

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS



Strengthening Catholic Values While Providing Excellence In Education While Serving God And One Another

Fall 2020

St. Paul School Returns to 5 Day In Person Learning For The 2020-2021 School Year!



On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, our students, faculty, and staff, were finally welcomed back to our building to begin the school year. Although our building looks different with spaced desks, large amounts of plexiglass, and masks and hand sanitizer readily available, under those masks are large smiles! Our students are thrilled to be back with their friends and classmates in the classroom. Our teachers are giddy to have in person teaching back.

While we are ecstatic to be back, we are still extremely cautious. Each day upon arrival all persons entering the building must have their temperature checked, mask placed, and hands sanitized. Our classrooms continue to practice social distancing and we are encouraging outside learning. Our PTO generously donated multiple picnic tables for our students to eat and learn outside. We are so happy to be back. Please pray for our continued safety.

“The Sky is the Limit” Gala Scheduled for April 2021

St. Paul School’s fundraiser, our annual Gala, was originally scheduled for March 21, 2020. The event has been rescheduled, again, for **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**. Doors open at 5pm.

We will be honoring the *John & Angela Antonelli Family* as the 2020 “Family Traditions Award” recipients. This is our school’s highest honor, with previous recipients including The James White, Sr. Family, Tom & Darlene Sessi, John & Babe Lesho, and most recently the late Mr. Charles “Chuck” Robinson.

We will have a Chinese auction, Silent Auction, and Live auction! Enter a drawing to win a wheelbarrow FULL of alcohol, pull a lucky cork with the return of the Wine Pull, and new this year, test your luck with our new “Shooting Star” raffle where the winner can take home any silent auction item of their choosing! This fundraiser will help to fund

technology updates in our classrooms, including SMART boards, Smart TV’s, and new iPads. Be sure to follow our Gala Facebook page for the most up-to-date information: *Weirton St. Paul School Gala*. This event is enjoyed by all who attend.

With the third postponement, we will continue to accept donations, sponsorships, wine, and auction items. Please contact Kim Edmiston kedmiston@weirtonstpauls.org.

Thank you for supporting our school!

SPS Religion Teacher Mr. Jason Miller to Become Ordained Deacon



Deacon John Yaquina Photo
Pictured are aspirants to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Seated, from left, are Michael Brumley, Ronald Paskowski, William Klug, and Anthony Michael O’Leary. Standing, from left, are Michael A. Kawash, Thomas Joseph McFadden, Dr. John Anthony Basil, Jason Scott Miller, Emarjun Capuno Brucal, Aaron Talbott, Stephen Francis Allard, Victor Francis Cwynar, Robert Joseph Krall, John David Butler, Bryce Burl Timberlake, and Brian Keiling. On the stairs, front row from left, are Patrick Dewey McFarland, David Andrew Torlone, Darryl Lee Feldman, Tommy Bryan Ross, Todd Shannon Burdette, James David McCullough, and Christopher James Forshey. On the stairs, back row from left, are Thomas Frank Antulove, Thomas Patrick Hassen, William Richard Allen III, Jacob Manning, and Patrick Michel.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Religion Teacher, Mr. Jason Miller. We are so proud of you!

Mr. Miller began his “journey towards ordination as a deacon to a ministry of service, assisting the bishop and his priests in many areas, especially in the ministry of charity but also in liturgical celebrations, distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, baptizing, witnessing marriages, presiding at some funeral rites, proclaiming the Gospel and preaching.”

Please join us in congratulating and praying for Mr. Jason Miller as he continues his journey towards ordination in 2024.

Full story available in The Catholic Spirit September 4, 2020 edition.

St. Paul School Welcomes New Families (Grades K-8)



Welcome, Ryland Guzzo!
Kindergarten

Welcome, James Petrell!
Kindergarten

Welcome, Kye Ryan!
Kindergarten

Welcome, Evan Lauttamus!
Kindergarten

Welcome, Laiken Boni
Kindergarten

Welcome, Elijah Purks!
1st Grade

Welcome, Sylas Mazzella!
2nd Grade

Welcome, Ellie Lauttamus!
3rd Grade

Welcome, Addison Wade!
3rd Grade

Welcome, Ella Spontak!
4th Grade

Welcome, Conner Wright!
4th Grade

Welcome, Natalie Wade!
5th Grade

Welcome, Wyatt Culer!
Kindergarten

Welcome, Ally Osleger!
Kindergarten

Welcome, Emmy Souffrant!
Kindergarten

Welcome
to
SPS!

Welcome, Ella Martin!
5th Grade

Welcome, Andy Caprarese!
6th Grade

Welcome, Marleah Lough!
6th Grade

Welcome, Megan Brinkley!
7th Grade

Welcome, Ella Contumelio!
7th Grade

Welcome, Liam Neeley!
7th Grade

WHAT'S NEW?



Welcome 3-year-old and 4-year-old Preschool!

We welcomed our Preschool students on Monday, September 14, 2020. We are so happy to see their smiling faces! We welcome many new families in our Preschool Programs!



Kindergarten takes their craft time to our new outdoor tables that were donated by our PTO



Music Class is BOOM-bastic! Our students are loving their drumming lessons!



