dedicated her career to teaching the children of St. Paul School. Since 1980, with a few years off to raise her two children, she has nurtured and educated over 600 St. Paul students. "I always loved children. I love their energy [and] enthusiasm... I understand the little ones," Mrs. Tolson



Mrs. Clara Tolson with her kindergarten class on the first day of the 2014-2015 school year.

Faith Formation at St. Paul

They pray together as a school three times each day. They attend Mass as a student body weekly. Once a year each class makes a religious retreat. As second graders, they receive their First Reconciliation and First Communion. They participate in special events such as 40 Days for Life and the Mass for anointing of the sick. They are altar servers, lectors, and choir members. They are taught that living their faith means conducting themselves as good citizens and respecting others.

Faith formation and educating the



St. Paul students launch balloons to mark the start of the 2014 Forty Days for Life campaign.

noted with a big smile in her brightly decorated classroom.

Though she began at St. Paul teaching first grade, most of her time has been as the kindergarten instructor. "I enjoy planning the activities and seeing the love of learning in the eyes of the children," she answered when asked what she likes most about teaching kindergarten.

There are challenges, too. Meeting the needs of each child in spite of all their individual differences is a demanding part of the job. So is the four to eight hours that she devotes each weekend to planning and readying materials for the coming week.

Mrs. Tolson holds a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Kent State University. But she is quick to credit her teaching and administrative colleagues throughout the years. "Each has helped me to become the teacher I am today," she stated. Her top role model is her mother



Mrs. Tolson, center, with siblings Susan '06, and Anthony Nunzir, '08, two of her former students, at Anthony's high school graduation party. She receives many First Communion and graduation invitations, and loves when former students visit her at St. Paul.

whose prayerful life gives her the strength to face life's ups and downs. Raised in a strong Catholic family where religion was always a big part of her life, Mrs. Tolson feels blessed to be able to share her faith with her students.

Her fondest memory of St. Paul is how all of the kids have left a part of themselves in her life, whether it be their smiles, hugs, tears, or love for learning. She is especially moved when former students stop by the school to visit, give a warm and nostalgic sigh, and say to her, 'I loved kindergarten.'

Reunions 2014

St. Paul students from the classes of 1965 (top) and 1970 gathered for photos at their high school reunions last summer.



Front L to R: Denise Colian Zangara, Marcia Barr Abbot, Peggy Stone Seimer, Marcia Snyder, Leslie Landwert Bush, Barb Hurray Hess, Linda Belich Miller, Mary Jean Mundy Cubbage. Back: John Shivers, Nile Beltempo, Tom Emmerling, Joe Sabatino, Dennis Scullion.



L to R: Mark Hurray, Dave Warren, Nancy Scullion, Mark Watterson, Barb Coy Wagner, Len Batcha.

spirit permeate students' lives at St. Paul School. From scripture readings and classroom prayers at the beginning of the day to prayers before and after lunch, to reciting the Confiteor on the public address system prior to dismissal, there is a daily rhythm of prayer and faith at St. Paul.

Students receive religious instruction at a minimum for a half-hour daily. Each class covers the same topics, although some topics receive greater emphasis in certain grades, such as the Eucharist in grade two and the Commandments in grade five. In all classes, teachers emphasize the importance of making right choices in the context of the Catholic faith. Faith formation and educating the spirit remain centerpieces of the St. Paul School curriculum.

First Annual Golf Scramble

The first annual St. Paul School golf scramble held on September 6 was a big success! Ninety-six golfers teed off in an early morning shotgun start at the Copeland Hills course in Columbiana, Ohio. Mr. Chick Ashton, a long-time educator in Lisbon, Ohio, spearheaded the event. Mrs. Joanne Ashton, his wife, donated and prepared the lunch.

Mr. Ashton, a member of St. Jude Parish in Columbiana, organized the outing because of his strong belief in the value of Catholic education. Others on Mr. Ashton's committee were Father Bob Edwards, pastor of St. Paul Parish, George Begalla, '60, Bing Newton, David Pancurak, the St. Paul School principal, and David Plegge, '66. St. Paul School staff also helped to run the event. The outing earned nearly \$5,000 for the school. Sponsors and others who donated generously are listed below.

All American Tent Rental
 Greg Arcuri
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 George Begalla, '60
 Butech Bliss
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 Lion and the Lamb
 Mark's Landing
 Mary's Pizza
 Morgan's Drug Store
 Bing Newton
 Patriot Water Treatment
 Dave Pancurak, St. Paul School Principal
 Jim Pancurak, Snyders/Lance
 Charlie and Kathy Presley
 Jon and Betty Reynolds
 Salem Boxing Club
 Sanor Insurance Agency
 Sparkle Market, Columbiana
 Stadium Chevrolet
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 Teachers and Staff of St. Paul School



The winning foursome, L to R, Eric Sevenich, Greg Reed, Frank Fife, and Jim Foreman, a 1954 St. Paul graduate.



