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Annual Alumni Appeal

Saints Peter and Paul School *Excellence in Education*

March 2025

Dear Saints Peter and Paul Alumni,

Greetings from Saints Peter and Paul School!

The 2024/2025 school year has brought additional growth to the Saints Peter and Paul school community. We have welcomed several new students to our school and are very excited to continue our mission of sharing Jesus with as many people as possible. We have received an enrollment champion award from the Diocese of Grand Rapids for the past five years of continued growth.

At Saints Peter and Paul, we can often be found celebrating our daily victories, yet we continue to be challenged financially. Our ability to successfully continue to provide a Catholic education, with small class sizes in a family-friendly setting, depends upon the generous ongoing support of our parish and our alumni. Whether spiritual or monetary, whatever support you can give is very much appreciated.

If you are looking for yet another way to give back to the school, please consider attending our annual school auction. This year's Casino Royale auction will be held on **Saturday, May 10th**. We hope you can join us! Tickets are available in the school office, the parish office and at the door. Come reminisce with your former Panthers and support a great cause!

Although many years may have passed since your time at Saints Peter and Paul School, the same spirit still exists here at SSPP. We often say, "Once a Panther, Always a Panther!" We are proud of the loving manner in which we care for both our students and our facility. Be sure to watch Facebook and the parish bulletin for the exciting things happening at our school.

Thank you, and may God bless you!

Jenny Leik

Principal
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School

Parents of Alumni—Did this year's annual appeal come to your house?

Please send us your child's updated mailing address to get this corrected!

Corrected mailing addresses can be sent to Jenny Leik at jleik@sspcatholic.com

The Mission of SS. Peter & Paul School is to provide a high quality Catholic education in a Catholic Christian environment.

Through the Word, example, and service, students are taught a sense of responsibility for others and are encouraged to be actively involved in their faith and local communities.

Our goal is to form future leaders, productive citizens, and active faith-filled Christian men and women.

New Faces and Spaces!



At the end of the 2023/2024 school year, it was decided that we need to expand our teaching staff. One part was due to the retirement of Mrs. Voet and one part due to our growing numbers throughout the elementary school. We have been very blessed to welcome three new teachers to SSPP for the 2024/2025 school year!

Miss Angie Bush has stepped into the role of Preschool teacher! Miss Bush is bringing a huge wealth of knowledge and experience

to SSPP. Miss Bush was the former preschool director through Belding before stepping out the education field for a few years. What a blessing she has been to our youngest Panthers!

Mrs. Ronda Kapp has joined SSPP in the role of Developmental Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Kapp retired from Ionia Public schools, but felt called to still be in the classroom. We are very grateful for God calling her to us! Mrs. Kapp has been a teacher at Haynor School and Ionia Public schools for many years prior to coming to SSPP. Her experience in early elementary makes her the perfect DK teacher!

Mrs. Molly Lang joined SSPP as a 4th grade teacher for the 2024/2025 school year. Our elementary numbers were very large and required that we split 3rd and 4th grade into stand alone classrooms. Mrs. Lang has been a blessing to her students. Her joyful attitude is contagious and her students are learning so much! We are so blessed!



Dividing of some of our lower elementary classes means that we needed to utilize more classrooms! Over the summer the old science lab was converted into a classroom for our 7th/8th grade homeroom. We are very appreciative to all of the staff members, and Mr. Dave Leik, who volunteered their time to help with painting, hanging bead board and more! Our 4th graders took over the old 7th/8th grade room and are making it their own!

Auction

The 30th annual Saints Peter and Paul auction will be held on Saturday, May 10th. The annual auction has raised almost \$1,000,000 over the years. We appreciate all of the support that helps make the operations of the school possible. Please consider attending. Tickets are available in the school and parish office or can be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



2025 Annual Appeal

The SS. Peter and Paul faculty and Board of Education deeply appreciate your support as we continue our mission of educating children in a warm, faith-filled, academically rigorous fashion. You may make a one-time donation or a monthly or quarterly pledge. Any donation will be greatly appreciated and will help support our school. If you desire, you may designate your tax-deductible donation to be used for a specific category. You can mail your donation to the school or give us a call and we can help with electronic giving. Regardless of your ability to make a donation at this time, please remember the students and staff of the school in your prayers. Thank you, and God bless you!

At this time, I can make the following donation to help fulfill the mission to meet the educational, spiritual and physical needs of the students of Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School:

- I would like to make a single, lump-sum donation in the following amount (circle one):

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$ _____

- I pledge \$ _____ to be paid in installments over the next twelve months.

- I would like my donation applied to the following area(s) of need. (Circle one or more)

Curriculum Technology Physical Plant Student Financial Support Any need

SSPP will send a letter for tax purposes confirming the amount of your donation. Thank you!

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