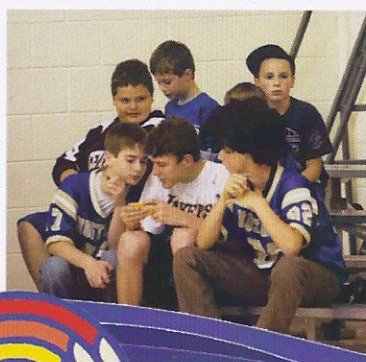
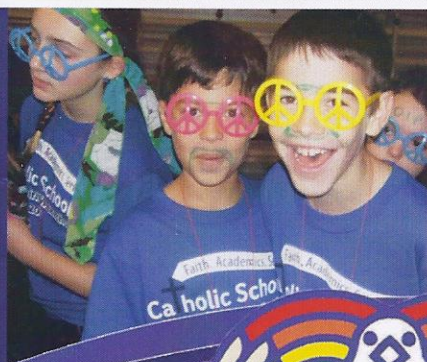
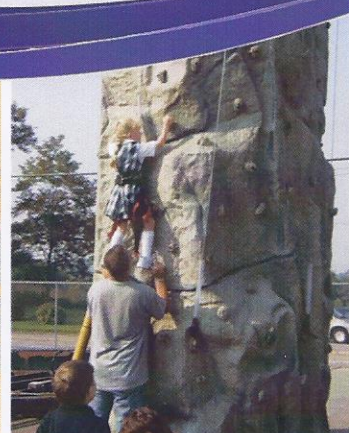
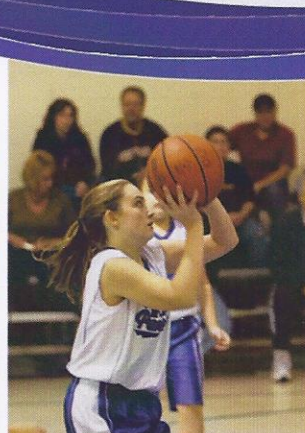


Fall 2011



Peace Pride



Newsletter for Alumni, Families, & Friends

Message from the Principal



Dear Alumni,

"Lighting the Future"

My summer months were filled with a wonderful trip to Punta Cana and with interviews and exchanges with new teachers and new families. Each brought their own story and experiences to share and later to enrich our Peace Family. On Covenant Night the school halls and church pews were not just filled but packed. For Father Dennis and me it was a sight to behold. As pastor and principal. We were both amazed and appreciative that so many people have embraced our mission as the People of Peace.

While feeling such joy, both he and I accept the responsibility of preparing for our continuing and growing future. Without a doubt the presence, involvement and generosity of so many people give us ample evidence that God has been at work through you at Our Lady of Peace. God has richly blessed us and we are grateful.

As Peace approaches our Fiftieth Anniversary in June, I invite you to Light the Future for Peace:

Wireless Technology - A Must Really for Present

We are working towards a matching grant

I ask you to consider a gift for what you can do to make a difference...to Light the Future for Peace.

Each time that we now prepare this periodical my mind flashes so many pictures and thoughts for the season. Certain ball games and pep rallies, certain Christmas shows come to the forefront. People do not believe that the whole school would crowd in an upper floor classroom for a Pep Rally!

I thank you for lighting my own past, present and future at Peace.

Peace be with you,

C'Ann Reilly
Principal

Special Thank you to those who answered our call...



Lighting the Future

**Alumni are invited to be a part of Our Lady of Peace
"Count-Up to Fifty" in 2012 and Light the Future.**

Take that same dream sharing spirit of parents who bought the first school bus with Top Value stamps, turned four two-grade classrooms into ten classrooms, computer lab, office suite and Peace Family Center gym and cooking in a back hall to a full kitchen serving Hot Lunch daily.

Next building steps for Our Lady of Peace include:

Wireless Network and classroom laptops - Total cost \$15,000

Tuition Scholarships = Giving assistance to families who could use some TLC to provide a Catholic education to their children

Both of these areas are important in the advancement of Our Lady of Peace for the next fifty years.

Help us to Light the Future for our 50th Birthday celebration!

