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## Dear St. Paul School Alumni,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are pleased to publish our first St. Paul School Alumni 'Newsletter'. The newsletter contains important and exciting information about St. Paul School; we hope you enjoy reading it and learning more about your alma mater.

Additionally, we are using this opportunity to reach you to ask that you consider St. Paul School in your charitable giving. The St. Paul School Foundation was established a number of years ago as the vehicle through which you can make donations in a tax deductible manner. The Foundation exists to provide for the long-term financial stability of St. Paul School, and your contributions will directly affect the viability of the school and the quality of education offered.

As many of you know, parochial elementary schools in the 'rust-belt' area of the nation are hurting financially. For those schools able to survive thus far, many have enrollment figures that are vastly lower than in decades past. St. Paul, Salem, is not unlike many of these schools with respect to declining enrollment. Ultimately we are faced with bridging the gap between higher tuition and affordability.

Fortunately, St. Paul still offers an outstanding education in a Catholic-Christian environment that in many ways is unparalleled. Indeed, true value still exists at this shining star of a school. Several thousand students (all of us) have already benefited from not only the superior education received at St. Paul, but the lifelong values that were instilled there.

As you read through the newsletter we believe you will gain a renewed sense for the 'feel' of the school and the exciting progress it continues to make in providing an excellent educational value for the students.

To continue the 'tradition' though, we must renew our sources of funding. By reaching out to alumni, we hope to continue building the asset base of the Foundation which, in turn, will provide important funding to the school. So please consider a tax-deductible gift to the St. Paul School Foundation, and perhaps make it a part of your annual giving. Giving the gift of a St. Paul education is probably one of the finest moves you could ever make. Thank you.

The Saint Paul School Foundation





## From the Desk of Father Eisweirth

Saint Paul School has contributed to the formation of many young people in our community for over one hundred years. The school has been and continues to be part of our parish mission and as a parish we can be very proud of our school. In 2007, there are two concerns facing Saint Paul School. We need to increase the enrollment and we need to create a situation where the school is more financially self-sufficient.

You can help Saint Paul School remain healthy by making a financial contribution to Saint Paul Parish, the School, or the School Foundation. Last year the parish contributed \$400,985 to the school's operating budget. We also had to replace the roof on the school and make repairs to the drainage system outside the school. The repairs cost the parish \$94,000. Saint Paul School Foundation contributed \$50,000 towards those repairs.

If you donate or leave money to Saint Paul Parish, we will invest that money wisely. The parish investments have allowed us to continue to foster the mission of our parish to bring Christ's presence into the community. You can donate directly to the school and that money will be used for tuition assistance or school operations. We already have parishioners and friends of the school who are Tuition Angels and they pay for a child to attend the school! If you donate to Saint Paul School Foundation it will assist them in ensuring a secure future for the school. Each year the Foundation contributes money for tuition assistance and other necessary improvements to the school. The money that is given for tuition assistance is divided among families who are experiencing financial difficulty. No student is turned away because his or her family cannot afford the tuition.

So please consider making a financial contribution to Saint Paul Parish, to the School or to the School Foundation. If you contribute now it could be a tax deduction! If you choose to contribute in the future, you may want to remember us in your estate planning. Many people have been very generous in the past to our parish and our school. Thanks for being such good stewards!

## Saint Paul School Welcomes New Principal

Dear Saint Paul Alumni,

I am honored to be the current principal of Saint Paul School. Saint Paul School has a proud tradition of educating students from the families of Saint Paul Parish and the surrounding parishes and communities for over one hundred years. We are a school that educates the mind, body and spirit of each child in the Catholic tradition.

Catholic education has been a major part of my life since I was a child. I spent the first 13 years of education in Catholic Schools. I attended Incarnation School in Trenton, New Jersey, Saint Mary's School and John F. Kennedy High School in Warren, Ohio.

I received my Bachelor's of Science degree from Kent State University in 1973. I began my teaching career by establishing the Kindergarten program at Saint Paul School in the fall of the same year. Thirty of the last 33 years have been spent teaching the students of Saint Paul School in the capacity of Kindergarten teacher, primary Art and Phys. Ed for students in K-6, Second Grade teacher and Third Grade teacher.

I continued my graduate education at Youngstown State University in the Early Childhood Specialist program and received my Master's Degree from the University of Dayton in Educational Leadership of Catholic Schools.

