

2013-2014



# Peace Spirit *and* Pride



Annual Report

# Spring 2014 Advancement Report Letter



Dear People of Peace,

Throughout this year our school has focused on the One Step at a Time Campaign. As I write this last letter to you, the campaign title evokes plentiful memories of my steps at Our Lady of Peace.

To this day I vividly remember stepping into this front hall to see Father Ray (I had known him from Huntington years ago) and then followed by stepping into a reception hosted by Home and School Council in the same hall for me to meet parents. The embrace of the Peace Community could be felt at those moments.

Since then I've witnessed many parents bringing their children into the school as they followed the Panther paw prints. There have been times for leaps of joy. There have been times that the poem "Footprints" was a reality when we had sudden losses of a pastor, a teacher, parents, alumnus, and even a student. With each of those steps I realize my life line, "There is an appointed time for everything under the heavens," leads the way for all the steps.

With your generosity we have far surpassed our goals. How befitting it is that Maureen Kerr, my successor, will enter to take her first steps as principal on a new foundation. Over the summer with these funds a new hallway will be laid, walls and doors will have a new palette and a new Social Studies program will be implemented. It's all because you made a commitment to join with us in steps on a journey.

It is my hope the advancing pages will bring memories to you and lay new hopes for the People of Peace. For all these years I thank you for your trust and hope in me as your servant leader and for your faith and love for our children and our mission.

Always in Peace and Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C'Ann Reilly".

C'Ann Reilly  
Principal

## Message from the Pastor



Dear OLP Alumni and friends,

What an amazing year for our school community! We started off in the Fall with Mission Possible and received our mission from on high out of the sky. In every aspect, students, staff, parents, and friends accepted the charge and lived as the People of Peace. Mrs. Reilly has led the way as she finishes 28 years of outstanding service to our school and parish. Her profound and joyful gift of self is a living example of what the power of the Holy Spirit can do for those who heroically follow the path of God for their life.

We are grateful to Mrs. Reilly for her foresight and graciousness in providing a seamless transition for our incoming Principal, Mrs. Maureen Kerr. Mrs. Kerr has over a decade of teaching experience with Mrs. Reilly and brings her own unique gifts of talent and leadership.

Mrs. Reilly's presence will remain in the legacy of excellence she has cultivated. We wish her, and her husband Phil, God's blessings in all their new endeavors. We know we move forward with all her prayers and support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Dennis R. Shuebert, J." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Father Dennis

## Our Mission

As pastor, principal, faculty, students, parents, parishioners...

We Are the People of



PRAYER



ENCOURAGEMENT & EXAMPLE



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# Maureen Thalman Kerr

## *Principal*



Our Lady of Peace School names 1994 alumna and OLP faculty member Maureen Thalman Kerr as principal. Upon receiving her master's degree in 2003, Mrs. Kerr returned to her alma mater to assume a position as middle school teacher. In her role she served as a grade six base teacher to introduce and orient students to middle school level responsibilities and expectations. Realizing the full scope of teaching, Mrs. Kerr also coordinated the school yearbook publication and moderated the Junior Beta Club. In 2013 she was honored as a Teacher of the Year by the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. Two of her three children, Brady and Claire, attend Our Lady of Peace School.

"Mrs. Kerr has lived the mission of Our Lady of Peace. Her spirit enhances her leadership and her connection to our students, parents, parish and greater community," Mrs. Reilly said.



### A Letter from Maureen

Dear Peace Alumni and Community Leaders,

I hope everyone is enjoying a safe and fun filled summer, and I look forward to seeing you all soon. First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for the kind words and heartfelt messages you have voiced and written to me following Mrs. Reilly's decision to retire. I appreciate your acceptance more than you know, and will work hard to keep Our Lady of Peace the great school of excellence that it has become through these years. It is my honor to follow such an influential and dedicated administrator and role model. She has taught me not only the administrative side of being a principal, but she has also taught me faith, perseverance, and compassion. I look forward working with Fr. Dennis and know we have something very special in him as our pastor. We are blessed to have him as a faith filled leader, and we are blessed to have a faculty and staff who work tirelessly to make a difference in our students. As I said before, OLP is part of who I am and will forever hold a special place in my heart. Being with the OLP children every day, watching them accomplish their goals, and witnessing the goodness of life through their smiling faces is something that is priceless to me. I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to do this in a leadership role every day.



