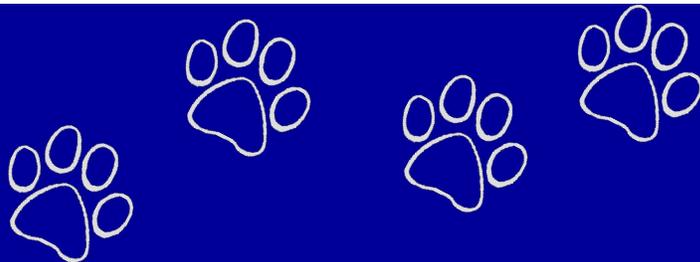


Panther Pride

Our Lady of Peace School Alumni Newsletter
Fall 2017



Dear Alumni,

BE A CHAMPION for OLP!

As alumni and friends of OLP you know we are only as strong as our supporters. We are totally and completely self-sufficient and do not receive state, federal or diocesan funds to run our school. Our expenses are paid through tuition, parish subsidy, and third party resources (grants, fundraisers, and gifts).

People don't give to us, just because we have needs. People give to us because we meet needs and are good stewards of their money!

There are several giving opportunities mentioned in this newsletter for you to consider. Just as important, we hope that you keep Our Lady of Peace School, our staff, our students, and our families in your prayers. Together we can **PRAY LIKE A CHAMPION** never ceasing (1Thessalonians 5:17).

If you are in the area stop by and see us. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/OLPSchool](https://www.facebook.com/OLPSchool/); and Twitter at twitter.com/OLPSchool.

We aim to make you proud!

Our Lady of Peace School has earned a strong reputation of excellence, but with all of our successes our focus remains on being faithful, humble, and steadfast not only to our faith-filled culture, but also to our work in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the community.

This year our theme is **CHAMPIONS BY DESIGN!** God created each of us to be amazing and serve others. If we concentrate on being faithful to God, our community, our family, our studies, our teams,... on everything that is and should be important to us, we will make a difference. We will be giving it our very best with a champion spirit.

We take our job of enriching our students seriously. We work hard with our students from age three to eighth grade, so they become the best version of themselves.

What is our goal? We concentrate on preparing students not only for high school and life, but also for eternity.

Where do our students come from? Our PK3 to eighth grade students come from all over Marshall and Ohio counties in West Virginia and Belmont County, Ohio. We are now the only catholic grade school in Marshall County.

How strong is OLP? As alumni you would be proud to know that we have received the National Innovations in Catholic Education Award for three consecutive terms and we are one of only two schools in the country to do so!

For more than 10 years OLP has earned the highest score in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on the eighth grade ACRE (religion assessment) and our fifth graders have continued to finish in the top three in the diocese those same years.

While all of these and other accolades make the school stand out on paper, it is what the students and staff are learning and doing that make Our Lady of Peace shine! Students in grades 7-8 perform 50 hours of community service on their own in addition to the community service projects they do as a class, school, or parish. Our students attend adoration, lead Mass each week, excel in the classroom, work hard in athletics, and learn values and morals that encourage them to have high standards and strong self-esteem.

We thank each of you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure; and thank you especially for your prayers. Together we are PEACE!

Panther partnerships:

By Partnering with Your Alma Mater You Can Keep us Ahead of the Pack

A Catholic education at Our Lady of Peace School prepares our students in mind, body and soul for service to Christ not only in the church, but in the world. We academically challenge our students, offer small class sizes, maintain a devoted and engaged faculty, provide hands on service learning, and offer so much more to prepare our students for success and purpose! **With your help our boys and girls are set on a path to greatness.** The expense of a Catholic education is a serious challenge for many of our families.

The truth is we simply cannot make such dreams a reality without you. A gift toward tuition assistance, program expenses, and building improvements is an act of faith. Jesus taught to us that when you give it will come back to you in greater measure.

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, and is the poorer. – Proverbs 11:24

Through the course of this year you

will receive opportunities to give to our school and parish through appeal letters, bulletin articles (available online at www.olpww.org), our school website www.olpschool.org, and Facebook www.facebook.com/OLP.School. We hope you will give serious and prayerful consideration to make a financial difference.

