



St. Paul School...Faith, Family, and Tradition

St. Paul School prides itself on our Catholic identity, family atmosphere, and 96 years of tradition. Surely certain family names and memories come to mind when you think of St. Paul School. Our hallways have been blessed with many families that have sent generations through our school. And while enrollment has fluctuated throughout our history, one thing has remained consistent, the loyalty of our school families.

The loyalty of the St. Paul School community extends well beyond our students. We are honored to witness so many alumnae that have returned to the hallways of St. Paul School as faculty and staff including Diahanna (Rybka) Shafer, Tina (Sessi) Lesho, Joyce (Runkel) Shreve, Alexis (Taylor) Maus, and Maria (DiLullo) Good. Our students always enjoy a good "when I was a student here" story from these amazing ladies. These incredible teachers & staff remind us what an honor and privilege it is to be a part of the St. Paul School community.



Pictured : The Brinkley Family
Josh, Richelle, Megan, and Alexander

This school year we have been blessed with 40 new families and students, including 7th grade student Megan Brinkley. Megan is a 3rd generation St. Paul School student. Her mother, Richelle (Grubor) Brinkley, was a member of the class of 1993 (and current St. Paul Parish secretary), and her Aunt Melissa (Grubor) Cravitz, great-aunt and great-uncles (Paravano) are alumni as well. Her brother, Alexander--6th grade, is a recent transfer to our school, too. "I love the small class sizes and the family feel of the school. I wanted my children to enjoy the same experiences, like the trip to Washington D.C. that I enjoyed" Richelle explained.

Richelle shared this photo from her memories at SPS.



Third grade student, Kenzie Doughty, carries on her family legacy of attending St. Paul School as well. It all began with (Vincent) Castellucci, who was an active member of the Christian Mothers and the school cook. Elvira sent her sons Rocco and Orlando Castellucci through St. Paul School. Rocco married Delores (Beard) and they had 6 children, Joseph, Carolyn, Ronald, James, Kristin, and Daniel, all of whom attended Kindergarten through 8th grade! Kristin (Castelluci) Doughty says "we've been around [St. Paul School] for a while" as she enjoys watching Kenzie (and step-granddaughter, Hailey Brightwell) grow up in the same family atmosphere as her older siblings, Christian Castellucci and Kaitlin McGaughey. "This school has always been an extension of my family for years. My parents always trusted our teachers and principals knowing they always had our best interest in mind! The families that attended this school have always been close. Most of our closest friendships to date began at St. Pauls. Some of my mom's closest friends are moms of kids we went to school with. She is still in touch with some of our teachers from 40 years ago!"

Kenzie's great-grandmother, Elvira (Vincent) Castellucci, who was an active member of the Christian Mothers and the



Pictured: (L-R) Kaitlin McGaughey, Christian & Alisa Castellucci, Delores & Rocco Castellucci, Jeff & Kristin Doughty, and Kenzie Doughty.

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Pictured: Elivra Castellucci (far left) in the St. Paul School Cafeteria making Easter bread with other Christian Mothers

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Pictured : The Cullinan Family
Chris, Vivienne, Stacy, & Zeke

Preschool student, Vivienne Cullinan, is following in her father's footsteps by attending St. Paul School. Chris Cullinan, St. Paul School class of 1995, remembers having Mrs. Neeley and Mrs. Shreve in preschool, just like his daughter. Chris enjoyed playing football for the Irish and explains that even though he was not as talented on the basketball court, his teammates were good to him. "Every time I was put into a game, they always went out of their way to help me feed me the ball and put points on the board even though I was a bench warmer." Joking aside, he realizes the importance and value of the solid Catholic school foundation St. Paul School provided him "I feel that the experiences and relationships that I formed at St. Paul School helped mold me into the person I've become today and that ultimately I'm a better person because of that."



Pictured : The DeCaria Family
Erika, Danyka, & Lorenzo

Lorenzo DeCaria, class of 1991, enjoyed his time at St. Paul School so much that he knew there was no other option for his daughter, Danyka. "Some of the best memories I have from SPS are the bazaar and all the different fields trips we went on. Having Danyka attend SPS is important to us because of the small classrooms, education and family like environment."