Our Peace Family GROWS



As Our Lady of Peace opened its school doors this August, eight new faculty and staff members and 61 new students were welcomed.

Our school community is enriched by the talent, experience, gifts and spirit of our new family members. Mrs. Lisa Schlanz, from St. Joseph School in Bridgeport is our new Middle School Math and Science teacher. Also hailing from St. Joseph are Mrs. Sue Cunningham and Mrs. Sharon Flowers, our joint 5th grade teachers, and Mrs. Rhonda Neer, our new second grade teacher. OLP welcomed back two alumni, Jessica Hewitt Glenn, Kindergarten teacher, and Allison Koch Nanney, 4th grade aide. Mrs. Tina Cowdery, 1st grade teacher, from Wheeling Catholic Elementary and new part-time Music teacher, Mr. Michael McDonald, complete our teaching family. New student families have come from Proctor, Moundsville, McMechen, Glen Dale, St. Clairsville and our hilltop area. Two hundred forty-two students now call Peace their home. Throughout this year with Father Dennis to grow in faith, academics and service we are "Climbing the Mountain – one step at a time!"

Welcome Back Home

**Jessica, Class of 1994
Allison, Class of 1995**

New Panther Faces



Peace Pride

Then and Now

**Class of
2007**

The Peace Class of 2007 held many honors in academics and extra-curriculars. Through the years their hard work and team spirit showed with Math Team, Golden Horseshoe, Forensics Titles, State Essay Winners, Science and Social Studies Fair achievement at local and state levels. Their winning spirit extended to the field and court with several WPL basketball and football championships.



Jordan Angalich
Emily Bartsch
Hannah Bass
Stephanie Binkowski
Briana Breault

Courtney Dougherty
Shane Greskevitch
John Mark Helfer
Joel Jarrett
Jenna Jones

Ryan Jones
Nicole Lauri
P.J. Ratcliffe
Danielle Rittenhouse
Matthew Saseen

Ian Schau
Aaron Schneid
Alexis Taylor
Derek Taylor
Michael Vani

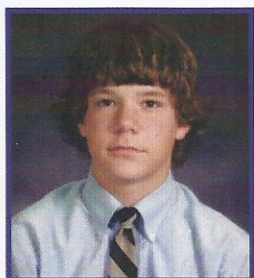


*Pictures from
the past*

Where Are They Now?

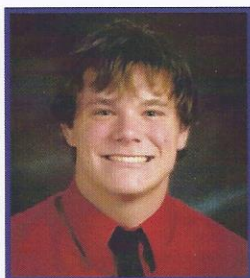
Class of 2011

These graduates built upon their foundation at Peace at Bishop Donahue, Central Catholic and Wheeling Park High Schools. Their successes only mounted as Science Fair Winners, Salutatorian, State Basketball, Hockey, Track and Football Titles. The fall play-off football game between Bishop Donahue and Central found former teammates as challenging rivals. Play to play that night's game was for the record book. Their Peace Family congratulates these graduates as they now move to higher levels. Thank you to those graduates who shared their information with us.



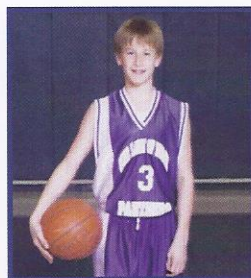
P. J. Ratcliffe

- 4 year varsity baseball
- OVAC All Academic Team
- 4 yr varsity hockey
- currently a Promise Scholar at WVU



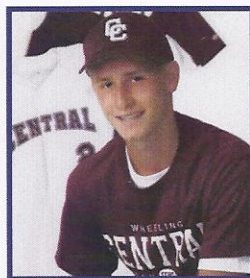
Joel Jarrett

- all OVAC soccer
- 2011 State Baseball Championship Team
- Albert A. Christ Scholarship recipient at WVU
- Cross country



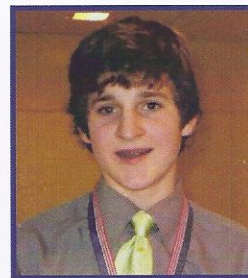
Derek Taylor

- 2007 Football state championship team
- 2007 baseball state championship team
- Honor Roll and Peer Ministry
- Currently at Marshall University
- Major: Occupational Safety and Technology