Areas to direct your gift of treasure:

- ◆ Tuition Assistance
- ◆ Teacher Salaries
- ◆ Capital Improvements (*facility and grounds maintenance and improvements*)
- ◆ Program Enhancements (*textbooks, technology upgrades, etc.*)
- ◆ The OLP Parish & School Legacy Society (*gifts through your will or life insurance policy. Notify us of any planned gifts for the parish or school. This notification enrolls you into the Legacy Society and your name will be added to the Tree of Life in the church vestibule.*)



We are blessed....

Many of our parents and yes, grandparents are alumni of OLP. For them it is important for their child to have a faith-filled superior education. For us it is a significant statement of not only their deep rooted love for their school, but also their confidence in OLP. There is no greater investment. Here are just a few proud alums:



Nichole (Yahn) Paulus with her daughter Melah -1st.



Tim Bishop with daughter Gia-4th. Daughter Grace is in K.



Matt McGovern with daughter Emma. Son Max is in 7th. Daughter Mandy is also an OLP graduate.



Jessica (Hewitt) Glenn with son Aiden—K. Son Liam is in 3rd and daughter Bailey is also an OLP graduate.



Chris (Wallace) Ghaphery with her daughter Mackenzie -4th and Brailyn-2nd. Daughter Brianna is in 5th and son Eli 7th.



Sylvia (Heise) Huggins with grandchildren Brady Fowler—5th and Seneca Fowler—2nd. Their mother is Alum Denise Huggins Fowler.

*Educating is an act of love;
it is like giving life. - Pope Francis*



We are Grateful for our Annual Fund Donors:

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\$2,000+

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Thanks for the new carpeting!

We were able to replace the carpets in our classrooms that were more than 25 years old, because of the following donors:

\$1,000+

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thalman III
Mr. Joseph Saverimuttu
Dr. John Battaglino Jr.
Mrs. Kathleen McGinnis Gompers
In Honor of Paul & Marcella McGinnis

\$250+

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Phil & C'Ann Reilly
Kurt & Nichole Paulus
Ms. Amy Reddy *In Memory of William J. Reddy*

\$25+

Bonnie Milam

Save the Date:

Oct. 21— 6 pm Parish & School Steak Fry

Dec. 2— 9 am Breakfast with Santa

Jan. 28-Feb. 3— Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 9— 6 pm Valentine Dinner Dance

April 27— 6:30 pm Dueling Pianos



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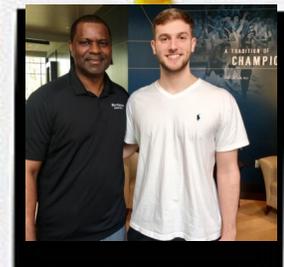
Heather
Schneid Haight
WV Reading
Teacher of the
Year!

STATE CHAMPS

CHEERING



Christine Smith, Olivia Carte, Caroline
Brannan and Madison Wiedebusch.



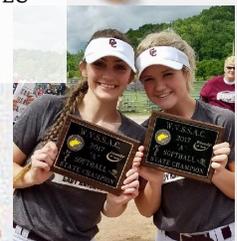
Boyd Bibey accepts walk-
on spot for WVU Men's
Basketball Team.



Alum Libby Murrin is pre-
sented with a Legislative Citation
by Delegate Mike Ferro recogniz-
ing her membership in the Gold-
en Horseshoe Society for out-
standing and exceptional WV
students.



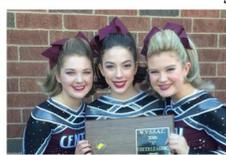
Brian Campbell—
American Legion Play-
er of the Year & WLU
Scholar Athlete



STATE CHAMPS

Madion Dobkin
and Bailey Nixon

STATE RUNNER-UP
CHEERING:
Aubrey Gossett,
Lane Bibey and
Madison Dobkin



Emily Megna—WVU
Religious Studies Award