Fall 2012



Peace Pride



Newsletter for Alumni, Families, & Friends

Message from the Principal



Dear Alumni,

For the fiftieth year those front school doors opened to welcome the Classes of 2013 to 2022 on Covenant Night. Families walked into a "dressed up facility." The original lights throughout classroom, offices and gym have been replaced with slick, contemporary, energy efficient lighting. The palette of the classrooms is an ice blue. In October, windows of yesterday will be replaced by bronze, tinted, energy efficient windows. Wireless technology with iPads and Think Pad laptops are now teacher/learning resources. The updates provide a conducive and timely learning atmosphere for our students.

All of these changes reflect hopes and dreams realized to prepare for our next fftty years and beyond. Without a doubt all of this gives ample evidence that God is at work through the People of Peace whether it be 50 years ago, now or 50 years in the future.

Rooted in hopes and dreams are the people who have chosen Our Lady of Peace as their home. I have so enjoyed talking to and seeing so many of our alumni just this summer. I hope you enjoy reliving some of your times here in your Peace home through these pages. Your visit to our school at any time would be a welcomed one. You are asked to continue to dream with us and help to make those dreams a reality.

















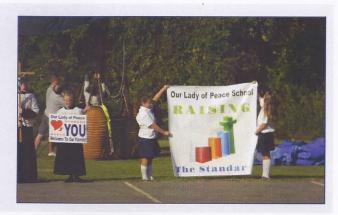


School Year Kick Off

Throughout this school year students and teachers of Our Lady of Peace will Raise the Standards in conjunction with the national Catholic Schools Week theme. To bring the point home, Our Lady of Peace was Up, Up, and Away. To the music of Up, Up, and Away, Mrs. Reilly and Pastor, Father Dennis, climbed in a hot air balloon while students launched blue and white balloons into the air. Energy and excitement matched the launch of balloons to show we are truly aiming to raise the standards. What a way to start!









Parents and students come together for the first "night" of school to celebrate our Convenant spirit in August



Elections were held in September for Student Council 2012-2013

Fall Traditions Continue...



WV First Lady,
Joanne Tomblin, was
a special guest at our
Family & Friends
Day in October
where OLP 7th
graders represented
Presidents and First
Ladies



Our Peace Spirit Walkathon highest earners were treated to an afternoon of zip lining in Grand Vue Park

50th Year Gala Celebration

Parishioners and Friends gathered the week-end of September 8-9 to celebrate the past fifty years of Our Lady of Peace. Eighteen original parishioners who remain with Peace today were recognized.

Mrs. Anne Amrhein

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Mildred Andlinger

Mrs. Wanda Bidka

Mr. & Mrs. John and Mary Bradcovich

Mrs. Opal Bristel

Mrs. Goldie Edgel

Mr. Angelo Jafrate

Mrs. Grace Kolibash

Mr. John McAninch

Mrs. Dorothy Mecodangelo

Mrs. Doris Oleska

Mrs. Rita Pastorius

Mr. & Mrs. James and Nora Pockl

Mr. William Reddy

Mr. & Mrs. Carl and Evelyn Remick

Mrs. Joseph Synowiec

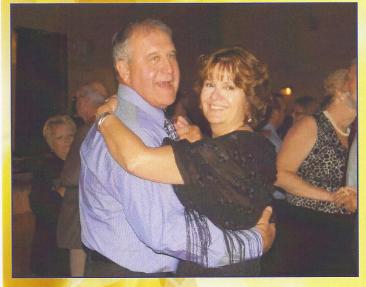
Mr. & Mrs. George and Sandra Weaver

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence and Margaret Wiethe

Stories, smiles, dancing and dining filled the Peace Family Center. Here are some snapshots of the weekend's festivities.









Those Who Have Taught Us...

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for leading us in our lifelong journey of faith and knowledge. For your dedication and service, we thank you.

~ The People of Peace

Marist Sisters who started the journey:







Your faith inspired us
Your wisdom prepared us
Your dedication motivated us
Your discipline guided us
and played a significance in our lives.