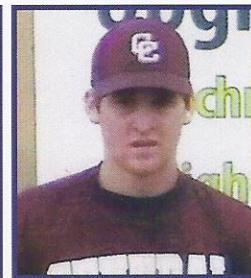
Emily Bartsch

- National Honor Society
- & National French Honor Society
- Swing Dance, Drama, French and Art Clubs
- Currently at Marshall University
- Major: Creative Writing;
- Minor: French and Theatre Arts



Aaron Schnied

- 2010 & 2011 state discuss champion
- CCHS record holder in shot put
- OVAC champion in discuss & shot put
- WTOV "Block of Granite" winner
- Black & Gold Scholar at WLU



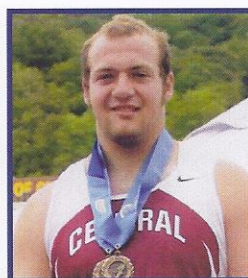
Jordan Angalich

- President of Class - 4 years
- First BDHS graduate to participate on OVAC championships in Football, Basketball and Baseball
- Led entire state (all classes) with 33 TD passes during senior season
- Top ten in class
- WVU



Michael Vani

- All OVAC football
- 4 year letter football
- state qualifier in wrestling



Hannah Bass

- National Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Co-anchor WPHS TV news show
- Freshman mentor
- Pat Clutter Scholarship of Broadcast Journalism



Ian Schau

- Class Salutatorian
- Lettered in football, basketball and baseball
- Worked with Special Olympics and Miracle League of Upper Ohio Valley
- Currently at WVU majoring in Chemical Engineering

Brianna Breault

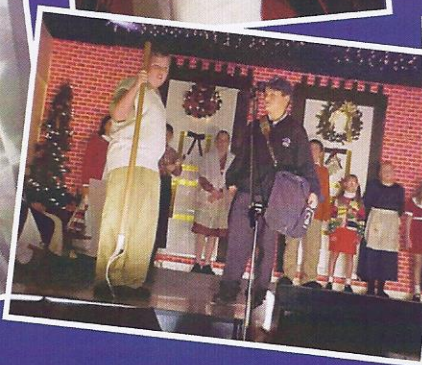
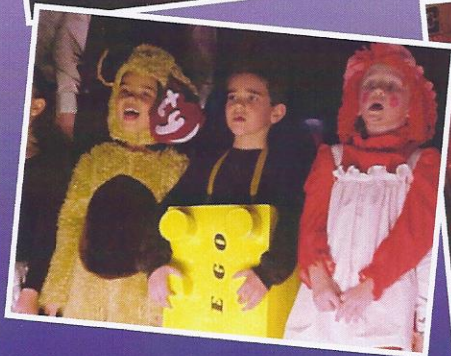
- Co-valedictorian at Bishop Donahue High School
- Captain of both Track and Cross-Country teams for 2 years
- Rhododendron Girls State participant
- WLU Intel Science & Engineering Fair award winner
- Currently at Bethany College

Christmas Show 2011

A night in early December always sees the Christmas Show of Our Lady of Peace, a signature event at our school. "Smile – It's Christmas" was presented on December 1. There were little Christmas trees, Christmas Pajama Kids, Angels, North Pole stars and of course, Kindergarten as the Live Nativity. Truly, the gym and parking lots were at full capacity.

Merry Christmas from Our Lady of Peace!

Christmas Show Memories



Making a *Difference*

Class of 2006

Sara Keedy

Principal's Note

In my recollections there are certain phone calls, visits or events one never forgets. When Sara Keedy was in the sixth grade, I received a phone call from her mother, Kathy, from Ruby Memorial Hospital Intensive Care that Sara had collapsed and was paralyzed. It seemed the drive to Morgantown was an eternity for me. That day and in ensuing visits I saw a determined, hopeful, positive Sara and family. In her next two years at Peace, I loved the memories of her as Cinderella with Prince Charming, Paul Henry, and her as our May Queen. Those past "royalties" were a foreshadowing of her national title. Her alma mater is proud of her not only for her achievements, but also for her embracing her challenges to show everyone how to make a difference.