Opening Mass 2020.
It was so great to celebrate together!

St. Paul School...

School Happenings



(Above)
Middle School students, Megan Brinkley & Madi Owens, participated in the Catholic Schools of Weirton "Blue Mass" on September 11, 2020 while all other students attended virtually from their classrooms via Facebook live stream.



(Left)
Our middle school girls basketball and volleyball teams are enjoying their seasons!

GO IRISH!

...Stronger Together

Dear Friends,

There are so many wonderful things happening at St. Paul School! As we enter our 96th year of offering our students a top-notch education instilled with Catholic values, we feel utterly blessed to continue the tradition of St. Paul School. We do, however, realize during these uncertain times that this will be a school year unlike any other. Across our state and nation, the same question resonates through many of our Catholic School's hallways: "Will our supporters still be able to help us in this pandemic environment?" The answer is consistent. ***Givers give; it is what they do.***

If you are like us, we know you are making careful choices in your own home about the direction of your charitable donations. You are receiving this letter because you have shown a tremendous commitment to St. Paul School and we would like to ask you to consider joining our Faculty, Staff and Administration by making a commitment to our Annual Fund Campaign.

As our students return to their classrooms this fall, their health and safety will be our top priority. Our small, intimate class sizes will allow for our students not only to excel in the classroom, but to remain socially distant. We have worked tirelessly to produce a re-entry plan and are implementing a myriad of precautions that will help to keep our students and faculty safe. Our focus has not been focused only on health and safety, we have also spent significant effort to augment our educational offerings as well.

We are thrilled to introduce our new partnership and collaboration with Blue Stream Farms. The organization has generously donated a hydroponic grow bed to be used by all students to learn proper aquatic grow techniques, as well as cross-curriculum content including Science, Technology, Writing, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We are certain that our students will enjoy this hands-on experience, as we are the first elementary school to receive a donation of this kind. We are continuing to grow our STEM, Robotics, & Coding curriculum to be included as a "special" class as well as an extra-curricular club. Additionally, our security system is in the process of receiving a significant upgrade, thanks to a large grant we received through the PNC Charitable Trust.

In order to move forward with our plans for growth and expansion, we ask that you consider sharing in the joy of supporting our school's Annual Fund. If you are uncertain, an Annual Fund Campaign is an effort to secure gifts on a yearly basis to support, and complete projects that would not otherwise possible during the fiscal year. Gifts to an Annual Fund are only a 1-year commitment. *There are no gifts that are too big or too small to be an important part of an Annual Fund.* These can be one-time gifts made with cash or check, be pledged, and paid with monthly payments over the course of the year.

This fund supports much of the difference between tuition and the actual cost to educate our students. As we move forward during these uncertain times, we rely on the success of our annual fund to support any unforeseen expenses and fill in for our postponed fundraisers. Please see the enclosed form for more information on how to give. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

We are blessed to belong to such a generous and helpful community. Thank you for supporting our school as we continue to strengthen Catholic values by providing excellence in education while serving God and one another.

God Bless,



Michele Martin
Principal



Kim Edmiston
Advancement Director



St. Paul School Emerald Giving Society

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Emerald Giving Society?

The Emerald Giving Society is a means to honor our highest level of donors to St. Paul School. These donors are those who support the school at a level of \$1,000.00 or more per household and/or business through the current Annual Fund Campaign. Donors can achieve this level through any combination of personal giving, through an employment match opportunity, or through a donation by a business that the donor owns if applicable.

How long has the Emerald Giving Society Existed?

The Emerald Giving Society was established during the 2019-2020 school year.

How does the Emerald Giving Society help the school?

As unrestricted gifts to the annual fund, the support provided by Emerald Society Members allow the school's administration to complete projects and upgrades to the school that otherwise would not have been financially possible. Support from the Society can also be utilized to ensure that the school can meet budgetary requirements and remain in a secure financial position into the future. Pledged support is also critically important to the school for planning purposes.

I gave gifts to the school in the past. Do they count toward this society?

First, thank you for your previous support. Unfortunately, only gifts that are made to the school during the current fiscal year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) will count toward a donor's inclusion in this year's Emerald Giving Society. As this is a society that couples with our Annual Fund, members will have an opportunity to choose each year if they would like to remain involved through their philanthropic support.

What benefits are associated with the Emerald Giving Society?

Members of our Emerald Giving Society will receive special recognition in the school displayed on a specialized plaque memorializing the names of each member of the society for the fiscal year, an invitation to the annual Emerald Giving Society Dinner, access to special opportunities to learn more about the school, discounted pricing for school events and much more.

How do I get involved?

You can join the Emerald Society by completing the attached pledge form indicating the amount of your donation, remembering the \$1,000.00 minimum for inclusion and returning it to the school's Advancement Office. Please know, you do not have to make your full donation at the time you return your form. You just need to select a total gift amount and a payment schedule. The Advancement Office will reach out to set up your payment dates with you after receiving your form. As you think about what giving schedule might work best with your family's budget, below is a chart of each option based on a \$1,000.00 contribution.

Method	Amount per payment:
Annual Gift	\$1,000.00
Semi Annual Gifts	\$500.00
Quarterly Gifts	\$250.00
Monthly Gifts	\$83.33



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