Our Lady of Peace Faculty 2012



Alumni News and Sightings

Principal's Note:

For a principal, it is always so heartwarming to "run into alumni" by chance or design. This past summer seemed to be filled with those connections. I love those catch-up moments –

Summer Jobs - serving at businesses

Jessica Binkowski, '08 - Bob Evans

Catherine Breault, '08 - Dairy Queen

Austin Evans, '10 - Silver Chopsticks

Anne Jones, '90 - Lakeview Resort

From Emails, Phone Calls & Gatherings

Beth Narrish, '95 – Market Manager at IBM in Chicago and arranged for us to receive a grant to purchase more student iPads.



Angela DiCocco, '01 Michael Wilson, '03

Natalie Kudlak, '98– Students together at WV School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg



Monica Mason, '08 – Consol Energy Scholarship winner

Fred Robrecht, '65 – living in Alaska and catching up on his travels and Peace news

Brigid Cain, '04 – project lead in charge of million dollar DOE Solar Decathalon competition for WVU and newly commissioned into the Navy's Civil Engineering Corp



*Dale and Luke, '99, Seidler – these two have been installing the new, energy efficient windows in our classrooms

Mark Bowman, '88 – watching for him on MLB television

Mandy Weishar, '03 – in the midst of her rotation for her degree as a Physician's Assistant

Ann Klug Kahle, '77 – brought her CCHS art class to OLP to help our 8th graders paint a map of West Virginia on the parking lot



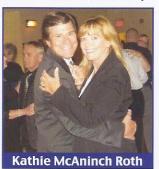
Jennifer Groome Loudermilk, '93 – teaching in the English Department at Linsly and talking about Forensics competition with OLP

Trey Dunlevy, '10 – returns as "Official OLP Soundman" for the 2012 Christmas Show



Seen at 50th Anniversary Celebrations

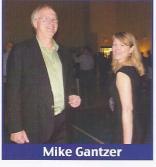
Chris Palmer Wharton, '71



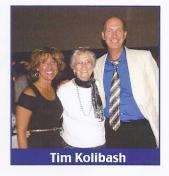
Kathie McAninch Roth, '65 Matt McGovern, '84



Maureen Thalman Kerr, '94 >



◆ Mike Gantzer, '70



Tim Kolibash, '78 ► Samantha Simon, '03

Celebrations and Remembrances

We have heard of these alumni celebrating weddings this summer:

Regina Thalman Fragale, '97 Sean Gantzer, '02 Melanie Gantzer Miller, '98 Andrea Holmes, '96 Lindsey Pastorius Jesionowski, '99



And seen at these weddings:
Nicole Schneid, '97
Regina Thalman Fragale, '97
Melanie Sechrest Syrzypec, '97
Andy Thalman, '96
Maureen Thalman Kerr, '94
Mark Thalman, '91

At Mikey Moses funeral:

Higgins, Moses and Richards alumni (Jeff Higgins, '86, reminded me he was the first Student Council President)

Look who's coaching for OLP

Heather Schneid, '00 – 5/6 girls basketball coach



Haley Robb, '09 – 7/8 girls basketball assistant coach



Bella DeFazio, '10 – 4/5 cheering Adrianna Theiss, '11 - 6/7/8 cheering



We hope to see or hear from YOU!



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You are welcome to join us!

December 1 Santa's Breakfast at 9am

December 6 Annual Christmas Show at 6:30pm

"A Town Called Bethlehem"

January 26 Start of Catholic Schools Week

February 8 Valentine Dinner Dance 6-11pm @ Wheeling Park White Palace

Social, Dinner, Dance with Dr. Zoot Band

April 12 Night at the Races

May 9 Spring Musical "Fifty Years of Broadway"

May 29 Graduation Liturgy at 7pm

Class of 2013, Fiftieth Year Class

June 7-14 50th Anniversary Royal Caribbean Cruise to Bahamas

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