



ST. PAUL SCHOOL *Foundation* NEWSLETTER

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“Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects — because development is the results of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on.” -Pope Francis

Dear St. Paul Community,

The St. Paul School Foundation asked ten St. Paul School graduates from different decades to reflect on their most significant lesson learned from their St. Paul School education that remained with them during their lives or to provide the most positive experience they had at St. Paul School. We also asked alumna Sandra Ciotti Hunt to write a lengthier set of reflections.

The responses received from these individuals are amazing. It permits one to see the past experiences from another’s eyes and inspires each of us to reflect on our own experiences with St. Paul School, whether it be as a student, family member, or St. Paul School friend. The individuals change, but the experiences continue to mold students into successful individuals to be revered.

Reflection is a tool at our disposal that we as individuals rarely take the time to use. It can be one of the most powerful tools available to individuals to learn from the past and mold their future.

I urge each individual reading this to reflect on your experience with St. Paul School and reflect on how it has impacted your life. We encourage our St. Paul community to visit the St. Paul School website and Facebook page. Join the students’ all family mass during the week and see the positive impact St. Paul School is having on today’s youth.

The St. Paul School Foundation thanks all of you in helping with our mission to assist St. Paul School in educational enhancements and scholarship.

Brook Lee,
St. Paul School Foundation President

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IN MEMORIAM

Thirty-six alumni, a former school secretary and aide, and a former school custodian from the St. Paul School family passed away between November 1, 2022, and October 31, 2023. Their names are listed below along with their class years or periods of service. May their souls rest eternally in the peace of Christ. Please notify the foundation of other alumni, former staff, or volunteers who passed away during this period. We regret any omissions.

Alumni

Thomas W. Bricker 1962
 Lola M. Santini Brown 1962
 Antoinette M. ‘Toni’ Petrucci Casto 1951
 Geoffrey D. Coccia 1977
 Robert W. Conroy 1952
 Rose M. Quinn Corl 1947
 Edna M. Bloor Davidson 1947
 Francis J. Engle 1961
 George C. Equizi 1941
 Gregory J. Equizi 1972
 Steven E. ‘Ed’ Eskay 1956
 Edward P. Fisher 1939
 Deanne M. Lavelle Gabriel 1952
 Jo Ann Altomare Geletich 1953
 Frances Kordan Gunderson 1946
 Thomas F. Harp 1951
 Mary C. Kleinman Henley 1953
 Kenneth A. Hess 1960

William L. Jackson 1966
 Robert K. Jelen 1969
 F. Hayden Johnson 2014
 Charles R. Jones 1950
 Michael G. Karmazin 1972
 George R. Kozar 1943
 Joyce Lowry Laughlin 1943
 Nelson J. Martin 1955
 Margaret A. Gallagher Paulin 1945
 JoAnn M. Lewis Pitman 1973
 Craig A. Pitts 1974
 Anne M. Glista Saunders 1961
 Coletta J. Kleinman Sneddon 1948
 Barbara Lowry Sobotka 1965
 Jacqueline S. Dermotta Steele 1953
 Alice J. Goetz Whitman 1964
 Marie L. Whitman 1984
 Rosemary Walker Ziegler 1960

Former Staff and Volunteers

Alex R. Evans – custodian during the 1970s.

Jeannette M. Mozina – secretary for Principal Mike Marshall in the late 1980s and for Principal Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, HM in the early 1990s; also served as an aide; 15 years of service 1983-1998.

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ALUMNI Reflections

By Sandra Ciotti Hunt — *St. Paul School Class of 1962*



Sister Marie Annetta, HM
at St. Paul School in 1956

I missed almost half of my kindergarten year due to illness. School was a 'vague' place I went to sometimes. On my first day at St. Paul School, I was greeted by Sr. Marie Annetta, my 1st grade teacher. She wore a strange 'costume' with wings and despite the darkness of her garb, there was a sweetness emanating from her. Sister reached down, cupped my hands in hers, and said "welcome." She seemed to know of my

past year's plight and made me feel it was going to be all right. My insecurities vanished as she positively impacted my life. I wanted to be a teacher, just like her, and without knowing the true meaning of the word, I wanted to be kind, just like her.

I fondly recall Sr. Mary Conrad, my 3rd grade teacher, playing whiffle ball with us at recess. I recently found a holy card written to me from Mrs. Marye Fisher, my 6th grade teacher, that contained the most encouraging sentiments. Then there was the choir led by Sr. Marie Annetta that validated for me that with a voice like hers, she had to be an angel.

Being a student at St. Paul made me love school. For years, on the first day of summer vacation I would set up a classroom on my back porch,

complete with chalkboard and student desks. I would line up my dolls and don a make-shift habit and address 'the class' as Sr. Sandi. Of course, one of my 'students' was a nun doll. For a few years I announced I wanted to also be a teaching nun. Ultimately I chose the former.

I would not have become a teacher without the experiences that I had at St. Paul School. The ground work was set there for what would become my career. I felt love and concern for me not only intellectually, but morally and spiritually. I learned the true meaning of giving oneself to benefit others. What extraordinary role models I had that propelled me to become a teacher. I paid attention to God's calling over my life and give Him all the glory for placing me at St. Paul School.