Pictured : Amanda (Neill)
Swearingen & Daughter, Lillian

Amanda (Neill) Swearingen, class of 1992, agrees "St. Paul School is a wonderful school with great teachers and staff. I received a great education which gave me a strong foundation for my career as a teacher. The religious aspect is especially important to instill the values that are so necessary in today's world. I love SPS and its family atmosphere." Amanda is the daughter of Wendy Neill who served St. Paul School as a kindergarten aide for 23 years. Amanda's daughter, Lillian, is in 2nd grade.

St. Paul School is humbled by the generations of families that have come and gone throughout the years. We know that the future of St. Paul School is full of families continuing the legacy of those that have gone before them. We are and forever will be grateful for EACH and EVERY student that has graced our hallways with their smile.

St. Paul School Welcomes 3 & 4-Year-Old Preschool!



Welcome to SPS!

While most of our 4-year-old Preschool students are returning from Pre-3, we welcomed some new families to that class. We also welcomed morning & afternoon Pre-3 students and families to our school family!

Welcome Bull, Cox, Feaster, Holmes, Karpinski, Koski, Krueger, Mamula, Slanchik, Stevens, Stroud, Williams, Yoder, Kress, and Wilson Families!!!



WHAT'S NEW?



7th grade student, Megan Brinkley & teacher, Pat Neeley prepare sandwiches for the Friendship Room of Steubenville. Megan continued on this tradition that was initiated by Katyland Costa.



Principal, Mrs. Martin, led us in prayer during our annual Blessing of the Pets Prayer Service.



Our students & staff enjoyed dressing up in their Halloween costumes for our annual Halloween Parade. Our PTO generously hosted a Pumpkin Patch on school grounds, as we were unable to travel due to COVID restriction. It was AWESOME!



(Far Left) Mrs. Enos and our 4th grade class had their annual volcano lesson including Volcano Eruption day. It was a BLAST!

(Left): To celebrate Election Day, students in grades 1-4 held their own election. Each student was invited to cast their vote. Pictured is 3rd grade student, Addison Wade, casting her ballot.

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School Happenings



7th grade student, Rylee Birkhimer, spearheaded two incredible service projects.

(Left) She organized a collection for the Rowland/Crowe Family during their time of need.

(Right) Rylee also organized our annual Kelsey's CHRISTmas collection of money, socks, and toys to be donated to the Brooke/Hancock Family Resource Network.



(Top Left) Our 8th grade students completed their WV History geographic region maps.



(Above) "Oh When The Saints Go Marching In!" Our 1st grade students participated in our annual All Saints Mass by dressing up as their assigned Saint.



(Left) For the safety of our students, faculty, and staff, we moved to remote learning on Monday, November 9. Our teachers have found ways to keep our students engaged in their education, even from home. Mrs. Morris showed up to a zoom meeting with her students dressed as a unicorn! Her kindergarten students loved it! Pictured to the left is Kindergarten student , Ally Osleger.

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Dear St. Paul School Community,

As we approach the end of the calendar year during this unprecedented time, I wanted to take a moment to connect with you. Before this school year began, we worked hard to establish plans to navigate the uncertainty that this school year would bring, and we continue to monitor and address the issues of today. Our school is successfully thriving, and we are proud of everything we have done to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe.

Your influence as part of the St. Paul School community is immeasurable. As Principal of our great school, keeping you informed these last several months about our COVID situation was important to me. I hope you found the updates informative, and I appreciate those of you who took the time to respond with words of encouragement. They were very meaningful in a difficult time.

Your unfailing support to the Annual Fund allows us to continue our mission to provide the highest quality education to our students during these unique circumstances. Because of you, our faculty is able to utilize their resources to operate in-person and through virtual classrooms while still maintaining that close knit community you all know and love.

WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

You are the key to St. Paul School's success. Your gifts give us the momentum to keep moving forward, and our students' achievements are owed in great part to you. This has been the case for 96 years. I hope you will join me in celebrating our school by continuing our altruistic legacy of giving back to St. Paul School with a gift to the Annual Fund.

St. Paul School is #StrongerTogether

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mrs. Michele Martin".

Michele Martin
Principal

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