By Zach Macormic/Courtesy of the Wheeling Intelligencer

WEST VIRGINIA—A different kind of "Miss America" lives right here in the Ohio Valley, and she wants to help remove obstacles for those like her from college campuses across the nation.

Sara Keedy, 19, of Benwood on July 23 was crowned "Ms. Wheelchair USA" at the national pageant in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. At the pageant, she pledged in her platform speech she would push to improve Americans with Disabilities Act conditions at higher education institutions, starting with West Liberty University where she is in her second year as a dental hygiene undergraduate.

Her plan for WLU is to host a Disability Awareness Day. She said she hopes to gather several wheelchairs and crutches as well as provide blindfolds and earplugs. She would issue them to able-bodied students for the day and they would understand the difficulties of being paralyzed, blind or deaf.

At the day's end, those students would summarize their troubles in accessing various parts of campus and report them to the school administration. Those reports, she said, could inspire various campus improvements.

She added if it works at WLU, then the idea may branch out to Wheeling Jesuit University, West Virginia University and Bethany College.

The path that led her to this point started at age 12. In a gymnastics practice, she landed on her back hard enough to cause swelling that led to a spinal cord stroke. The occurrence crippled her from the waist down.

She said the new lifestyle was a hard adjustment at first.

"Being accepted was one of those things



when I was younger," she said. "And getting around was something that was hard to do."

However, she found the change to come easier as a student at Our Lady Of Peace School. She recalled no moment when her physical differences brought on social problems. When she moved on to Bishop Donahue High School, she said the atmosphere was very accepting.

About one year ago, before getting her start at WLU, she read an editorial in United Spinal's magazine, an organization specializing in spinal health, about the annual pageant. She said she decided to apply to West Virginia's branch just to see if she could get in.

"I did it for the experience," she said.

On the state level, there are no pageants, but a review committee. That committee selected Keedy to represent West Virginia at the national pageant.

Once there, she realized she was one of the youngest competing and she was very nervous at first.

"Once I started talking to everyone, it was great," she said.

Through the week, she participated in activities in the community, such as making fleece blankets for the homeless shelter with the local Girl Scouts, visiting the Akron General Medical Center to see its wellness programs and working at a local Developmental Disabilities board with

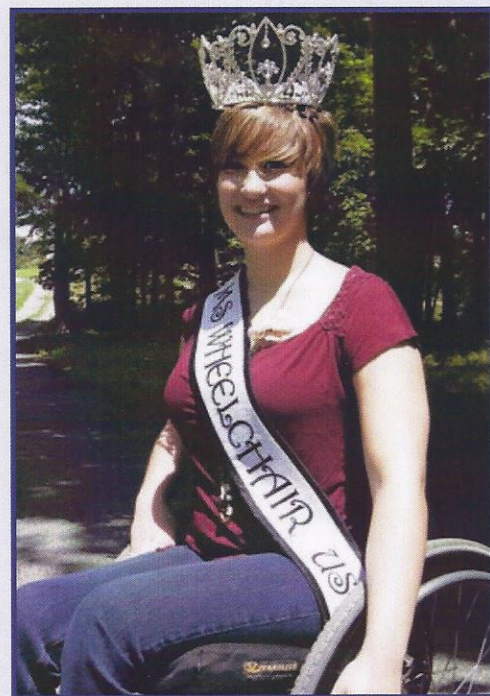


Photo by Zach Macormic

mentally-handicapped individuals.

The competition, coming later in the week, was intense for Keedy. She recited everything she learned in practice through four events: the opening number outfit, platform speech, on-stage interview and evening wear.

She was first surprised when her name was called for the Photogenic and Congeniality awards and as the announcements started for pageant runner-ups, she said they felt like an eternity.

"It was in my mind then and there that I didn't think I placed," she said.

When her name was called as winner, she said her mind nearly blacked out and she barely remembers much other than shock for the next two days.

However, the most positive thing she gained from the competition was a network of new friends living like her, particularly Tawnya Taylor, fourth runner-up and Ms. Wheelchair Minnesota. Keedy said the two keep in contact regularly.

Aside from school and pageantry, Keedy works at Marquee Cinema at The Highlands and enjoys spending late nights with her friends.



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