We are already in planning mode for the 2014-15 school year, and have many fun and exciting ideas set for the year. We have also begun to enhance many aspects of the curriculum. With the support of you, our alumni and community leaders, the faculty, staff and I will be able to successfully implement options and best practices. I look forward to working with and hearing from you all and hope to see you soon. Thank you again for supporting Our Lady of Peace.

God bless.

*Maureen Kerr*  
Mrs. Kerr



# C'Ann Reilly retires after serving Our Lady of Peace School as principal from 1986-2014



As Fr. Dennis paid tribute to Mrs. Reilly in song at the May 31st Retirement Reception for Parish, School, Alumni and Business Leaders, we repeat these words from the Ray Boltz song "Thank you".

*Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am a life that was changed.  
Thank you for giving to the Lord.  
I am so glad you gave.*

We love you, Mrs. Reilly! Thank you for giving of yourself so selfishly and lovingly for 28 years at Our Lady of Peace.



# Panther Pause

## Alumni and Friends of OLP Briefs



Fr. Dennis Scheulkens, Isabel Reilly, and Mrs. Reilly



Chris Vani

Our Lady of Peace School's Isabel Reilly was selected as the 2014 Aquinas Award recipient. She is pictured with Fr. Dennis Scheulkens and Mrs. Reilly.

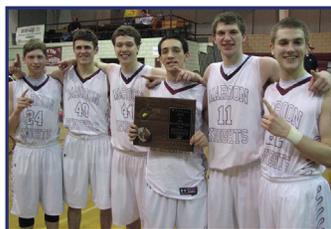
The Aquinas medal is awarded to a student in each catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Remarkably, both local high schools' Aquinas Award recipients are graduates of Our Lady of Peace. Bishop Donahue High School's Chris Vani and Central Catholic High School's Daniel Callahan were also recognized by Bishop Michael J. Bransfield for characterizing all that is good about Catholic schools. Both are shining examples of how Catholic education can inspire our youth to be leaders among their peers and the greater community.



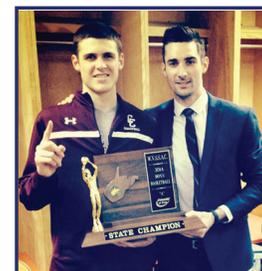
Daniel Callahan and Bishop Michael J Bransfield



OLP Parishioner and dedicated school supporter Curt Oliver was honored at the 2014 Cancer Research Classic at Wheeling Jesuit University for his unwavering support of Catholic education. Curt is pictured with a few of our students during one of his many visits.



It was an exciting basketball season for Central Catholic High School this year – and OLP was elated with their Class A WV State Basketball Champions title, because six of the 12 man team are Panther alumni! The boys were coached by OLP 2001 Graduate Tyler Morando, pictured on right. Pictured left are: Gabe Rohmann ('13); Chase Harler ('12); Brian Campbell ('12); Jonathan Droginske ('10); David Park ('10); and Boyd Bibey ('11).



Three former Panther hoopers from three different area high schools were honored as Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) All Stars. Congratulations to Luke Saseen of Wheeling Park High School; Tanner Filben from John Marshall; and David Park of Central Catholic. These young men are high achievers on and off the court Saseen will continue his basketball career at Hood College; Filben was named a National Merit Scholar Finalist; and Park who was named twice to the WVSSAC All-Tournament team and All-State Team.



In August, BDHS's Chris Vani and Kelsey Schau, both of the OLP Class of 2010, will participate as All-Stars in football and cheering respectively at the OVAC Football game. Vani signed to play football at West Liberty University. Schau is pictured third from the left, while Vani is pictured at far right.

## Rest in Peace

The OLP Parish and School family lost one of its leaders in November, Fr. Frank O'Kruta who served us from 2001-2008.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.