Sandra Ciotti Hunt taught Spanish, French, German, Italian, and English for Students of Other Languages for 45 years in public and private high schools in Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. She also served as a translator for IBM Corporation and a foreign language interpreter for police departments and hospitals. Sandra achieved many honors including Georgia Foreign Language Teacher of the Year (2003); Georgia Teacher of the year finalist in all subjects (1997); Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2002, 1994, 1991); The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Honor Teacher Award (2001); Jennings Scholar (1973); and several county teacher of the year awards. Sandra holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Spanish from Kent State University. She lives in Valdosta, Georgia.



Sandra Ciotti Hunt

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REFLECTIONS

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Following the theme of 'reflections' for this edition of the newsletter, we asked 10 graduates, one from each of 10 decades, to reflect on their time at St. Paul School and to answer the following question: *What is the most significant lesson learned from your St. Paul School education that has remained with you during your life OR what is your most positive experience at St. Paul School?* We hope these reflections will inspire our alumni to reflect on their own time at St. Paul and the positive impact that their St. Paul School education has had on their lives.

Paul Balok, Class of 1939

I'm 99 and still have vivid memories of St. Paul School. I was baptized, confirmed, served as an altar boy, played on the basketball and baseball teams, participated in theater, spelling bees, and sang our school song.* My teachers (I remember Sisters Agnes, Leonardo, Helena, and Virginia) and priests (I remember Fathers Casey, Jones, and Cook) created the foundation upon which I built my faith which has sustained me for all these years.

***School Song (as I recall it):**

"Oh me oh my, we will get there bye and bye. If anyone loves St. Paul School it's me, me, me. Oh me oh my, we will get there bye and bye. If any one loves St. Paul School it's I, I, I."

Eric Murray, Class of 1985

I try to view my personal and professional life through the lens of my faith. I credit my parents and St. Paul School for building a foundation of faith in me that I reflect on quite often, if not daily. St. Paul also gave me the academic foundation to achieve professionally. I now find myself working for a retirement community and it is a privilege to try to do God's work as we care for our seniors. I now view this more as a vocation which makes all aspects of my life, from husband and father to worker, aligned with true purpose.

Patricia Schmidt McNicol, Class of 1949

During my eight years as a student at St. Paul School, we were constantly reminded that "God loves you." That significant truth has stayed with me during my entire life regardless of the circumstances and events, both good and bad. I have found that knowing this strengthens my faith in God's love and mercy for me and each day I am reminded that "God loves me."

Louis Markovich, Class of 1963

I attended St. Paul School grade 1 through 8 graduating 60 years ago. Six classmates were top ten students of the Salem High School graduating class, and four classmates graduated together from the University of Notre Dame. Without a doubt, St. Paul School provided a strong academic foundation. But most important was the religious environment that it provided: attending Mass every day before school began, being an altar server, saying the Rosary at the end of the school day, attending Stations of the Cross during Lent, and much, much more. These have lasted a lifetime for me.

Sister Stella Schmid, HM, Class of 1954

Our education at St. Paul's in the 1950s was holistic and comprehensive. There was an expectation to learn and succeed, to care for and respect one another. This foundation inspired me to become a Sister of Humility of Mary and a nurse for over 65 years.

Lori Zocolo, Class of 1973

Sister Patricia in third grade would often say that God is in His heaven and all's right with the world. I received an excellent education, developed a strong work ethic, made lifelong friends, and was instilled with a belief system in a benevolent and loving God who cares for all of us.

Amy Anderson Hudzik, Class of 1993

St. Paul taught me the most about resilience and persistence. I built a solid foundation there, and I did well, and that foundation really helped me excel throughout my education and beyond. I am grateful for the challenges, as they prepared me for the work that led to my greatest successes.

ALUMNI *Spotlight*



**Joyce Lowry
Laughlin**

Joyce Lowry Laughlin, a member of the St. Paul School Class of 1943, and her late husband, James Laughlin, bequeathed \$33,000 to the St. Paul School Foundation following her passing on January 19, 2023, at age 93. Joyce was a devout, lifelong Catholic who believed strongly in the value of Catholic education. Her husband, a Presbyterian, attended the Saturday vigil Mass faithfully with Joyce at St. Paul Church, and she devotedly attended Sunday services at the Salem Presbyterian Church with him, supporting each other's practice of their faith. The foundation is profoundly grateful for the Laughlins' generosity in support of Catholic education.



Mark Hurray

On June 26th, the City of Bridgman, Michigan, dedicated its recently completed Bridgman Courtyard in loving memory of Mark Hurray (SPS 1970) to recognize his service and contributions to the community. In his dedication remarks, City Manager Jan Ganum paid tribute to Mark, who served as chairman of the Bridgman Planning Commission and made a substantial financial contribution for the courtyard, as "genuine, honest, humble, unassuming, community-minded, and a fundamentally decent human being whom everyone liked." A plaque dedicated to Mark in the courtyard attests to his civic-mindedness and noble spirit. Mark passed away following a brief illness on April 12, 2022.

Georgia McLachlan, Class of 2012

My time at St. Paul School taught me the importance of embracing challenges. Whether it be welcoming challenges in my academic pursuits, or being encouraged to consistently treat others with respect, compassion, and understanding, the St. Paul School community demonstrated to me how to approach life with an open mind. I continue to embrace challenges as they arise in my life.

Andrew Bostwick, Class of 2005

I regularly reflect on my time at St. Paul and how it has shaped my life. I feel a sense of duty to embody the Christian Witness Award's values and to "Go Make A Difference." Those ideals have been the crux of my desire to serve in the military and as a future physician. They continue to guide my growth as a Catholic.