Saint Paul School and Catholic education is an important part of the community of Salem. It is part of the mission of the parish to provide a school to develop positive Catholic identity. No one can argue that we are living in a world that is trying desperately to live without God. Many supporters of Catholic schools in the past, present, and future maintain that there is a desire in our society today to turn to the spiritual. The atmosphere at St. Paul's provides experiences and opportunities for our students from Preschool through Grade 6 to know that God is a very real presence in life. They are experiencing a living spirituality.

I hope you consider supporting St. Paul School with your time, talent and/or treasure. Please keep us and our mission in your prayers.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Patricia Bauman*

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## St. Paul School - A Superior Educational Experience

Since its founding in 1904, St. Paul School has delivered a generally superior education to its students. Today, St. Paul continues its tradition of high-quality education as it fulfills its mission to educate the mind, body, and spirit of each student.

Recent statistical data supports the notion that St. Paul students are excelling academically. Various achievement test scores indicate the academic success of our students. Additionally, a large percentage of our students achieve honor roll status as they progress to middle school and high school. For example, a recent honor roll showed 65% of our students in grades 7-12 were on the honor roll of their respective schools.

Furthermore, despite the fact that St. Paul students make up less than 10% of

the graduation seniors, a very significant percentage of the top ten graduates within the past five years were former St. Paul Students. And, most of the top 15% of the high school graduates are St. Paul graduates, eventually going on to be leaders in the community.

St. Paul School is blessed with competent and dedicated faculty and staff. The small class sizes are conducive to learning, as is the overall teaching environment which encourages excellence and discipline. Parental involvement is also an important factor in the school's success.

In educating our young people, St. Paul School remains a beacon of light. It continues to challenge its students and move them toward high academic achievement. The tradition of excellence at St. Paul lives on.



## High School Alumni Reflects on Saint Paul School Experience

By Brianne Wagner

Our experience at St. Paul School is one to remember. We were very nervous the first day of Kindergarten. We wondered what it was going to be like and what kind of friends we would make. Looking back now, it was the best. We made friends that we know will be friends for life. All that we experienced in those 7 years definitely helped to form the people we are today.

We had the opportunity to do so much. The teachers added many field trips to expand our learning. We went to an apple orchard and pumpkin patch, Sea World, Harry London's chocolate factory, Great Lakes Science Center, and The Salem Historical Society. The many "Friends of St. Paul School" made our trips possible by providing the funding and transportation.

Those things were important to us, but when we really reflect back on St. Paul School, we think of our teachers. They instilled great work ethics in us. We may have complained at the time about

the amount of homework each night, but when we entered Salem schools in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the transition was so smooth. The organizational skills we attained at St. Paul allowed us to realize the importance of coming home, getting our homework done, and then doing what we wanted afterwards. That helped us a lot, especially when we took an interest in sports.

The morals and faith that were stressed at the School really taught us a lot about ourselves. Our characters grew and developed, and we gained knowledge about God. In our 6<sup>th</sup> grade year as we looked towards graduation, many of the projects and trips we became involved in centered on our faith base and learning about God. We raised money for underprivileged groups. In the spring, we had the opportunity to spend 3 days at Camp Fitch near Lake Erie. It was a great learning experience. We also spent the day at the Villa Maria Center in Pennsylvania.

It was there that our class bonded together with faith as we prepared for graduation.

We are so glad that our parents chose to send us to St. Paul School. We not only gained the educational knowledge that is leading us to success in the public schools, but we gained strength in our faith that helps us make good decisions -especially in today's world. We are always there for each other - and we hope we it will always be that way.





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## Foundation Provides State of the Art Computer Lab for Students

In response to the need for updated technology at St. Paul School, the St. Paul School Foundation recently purchased 18 new Pentium 4 Dual Core computers and flat LCD monitors for the existing computer lab. The computers were in need of upgrade in accordance with the Diocese of Youngstown's Technology Rotation Policy. "We are grateful that the St. Paul School Foundation was able to fund this \$20,000 purchase so our kids could have the best technology available to date," said Patricia Bauman, St. Paul School Principal.

Funding technology is nothing new for the St. Paul School Foundation: this is the 4th time they have facilitated a major computer purchase and/or expansion at the school. They have invested close to \$100,000 dollars in school technology purchases, which is a major task for a small foundation.

St. Paul Parish is very grateful to the foundation for such a generous contribution to our students.



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