WVU students and OLP graduates Addie Schneid ('08) and Bill Committee ('05) spent their spring break in Jamaica. They weren't basking in the sun at a multi-million resort, they were working in the poverty stricken communities of the island, caring for children who were abandoned by their parents due to physical disabilities or the inability to feed and shelter them. God Bless them for being a leader down Christ's path!

Proud grandfather Charles Diehl of OLP PK4 graduate and new Kindergartener, Kendyl Baker, was excited to show his granddaughter and his daughter Chana Diehl Baker a photo of the first OLP School staff and student body from 1962 which he was a member. The picture is hanging in the main office. There were 120 students registered that year and was staffed by four Sisters of the Congregation of Mary (Marists) of Ireland.



Bishop Donahue High School students Adriana Theis and Cheyanne Reinbeau both of the Class of 2011, visited and read to students in grades K-5 last spring. Photo on left shows Theis pictured on the right. Photo on right shows Reinbeau is pictured reading to a 4th grade class, second from the right.



Class of 2013 graduate and now sophomore at BDHS, Shae Reinbeau was crowned the Wheeling, WV region's Miss America Teen. She spoke to grades 5-6 about the importance of proper nutrition and exercise. Pictured with Fifth grader Libby Murrin and sixth grader Lane Bibey



## STATE CHAMP!

Congratulations to Alison Irvin of the OLP Class of 2011. Ali, a junior at Wheeling Park HS won a gold medal in the prepared speech category of the SkillsUSA state tournament in March. She travels to Kansas City, Mo. this summer to compete at the national conference. We are so proud and wish her continued success!

# 2013-2014

## One Step at a Time Campaign

God has a perfect plan for us. Walk by faith and not by sight.  
2 Corinthians 5:5-7

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## Legacy Society

Legacy Society – The Our Lady of Peace Legacy Society was established to acknowledge those who want to financially support the legacy of Peace through a bequest or as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

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# Panther Pride



As part of the Regina Service Learning community and the school's mission statement, Our Lady of Peace students are mindful of the importance of public service. Two projects our students and parish eagerly worked on were Miracle for Maddox, an effort to raise funds for kindergartener Maddox Stillion who is fighting a rare lung disease; and Wear Orange for Dalton, a day to raise money for medical expenses for Class of 2014 graduate Dalton Goddard who was diagnosed with leukemia late this spring. The students raised more than \$10,000 toward those causes!



Kendra Dobbs, a 2013-2014 sixth grader placed 3rd in the WV State Social Studies Fair for her project on children of the holocaust. Ethan Hartley placed 1st in physics at the regional science fair at West Liberty University.

The 2014 Doug Strobe and Mark "Packer" Pappa Award Winners, respectively - Laurel Robb and Nate Rush. Congratulations to these truly amazing student athletes!



The Holy Father of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis would be pleased with Our Lady of Peace School's champion speller Sophie Sliter-Hays of Wheeling after spelling the word "pontiff" correctly to win the school's annual School Spelling Bee. Sliter-Hays is pictured at left with; Mandy McGovern of Wheeling, Runner-up; and Sri Doupaty of Moundsville, third place/alternate.



OLP Students Cassidy, Cecilia and Jocelyn Blatt are pictured with Mrs. Reilly and the girls' aunt Jodi Blatt who presented the school with a grant from Williams Energy for the schools One Step at a Time Campaign.

Thanks to the Evan G. Roberts Trust and BB&T the Peace Family Center has received new wall mats and volleyball equipment. Michelle Roth of the Class of 2015 is pictured with Mrs. Reilly and BB&T representatives.



# Now and Then



**First Holy  
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2014      1987



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August 21 - Grades K-8 First Full Day

August 21 PK 3 Orientation

August 22 - PK4 Orientation

August 25 - First Day PK4

August 26 - First Day PK3

Sept. 1 - Labor Day - No School

Sept. 11 - Class Night

Sept. 26 - Family & Friends Day

October 17 - Walk-a-thon

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