Lucas Dyke, Class of 2020

At St. Paul School, a positive experience I had was learning during a pandemic. My last day of school at St. Paul was March 13, 2020. I spent the rest of the school year learning in front of a screen. My teachers were fully prepared to immediately begin remote learning, which was a very impressive feat. Another bonus was I could also still continue to see my friends everyday on Zoom calls.

“*The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.*”

-Psalm 126:3

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Members of the St. Paul Community,

What an exciting year we have ahead of us at St. Paul School! This year there are 113 students enrolled—thriving and learning with us each day! St. Paul School offers preschool through grade 7 where all students are engaged in a robust curriculum aligned with diocesan and state academic standards.

We have many successes to share in this year’s newsletter! Thirty-two students participated in our local science fair in February 2023, with four of our local winners advancing to attend the district fair at Youngstown State where they took top honors and advanced to the State Science Day! Aaron Rea and Jack Brown received superior ratings and attended the State Showcase of Science at the Ohio State University—with Aaron Rea receiving two prestigious awards!

St. Paul School also hosted many community events and participated in other activities throughout this past year—including the Ohio Stem Learning Network (OSLN) STEM Design Challenge where our fifth graders won the creativity award with their design of a ‘Future-Proof Poultry Protector.’ In March the school hosted a “Plasma Ball” community science night open to

the public featuring over 20 STEM hands-on learning experiences! In April we featured our “Bunny Hop: Egg Science” community event. We are grateful for the many opportunities for STEM learning, sharing, and collaboration in our locality as well as throughout Ohio!

We are very pleased to share that St Paul School was awarded a distinguished 2023 Ohio Governor’s Edison Award for STEM Excellence! In addition to that, three of our teachers were recognized with individual awards for their work coaching students in the OSLN Design contest, providing guidance for

our science fair research, and coaching technical writing efforts. The teachers receiving the honors are: Mrs. Darby Hall, Art/STREAM; Mrs. Heather Livesay, Science/5th Grade; and, Ms. Teresa Sisson, Social Studies/Religion. Our school also began participation in the Catholic Math League, where we placed 39th in the nation last year!

This year we made some improvements to the school building and property. The old auxiliary trailer was removed from behind the school. Through the generosity of donors, we were able to replace some classroom chairs



Helping others with a willing spirit is a hallmark of St. Paul School. Students work collaboratively throughout the year across all content areas. Here students in the fifth grade are reading to second graders.



First grader Max Bahr tries our chopsticks for our World Wide Wednesday lunch in China.

and tables for our intermediate students. The connection to the power grid was updated with Ohio Edison. Phase 1 of the fundraising for our playground on Giving Tuesday was successful—and we are grateful! We are in a holding pattern on purchasing new playground equipment until the parish plans for paving of parking lot are ready—but we are so humbled and grateful for everyone’s support for a children’s play area!

Ohio recently expanded the EdChoice Scholarship eligibility, making tuition assistance available to all families. St. Paul School applied for and received an extensive Ohio High Dosage Tutoring grant, which funds expert tutors who will work with many of our students four times per

week for half an hour! We are still awaiting word on a few other grant applications which will help us update the building and acquire more resources for our students!

Our arts programs were expanded this year, with additional offerings in art/design and music. We have 50 students in band this year and 16 in choir. The students love participating at our weekly all-school Mass, especially singing with our choir! The students’ favorite hymns are “Soul on Fire,” “10,000 Reasons,” and “Your Grace is Enough.” Our students participated in two art contests this year, with St. Paul School students winning two awards! Two students also had their literary works published.

Unfortunately, our former pastor (Monsignor Polando) resigned in September 2023. Father Lavelle has been serving as our Parish Administrator. We have been very blessed to have Father Brian Smith celebrating Mass with us and working with our students. He visits the children frequently, greets families at dismissal, and has even helped serve lunch with us for our students! Our new pastor, Father Joseph Ruggieri, will arrive here on November 15, 2023.

St. Paul School students continue to make virtual trips around the world through our “World Wide Wednesday” program. We begin Wednesday mornings with announcements about places around the world—including

information on travel, geography, religion, culture, and language. Students extend their learning in their classrooms. Our cafeteria director, Mrs. Baranovich, continues to provide unique ethnic meals and experiences at lunch on Wednesdays! We have been fortunate to have lunches sometimes sponsored by donors so that students receive special treats or experiences...like chopsticks, authentic coins, music, authentic treats/desserts, or other cultural artifacts relevant to our destinations!

Our school is fully staffed this year, with an exceptional team of teachers and support staff! We are truly blessed by the strong support from our families, parish, alumni, and community. Every note, call, visit, or donation from our community inspires us and helps us grow our mission to serve families with the high quality, rigorous Catholic education that has been part of St. Paul School since it was founded in 1904! We are excited about our future!



Dr. Jacqueline Mumford,
Principal

PARISH *Spotlight*



**Rev. Frederick
A. Schlueter**

Frederick A. “Fritz” Schlueter, a 2008 graduate of St. Paul School, was ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown by Bishop David Bonnar in St. Columba Cathedral on June 17, 2023. Following his ordination, Rev. Schlueter expressed his thoughts on becoming a priest by saying ‘I feel so humbled that God has called me to this ministry and chosen me for it... Now it’s about a lifetime of responding to the call and trying to live it out well.’