Some of the 24 four-person teams about to head out for the first annual St. Paul School golf scramble.



St. Paul parishioners, L to R, Bob Huffman, Dave Roberts, and Gary Schaefer ready to enjoy 18 holes of golf.

**Mark your calendars for the
 2nd annual St. Paul School golf
 scramble on September 12, 2015!**

School News (from p. 3)

Math and STREAM Nights

St. Paul School held Math Night at the Salem Giant Eagle supermarket and STREAM Night at the school last spring. Both events combined classroom learning with real-world applications and helped to create more public awareness of the school.

For Math Night students from preschool through grade six completed different shopping assignments at the store such as selecting ingredients for dinner while adhering to a budget. STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, art, math) Night consisted of 30 different activities throughout the school conducted by the fifth and sixth graders that illustrated and explained STREAM principles. Nearly 200 people attended, including the students.

Alum Visits Classes

Anthony Dermotta, '08, and a 2014 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High, visited each St. Paul class this spring. He related how his experience at St. Paul helped build character and set him up for success in high school. Anthony encouraged students to cherish and value their opportunity to attend St. Paul School.

American Sign Language Class

Based on popular demand, St. Paul is again offering American sign language (ASL) as a one hour per week after-school elective. Besides learning the fundamentals of signing and gaining respect for the hearing-impaired, last year's students performed songs at the school Christmas and spring programs as well as at nursing homes. Thirty-one students participated in ASL last school year.

CALLING ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL

St. Paul School wants to know those who, among its nearly 4,000 former living and deceased students, have served honorably in the U.S. military. The school hopes to create a memorial wall with the names of service members. If you have served on active, reserve, or National Guard or e-mail the school (see page 1 for contact information) and provide your name and branch of service. If you know who also have served, please contact the school with this information. You may also use the foundation's online contact information form. A link to the form can be found on www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/foundation. Thank you.



To donate online, visit www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/donate to give directly to St. Paul School or www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/foundation to give to the St. Paul School Foundation.

St. Paul School Foundation Donors - July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014

The St. Paul School Foundation gratefully acknowledges all who have donated to the foundation since its inception in 1990. Space limits us here to listing donors between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014. Benefactors contributed \$45,995 during this period. The St. Paul School community deeply and sincerely appreciates this outpouring of generosity.

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- Names of those who donated in memory of Mr. John "Jack" Webb will appear in the 2015 edition.
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Irene Arnold
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Ten Ways to Support St. Paul School Financially

There are many ways to support St. Paul School financially. Several are even fun! This summarizes how to help the school meet its fiscal needs.

- 1. Send your children and grandchildren to St. Paul School and encourage others to do the same.**
- 2. Donate directly to St. Paul School.** Donors known as 'tuition angels' give directly to the school for tuition assistance. Some give to meet other immediate needs. All donations are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to 925 East State Street, Salem, OH 44460 or made online by visiting www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/donate.
- 3. Donate to St. Paul Church.** A significant portion of the St. Paul School operating budget is provided by a parish subsidy. Parishioners can help to ensure that the church has sufficient funds for this subsidy by donating generously in the offertory collection each week. All donations are fully tax-deductible.
- 4. Donate to the St. Paul School Foundation.** The foundation provides financial support for the educational programs, facilities and students of St. Paul School. It is governed by a board of trustees. Unless specified by a benefactor that their donation be used immediately, gifts to the foundation are invested for long-term financial growth to benefit the school at a later date. Foundation funds are awarded upon a majority vote of the trustees at the request of the principal, pastor or a trustee. Since 2004, the foundation has contributed nearly \$550,000 to support St. Paul School. To donate online go to www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/foundation. Donations are fully tax-deductible.
- 5. Support fundraising by the St. Paul Home and School Association (HSA).** This group of parents sponsors five annual events—the Pasta Bowl, a 10-week raffle, a spaghetti dinner during Catholic School Week, an Easter candy sale, and a spring fling—to raise its annual goal of \$12,000 for the school. Much of this money supports fine arts activities. HSA regularly makes additional donations to the school throughout the year.
- 6. Support special fundraising efforts of St. Paul School.** The school itself sponsors fundraisers. Earlier this year a golf outing and a day to receive 15 percent of gross receipts at Bob Evans Restaurant were two such events.
- 7. Support special fundraising efforts of St. Paul Church.** The church sells gift cards for use at retail and dining establishments and receives a percentage of each sale. Parishioners are strongly encouraged to purchase these gift cards. The church also holds monthly raffles with prizes donated by parishioners such as Cleveland Browns tickets, dinner for two, and other prizes.
- 8. Make a bequest to the church, school, or foundation.**
- 9. Designate the church, school or foundation for memorial donations upon one's passing.**
- 10. PLAY BINGO** on Tuesdays at St. Paul! Bingo generates between \$60,000 and \$70,000 annually for the parish. Half of the proceeds go to St. Paul School.