According to The Catholic Echo (August 2023), a publication of the Diocese of Youngstown, Fritz first felt the call to a priestly vocation while attending a teen program at Catholic Familyland in Bloomingdale, Ohio, and then during his freshman year at the University of Dallas. There he prayed daily for the Lord’s grace to guide him. On one weekend, with encouragement from several friends and inspiration from the Responsorial Psalm at Sunday Mass (“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts”), Fritz made the decision to attend the seminary. He entered after completing his freshman year of college.

Rev. Schlueter offered an exultant Mass of Thanksgiving the day following his ordination at St. Paul Church in Salem, his home parish where he has been a member since his baptism. Those in attendance marveled at the joy and beauty of the celebration. Dinner followed in the school for Fritz’s family, parishioners, guests, and many priests from the diocese. Fritz’s first assignment is as parochial vicar (assistant pastor) at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Canton, Ohio, and Holy Family Parish in Navarre.

Foundation Welcomes New Pastor

The St. Paul School Foundation is pleased to welcome Rev. Joseph Ruggieri, a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, as the new pastor of St. Paul (Salem) and St. Patrick (Leetonia) parishes.

Father Ruggieri was born on March 18, 1967, in Austintown, Ohio. He was ordained in 1995 after receiving a Master of Divinity degree at Mount St. Mary Seminary. He served as parochial vicar at St. Patrick in Kent, Ohio, from 1995 to 2000, then as parochial vicar at St. Joan of Arc in Canton from 2000 to 2003. He has also served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Mother of Sorrows parishes in Ashtabula, Christ the Good Shepard Parish in Campbell, Regina Coeli Parish in Alliance, St. Joseph in Washington Township and St. Rose in Girard. Most recently, Father Ruggieri has been the parochial vicar at four parishes in Portage County: St. Joan of Arc in Streetsboro, St. Joseph in Mantua, St. Ambrose in Garrettsville, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Aurora. In

addition, he has served on the Priests’ Personnel Board, the Diocesan Cemetery Board, the Presbyterial Council, and as a chaplain for the Kent State University Police Department.

The foundation also extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Very Rev. John-Michael Lavelle, D. Min. and Rev. Brian Smith who served St. Paul and St. Patrick parishes for several months while both parishes awaited the appointment of a new pastor.



**Rev. Joseph
Ruggieri**



**Very Rev.
John-Michael
Lavelle**



**Rev. Brian
Smith**

SCHOOL News



STEM

STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Education, Arts, and Mathematics) content is threaded throughout our curriculum at St. Paul School.

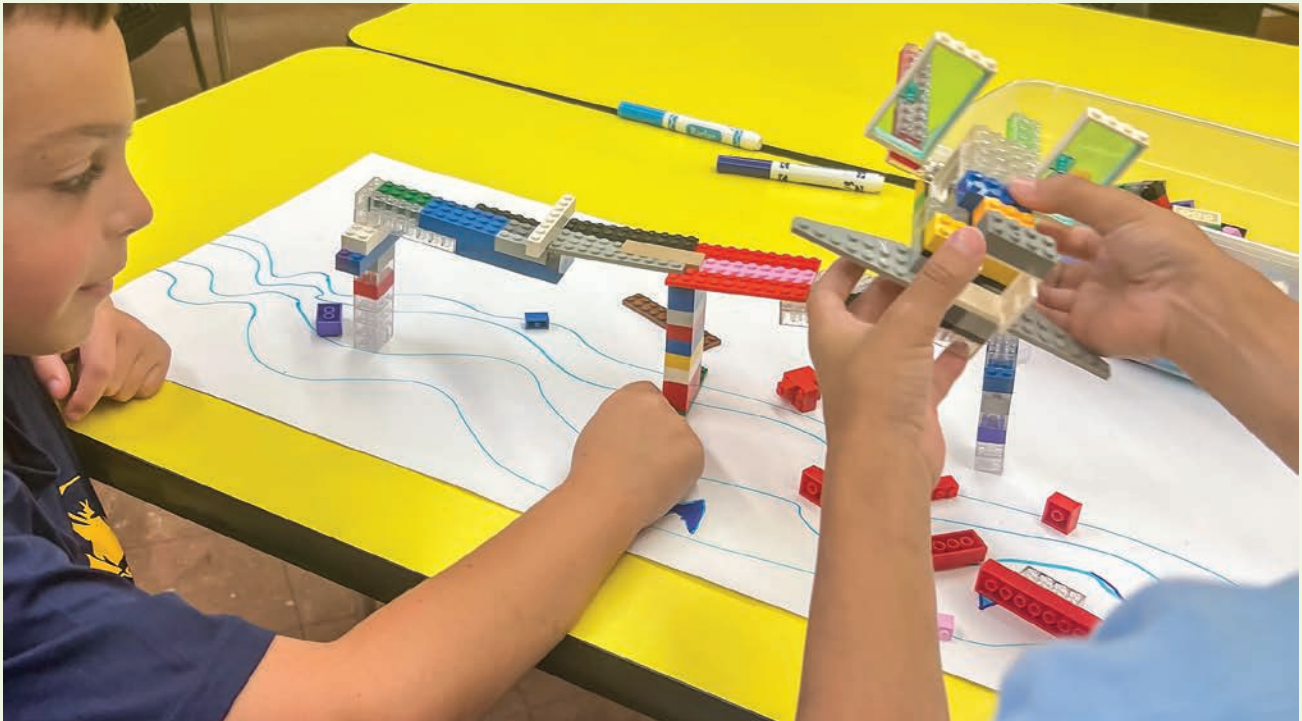
In every classroom and every subject our teachers work to integrate real-world applications. Students work on PBL (Problem-based learning), discovery-learning, and inquiry-based activities. We focus both on individual and collaborative group skills.

This year students also have STREAM classes in the school's MakerSpace featuring many tools such as 3D printers and pens, Legos, Robotics, and more!

As an Ohio STEM-designated school, we continue our agriculture theme and focus on the

Laudato Si, (the second encyclical of Pope Francis) action platform. However, we have a special theme this year of "Space." In October we hosted a NASA astronaut, and the Carnegie Science Center brought its mobile planetarium here. Our students have focused on how to sustain life on other planets and have been working with Starlab under the OSLN #STEMOrbitsOhio initiative. The future is bright for this next generation of travelers!

Students use the "design process" to tackle problems. This involves: (1) Asking the question (what is the problem?); (2) Imagining solutions (brainstorm); (3) Developing a plan (plan & collect needed materials); (4) Creating a prototype (and testing it); (5) Improving the prototype; (6) Presenting a solution!



Here students collaborate using Legos to design and build satellite prototypes to solve problems presented to them in STREAM class.



St. Paul students took top honors at the 2023 Ohio Academy of Science Day. Pictured above (L-R) Aaron Rea, Jack Brown, Giancarlo Corallo, and Sophia Bender.

Science Fair Success!

Thirty-two students participated in our local science fair in February. The research and presentations were excellent! Five students (Lexi Anderson, Sophia Bender, Jack Brown, Giancarlo Corallo, and Aaron Rea) took top honors at the local science fair. Four of them then participated in the District Science Days (District 15) at Youngstown State University. Sophia Bender, Jack Brown, Giancarlo Corallo, and Aaron Rea all received awards and superior ratings there! They advanced to the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day. Sophia Bender and Giancarlo Corallo received excellent ratings, and Jack Brown and Aaron Rea received superior ratings for their research! Jack Brown and Aaron Rea were then invited to the prestigious Ohio State Science Showcase, where Aaron Rea received multiple awards! He was awarded both the Dr. Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award and the Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Nomination.



Fourth graders Chloe Santee and Zach Yakubek work to build a prototype from one of their designs in STREAM class.

St. Paul School is Out of This World!

This year our students will participate in the OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network) 2023 Design Challenge #STEMOrbitsOhio. We are excited our students are researching and working to develop solutions to improve the quality of life in space on Starlab!

To prepare for this, students have been working with Mrs. Hall (Art/STREAM) in the MakerSpace using our design process. Students have been meeting in groups



Music teacher Gina Love and the Advanced Band performing at the December Showcase.



Father Brian Smith helps Ms. Allison (4th grade teacher) serve pizza and salad to students for lunch. Father Brian began celebrating Mass at St. Paul in September 2023.



First grader Joseph Mincks tends to the soil conditioning experiment.

to research problems, discuss ideas, and construct prototypes. The activities will culminate in presentations at the school this spring. Top teams from our school will advance to the state #STEMOrbitsOhio competition!

Mrs. Mincks (Ecology) has been working with students simulating soil from Mars. Students then work to condition it so that it may sustain agriculture in outer space! Her students have been conducting soil tests and seed germination experiments in the different soil. Additionally students have planted hydroponic gardens and fungi. A group of students is also working to dehydrate fruits and vegetables to explore different ways to transport and store food in space.



The sixth graders formed a brass quintet and played "Immaculate Mary" at the Mother's Day Mass at St. Paul Church. Members are (L-R) Iain Anderson, Christian Chum, Dominic Altomare, Luis Chum, and Jack Brown.



Many SPS alumni in the Salem High School Show Choir stayed after performing for us and joined in our kindergarten gym class fun!



St. Paul School is committed to providing students with career exploration opportunities. A beekeeper visited the first graders. They learned quite a bit about the production of honey.



St. Paul School students ended their year with a fabulous field day held at the Salem Country Club.



Students enjoy special meals in the cafeteria during the holidays while learning about etiquette and enjoying fellowship.

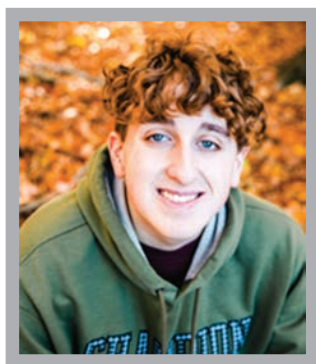


St. Paul School Scholarship Award Winners

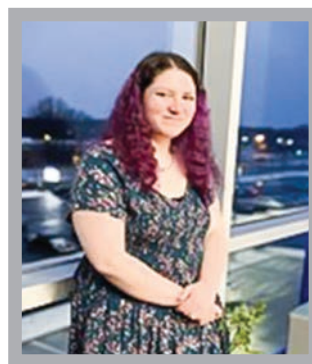
Congratulations to the winners of the annual St. Paul School Foundation senior scholarship! The foundation awarded \$2,000 each in financial assistance to six St. Paul School graduates for their first year of college education. The recipients and the schools they plan to attend are below.