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In Memoriam...

Former St. Paul students known to have died between November 20, 2013, and November 20, 2014, and their class years are listed below. May their souls rest in the peace of Christ. We regret any omissions.

Joseph Armeni	1940
Molly Hamilton Bledsoe	1961
Janice Zamora Brockman	1974
Bonnie Layden Danklef	1947
Anthony DeCrow, Jr.	1964
John DiAntonio	1944
Patricia Dutko Echols	1968
Irene Harp Forney	1941
James Harp	1942
James Horstman	1954
James Hunter	1939
Michael J. Ieropoli	1968
Virginia Scullion Kelley	1943
Joseph Kupka	1941
Patricia Steele Landsberger	1962
Nancy Radler Lovretich	1953
Mary C. Scullion Luli	1942
Patsy (Pat) Nocera	1938
Alice Sobona Oana	1937
Thomas Pastier	1947
Peter Pshsniak	1972
John Rottenborn	1948
David Schiller	1974
Helen Karasiewsky Simon	1948
Patricia Loutzenhiser Stoita	1942
Ervin J.Vavrek	1946
Joseph Wendel	1941
John Wright	1967

Alumni News (from p. 5)

• Six of the 12 Charles Fox Medical Scholarships awarded by the Salem High Alumni Association in 2014 went to St. Paul School graduates. They and their fields of study are **Julie Cappuzzello**, '00, nurse anesthesia; **Ann Dombroski**, '00, medicine; **Olivia Mitchley**, '04, pharmacy; **Katharine Scullion**, '02, optometry; **Lauren Shivers**, '03, pharmacy; **Luke Shivers**, '02, medicine.

• **Jocelynn Samu**, '06, earned a place on the president's list at Miami University of Ohio for the spring 2014 semester. This list recognizes undergraduates ranked in the top three percent of their academic division.

Foundation News (from p. 2)

Gift from Centofanti Foundation

In May, the St. Paul School Foundation gratefully accepted a \$10,000 gift from the James and Coralie Centofanti Charitable Foundation. The funds were designated for physical improvement to St. Paul School and were used to enhance building security. James Centofanti was a successful businessman from Canfield, Ohio, who passed away in 2010. He believed strongly in supporting religious and educational organizations, according to his brother Joe Centofanti, a member of the Centofanti Charitable Foundation's board of directors and a 1948 graduate of St. Paul School.

Outreach at Local Parishes

During the spring, foundation board member Greg Arcuri spoke at weekend Masses at eight Catholic churches in the Salem area to encourage parents to send their children to St. Paul School. Besides touting Catholic education, Mr. Arcuri emphasized that financial support is available to those who need help with tuition. His efforts complemented the school marketing campaign to increase enrollment at St. Paul. The churches where he spoke were Our Lady of Lourdes, East Palestine; St. Ann, Sebring; St. George, Lisbon; St. John, Summitville; St. Jude, Columbiana; St. Patrick, Leetonia; St. Paul, Salem; and St. Philip Neri, Dungannon. Mrs. Gina Demotta, also from the foundation, spoke at several Masses that Mr. Arcuri was unable to attend.

'After Hours' Hosted by Foundation

The St. Paul School Foundation hosted the Salem Chamber of Commerce monthly 'after hours' gathering in the school's Scullion Hall on May 8th. This gave members of the business community an opportunity to visit the school and meet its staff and members of the foundation board. It was part of last year's initiative to increase community awareness of St. Paul School. Gina Dermotta and Frank Zamarelli, members of both the chamber and the foundation, organized the event.

St. Paul School Tuition

2014-2015

Kindergarten through Grade Six (cost per year)

Parishioners

One child:	\$2,500
Two children:	\$4,300
Three or more children:	\$5,900

Non-parishioners

One child:	\$4,600
Two children:	\$7,300

Preschool

(cost per child per month*)

Two mornings per week:	\$90
Three mornings per week:	\$115
Five afternoons per week:	\$165

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

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.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week runs from Sunday, January 25 to Saturday January 31, 2015. St. Paul School will mark the annual celebration with an open house, spaghetti dinner, family night, and service projects. Mark your calendars and watch for activities at Catholic schools in your area.

Christmas Ornament Sale



St. Paul School is selling Christmas ornaments that commemorate its 110th anniversary. Cost is \$12 for one or two for \$20.

Contact the school for details. Sorry, no mail orders will be taken.