Sarah Bungard
The Ohio State University



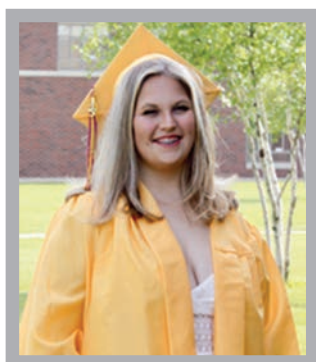
Craig Aaron Brown
University of Cincinnati



Skyler Earl
Kent State University



Calef Joing
Gettysburg College



Kendall Joing
Westminster College



**Maria Fernanda Gomez
Cordoba**
ALTA Language Service

High school seniors who graduated from St. Paul School are eligible for the scholarship. Awards are based on grade point average, parish involvement, two letters of recommendation and an essay that describes educational and career plans and the impact of a St. Paul School Catholic education on an applicant's academic achievement. Since establishing the scholarship in 1995, the foundation has awarded \$146,450 to 149 (including this year's scholarship winners) St. Paul School graduates. Visit the foundation web page at www.stpaul.k12.oh.us/foundation for the names of the previous winners.

St. Paul School Class of 2023



Congratulations to the twelve students in the St. Paul School Class of 2023! These graduates have a bright future!

Front Row: Jack Brown, Aaron Rea, Lexi Anderson, Kaelyn DeLaPaz

Second Row: Ms. Sisson, Luis Chum, Dominic Altomare, Brayton Maulis, Diondra Stahl, Chaya Murray, Chloe Ciminelli, Cati Francisco

Third Row: Dr. Mumford, Iain Anderson, Christian Chum, Graze Zellers, Giancarlo Corallo, Rev. Lavelle



Congratulations!

“The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee’s Yard of the Month Award goes to John Paul Tolson, owner and caretaker of multiple patches of bee and butterfly pollinating flowers at 1457 Brookview Drive. Starting at the front porch of morning glory vines, the front lawn is host to zahara zinnias (that bloom all summer long), cosmos, state fair zinnias, dreams midnight-petunias (a deep concord grape purple), geraniums, milkweed (host plant to monarch butterflies), native yellow primroses, lavender bergamot, and the fiery scarlet cardinal flower. Tolson maintains the floral arrangements of vivid colors himself for all passersby in the neighborhood and, of course, for the bees.” Tolson is a 1963 graduate of St. Paul School.

Photo by Rachael Martin. Photo and caption reprinted with courtesy of The Salem News.

ALUMNI Highlights

SPS Alumni Honored for Athletics

Volleyball 2022

- **Zoie Reid (SPS 2017)** – was a member of the Salem High School volleyball team. She was named to the Second Team Eastern Buckeye Conference. Zoie will continue her academic and volleyball /basketball career at Penn State – Beaver Campus in the fall of 2023.

Football 2022

- **Anthony Perry (SPS 2018)** – was a member of the West Branch High School football team. He was named to the Second Team Eastern Buckeye Conference, Second Team All Northeast Inland District Football, Offensive All-Mahoning County Team, and Honorable Mention All-Quad County Football.
- **Annika Murray (SPS 2018)** – was named Salem High School 2023 homecoming queen.
- **Della Toliver (SPS 2015)** – was named Youngstown State University 2023 homecoming queen.

Basketball 2022-2023

- **Kamryn Rohm (SPS 2017)** – was named WYTV Youngstown Student Athlete of the Week for her performance with the Salem High School Lady Quakers. She was named to the Second Team Columbiana County All-Stars and invited to play in the Columbiana County Classic game. She was Honorable Mention for the All- Northeast Inland District team. Kamryn has chosen to attend John Carroll University in the fall of 2023 to continue her academic and basketball career.
- **Angela McCracken (SPS 2017)** – was named Salem High School 2023 Winter Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by Logan Hovorka (SPS 2017).

Cross Country 2022

- **Garyn Rohm (SPS 2020), Laura Hovorka (SPS 2020), and Maggie Hall (SPS 2019)** – qualified for the State of Ohio Cross Country Meet. Their Salem High School team finished fifth in Division 2. Maggie Hall was named to the First Team Eastern Buckeye Conference and Garyn Rohm was named Honorable Mention Eastern Buckeye Conference.

Soccer 2022

- **Kamryn Rohm (SPS 2017)** – was named Second Team Eastern Buckeye Conference and Second Team District Division 2. She also received the Lantz Bricker Memorial Scholarship during the Salem Alumni soccer game. She plans to study pre-med at John Carroll University.
- **Hannah Gaither (SPS 2017)** – was named First Team All-County and Honorable Mention Eastern Buckeye Conference.

- **Hannah Gaither (SPS 2017), Kamryn Rohm (SPS 2017) (both from Salem High School), and Sarah Bungard (SPS 2017) (from West Branch High School)** – received the Youngstown District Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association All-Academic Award.

Indoor Track and Field 2023

- **Maggie Hall (SPS 2019)** – was a member of the Salem High School girl's 3200-meter relay team. The team won the Division 2-3 state indoor title at the SPIRE Institute in March.

Track and Field 2023

Columbiana County Meet

- **Laura Hovorka (SPS 2020)** – finished first in the 3200-meter relay and fourth in the 1600-meter run.
- **Maggie Hall (SPS 2019)** – finished first in the 3200-meter relay, first in the 800-meter run, and first in 1600-meter relay.
- **Annika Murray (SPS 2018)** – placed second in the 110-meter hurdles, first in the 300-meter hurdles, and first in the 1600-meter relay.
- **Zoie Reid (SPS 2017)** – placed third in the 100-meter dash, first in the 400-meter relay, first in the 800-meter relay, and fourth in the high jump.
- **Kamryn Rohm (SPS 2017)** – placed fourth in the high jump.

Division 2 District Meet

- **Maggie Hall (SPS 2019)** – placed fifth in the 800-meter run and first in the 3200-meter relay.
- **Zoie Reid (SPS 2017)** – placed second in the high jump.
- **Kamryn Rohm (SPS 2017)** – placed eighth in the high jump.

State of Ohio Track and Field Championship

- **Maggie Hall (SPS 2019)** – placed ninth in the 3200-meter relay, tenth in the 1600-meter run, and sixteenth in the 800-meter run. She also placed fourteenth in the 1600-meter relay.
- **Annika Murray (SPS 2018)** – placed fourteenth in the 1600-meter relay.

State of Ohio Middle School Track and Field Meet

- **Sam Yakubek (SPS 2021) and Colton Hall (SPS 2022)** – placed fourth in the 3200-meter relay event. Sam Yakubek also placed fourth in the 800-meter run.

Sports Extras

- **Chaya Murray (SPS 2023)** – placed first in the U12 division for the Elks Lodge #305 Soccer Shootout.

The following St. Paul School Alumni were inducted into the Salem Athletic Hall of Fame:

- **Jim Ciotti (SPS 1965)** – was inducted for baseball.
- **Anthony Shivers (SPS 2007)** – was inducted for track and field.
- **Dr. Katie Scullion Wolf (SPS 2002), Bri Wagner Lantz (SPS 2003), Dr. Amy Scullion (SPS 2004), and Lydia Shivers Richlen (SPS 2004)** – were inducted for volleyball.

Academic Awards and Accolades for Our Alumni in 2023

The following members of the St. Paul School Class of 2017 were awarded Academic Merit scholarships from the Salem High School Alumni Association:

\$5,500 for 4.0 GPA

- Ronin Gallo, Angela McCracken, and Kamryn Rohm

\$4,500 for 3.80-3.89 GPA

- Zoie Reid, Logan Hovorka

\$4,000 for 3.70-3.79 GPA

- Hannah Gaither

\$3,000 for 3.5-3.59 GPA

- Maria Fernanda Gomez Cordoba

These St. Paul School alumni received the following scholarships:

Charles Fox Medical Scholarship of \$4,600

- Matthew Weingart (SPS 2010)
- Kate Yuhanick (SPS 2012)

Howard (Doc) Pardee Music Scholarship of \$3,000

- Nathaniel Franklin (SPS 2017)

J. Robert Sebo Achievement Scholarship of \$3,000

- Nathaniel Franklin (SPS 2017)

Leon H. Colley Award of \$2,000

- Zoie Reid (SPS 2017)

Memorial Society Award of \$1,000

- Juan Marin (SPS 2018)
- Jacob McLachlan (SPS 2015)
- Samuel Murray (SPS 2016/2018)
- Julia Yuhanick (SPS 2016/2018)

Virginia E. Snyder English Scholarship of \$5,000

- Angela McCracken (SPS 2017)

John Sharp Jr. Outstanding Performance Scholarship of \$5,000

- Joselyn Miller (SPS 2013)

Florence C. Schafer Award of \$2,000

- Olivia Dailey (SPS 2018)

More Alumni Awards

- Salem Saxon Club awarded Ronin Gallo (SPS 2017) – a scholarship of \$1,000.

- **Haley Close (SPS 2017)** – was inducted into the West Branch National Honor Society.
- **Nathaniel Franklin (SPS 2017)** – was selected Chorister of the Year and Bandsman of the Year at Salem High School.
- **Annika Murray (SPS 2018)** – represented Salem High School at the 76th annual session of the Buckeye Girls' State.
- **Ryleigh Jones (SPS 2013)** – was nominated to attend the Fulbright Prize for International Understanding in Washington, D.C. She was nominated by her nursing professor and advisor.

The Salem Community Foundation distributed funds to deserving students pursuing their higher education:

- Julia Yuhanick (SPS 2016/2018)
- Wilson Corbisello (SPS 2015)
- Samuel Murray (SPS 2016/2018)
- Erin Malysa (SPS 2016/2018)
- Amaya Martin (SPS 2014)

The St. Paul School Foundation scholarship of \$2000 was awarded to these 2017 St. Paul School alumni:

- Sarah Bungard
- Craig Aaron Brown
- Skyler Earl
- Calef Joing
- Kendall Joing
- Maria Fernanda Gomez Cordoba

Alumni News

- **Dr. Carolyn Shivers (SPS 1998)** – associate professor of psychology at Niagra University came in second in her appearance on Jeopardy in February of 2023.
- **Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Lee Cox (SPS 1996)** – was recognized at the Seattle Mariners baseball game for his retirement from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service.
- **Courtney Salvino Myers, RPh, Pharm D, BCGP (SPS 2002)** – was installed as a trustee representing District 14 of the Ohio Pharmacy Association.
- **Suzanne Waterbeck Harding (SPS 2003)** – is the advisor for the Salem Interact Club – the youth division of the Rotary Club. Members created a mural during National Youth Violence Prevention Week. SPS 2021 alumni Ben Kuboff and Traevon Washington were a part of the activity.
- **Mary Beth Shivers (SPS 1976)** – was awarded the Salem Rotary Club's Golden Apple Award for 2023. She has taught for 35 years in the Salem School system.
- **Sister Mary Lorenzina Carmelo, FSP (SPS 1940)** – celebrated her 75th jubilee as a member of the Daughters of St. Paul, an international Catholic religious congregation of consecrated women, also known as the Media Nuns, bringing Christ to the world through the most effective means of communication.

ALUMNI *Class Reunions*



SPS 1964/Salem High School Class of 1968

L to R: Larry Sobotka, Patty Colian, Steve Davis, Dale Ozimek, Teresa Deroads Ozimek, Dennis Perry, Dianna Steele Orsburn, Linda Cosgrove



SPS 1969/Salem High School Class of 1973 – 50th Salem High School Class Reunion

Row 1: Luann Donnelly, Cindy Caporella, Lisa Roelen Ethridge, Kris Zilavy Egli, Debbie O'Keefe Fehr

Row 2: John Dennis (JD) Creer, Patti Grandolfo, Tim Smith, Janie Richards Bowman, Larry Galchick, Tom Pastier

Row 3: Mark Ospeck, Brice Watterson, Bruce Watterson, Rich Colian, Richard Englert



SPS 1973/Salem High School Class of 1978

L to R: Jeff Berger, Frank Batcha, Randy Colian, Robert Vogt Sr., Paul Rutkousky, James Armeni



SPS 1975/Salem High School Class of 1981

Row 1: Lisa Snyder Chronister, Julie Harrington Wagner

Row 2: Marylou Perry Foster, Sue Stepanic Best, Patty Pitts Borelli, Diane Shoemaker Mahouski, Steve Centofanti



SPS 1982/Salem High School Class of 1988

L to R: Tammy Traina Zinno, Julie Citino Dailey, Paula Hunchuck Jones



SPS Class of 1962/Salem High School Class of 1966 – 75th Birthday Party!

L to R: Jim Durand, Cathie Cantwell Melitschka, Sandee DeLuce Hollenshead, Joe Rottenborn, Gary Cosgrove, Denny Hippely, Joe Shivers and John Mason

ALUMNI *Class Reunions*

SPS Class of 1960 77th Birthday Party

On Saturday, August 12, 2023, members of St. Paul School Class of 1960 gathered at Ricky's English Pub to celebrate their 77th birthday. A wonderful time was had by all when remembering our good times at St. Paul's School. Following 4:30 Mass, we were joined by Msgr. Peter Polando at the restaurant for a delightful conversation and blessing.

The years spent at St. Paul School created a close bond among students and friendships that have lasted a lifetime. Although there is not a group photo from the party, we are submitting a picture of '10 little angels' from the class as they were preparing for Christmas Eve Midnight Mass in 1953. From left to right they are Kathleen Yanek Weikart, Janice D'Orio Theis, Kathy Papic Michels, Marsha Elrod DeJane, Mary Jo Hurray Jacobsen, Barbara Kaercher Martin, Alice Prokupek Gunning, Georgene Stan-kovich DeFelice, Sandy Peer Hooper, and Rosemary Walker Zeigler.



Seven of these 'little angels' still get together for lunch once every year.

The party was coordinated by Marsha Elrod DeJane, Georgene Stan-kovich DeFelice, Alice Prokupek

Gunning, and Kathy Papic Michels. Besides the party organizers, the other classmates who attended were George Begalla, Shirley Pilch Boyd, Ralph Dumovic, Bill Hart, Barbara Plegge, and Rodney Reiter.



SPS Class of 1963 60th Anniversary

On Saturday, August 19, seven members of the St. Paul School Class of 1963 gathered for Mass to commemorate and celebrate their 60th anniversary of graduating from St. Paul School and to reflect on the benefits of their St. Paul education.

Row 1: Tom Englert, Marilyn Mitchell Frank, and Mary Ann Cosgrove Manning.

Row 2: John Paul Tolson, Lou Markovich, Anthony Tenzek, and Patricia Jones Dumovic.

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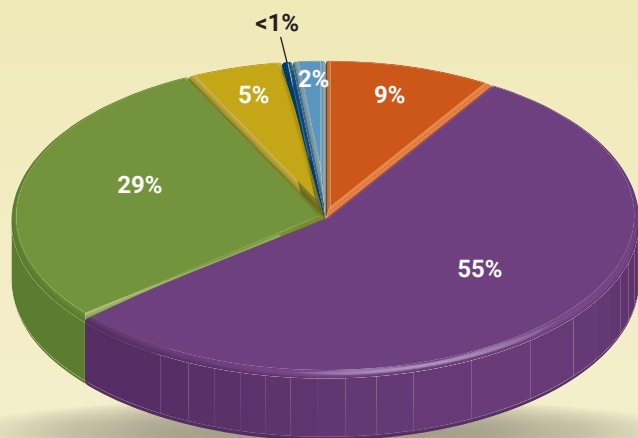
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Operations	\$74,375
Student Scholarships	\$38,600
Newsletter	\$6,272
Fundraising	\$3,000
Professional & Admin Fees	\$365
Other	\$114
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