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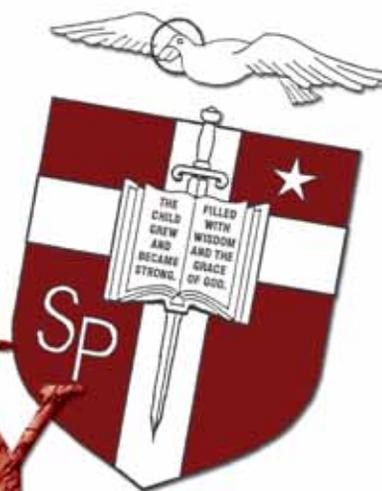
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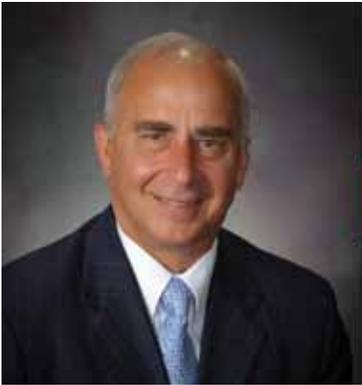
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PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by Wayne Babcanec, Ph. D., President NCS

During the last week in January, Norwalk Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools Week. This is a national event which emphasizes the important role that Catholic schools play in providing a values-added education for our nation's youth. There are over two million students enrolled in seven thousand Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country.

Catholic education has been taking place in our area for 180 years. The first Catholic school was located at St. Alphonsus, three miles south of Norwalk, in a log house in 1833. During Catholic Schools Week, we continue to celebrate the heritage of Catholic education in Norwalk. The week began with our annual St. Paul Hall of Fame induction ceremony and banquet. Close to two hundred people were present as seven individuals, as well as a family of seven brothers were inducted this year. This year's inductees included Don Hohler '56, John Magnuson '65, Charles P. Amato '66, Dr. Gerald Volcheck '81, David Poole '85, John Wasiniak '90, Kami (Roeder) Luers '93, and the seven Fisher Brothers who attended school at St. Paul in the late 19th century. It was an inspiring evening as the inductees or their representatives expressed their gratitude to St. Paul High School for the role that it played in their lives. In addition to the Hall of Fame ceremony, a variety of other activities took place in our schools to commemorate Catholic Schools Week. These included Spirit day and dress up day, classroom visits by distinguished alumni, a spaghetti dinner attended by over six hundred, an eighth grade student-faculty volleyball game, and even a pep rally. The culminating activity for the week was an all-school mass which took place at the end of the week. At the conclusion of mass, Mary Linder, a recent retiree, was honored for her dedicated service to Catholic education. Several other current staff members were recognized for their milestone years of continuous service. The following teachers and staff members were honored: Angela Bovia, Julie Grine, and Duane Kluding for 10 years of service; Sandra Nickoli for 15 years of service; Tom Baker and Grace Whitehurst for 20 years of service; Michael Wasiniak for 30 years of service; and Jim Swabley for 40 years of service.

In this edition of Flyer Pride, you can read the inspirational stories of Hall of Fame inductees. You will also see stories and pictures (including our wrap-around cover) of many of the activities that took place during Catholic Schools Week. In addition, we have included features on the accomplishments of several of our distinguished alumni.

The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week was "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." At Norwalk Catholic School we endeavor to do this on a daily basis. We teach our students faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high academic standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to serve, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens!

I hope that you enjoy this latest edition of our magazine and remember to always exhibit your Flyer Pride.

- Wayne Babcanec, President

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Grateful for the Legacy Given by our Alumni

By Matt Fair, SPH Alumni Director

Our third Hall of Fame Class was inducted on January 26, 2013 at the St. Paul Gathering Space. Their biographies are included with this magazine. This is a way for St. Paul High School to recognize our achievements and help us spotlight what makes us special.

The Fisher Brothers is a name with which everyone is familiar. We are blessed as a community to have this family be part of our history. The very building that I spend a good majority of my life in was built by these generous brothers. They have touched many lives in many different ways and certainly St. Paul High School would not be the same without their foresight and dedication.

Two Hall of Fame members that I am privileged to deal with on a daily basis are Don Hohler (Class of 1956) and John Wasiniak (Class of 1990). Both of these men are great examples of community leadership. Certainly their past dedication to this school and the community at large requires their induction into the Hall of Fame. Many times Don Hohler is asked to give his time to this school and he does so with a style and a humor all his own. John is part of a Wasiniak family tradition of support for St. Paul that goes beyond what is expected. These two are part of our local Flyer family that will help the school in whatever capacity is needed. They are but two examples of the many alumni that keep this school vibrant and successful. Dr. Gerald Volcheck (Class of 1981) comes from your typical St. Paul family. Like most of our students he worked hard during school with dreams of becoming something great. After serving his country in the Navy he went on to work at the one and only Mayo Clinic. What a blessing his example of success is to our students. It is important for the community to be proud of someone that has reached such heights in his profession. Great things can come from St. Paul High School through hard work and dedication. Dr. Volcheck is yet another example of that.

Kami Roeder-Luers (Class of 1993) and Dave Poole (Class of 1985) are great examples for a passion of excellence in athletics. They both reached the pinnacle of their respective sports by winning championships, Dave at the state track meet and Kami on the national level in basketball. Both of these athletes are not driven by the limelight of fame that comes with success. Their motivation strictly lies in getting better through hard work. The thrill of competition is certainly a motivator for both of them, but the rush of pushing yourself to the limit in working up to that competition is what drove them. Their hard work and passion for their sport is still alive in them today as they seek to encourage others to become successful athletes.

Lastly we have the two inspirational stories of Charlie Amato Jr. (Class of 1966) and John Magnuson (Class of 1965). One only needs to read their biographies to see the medical obstacles that have been put in their way. The Amato family is so proud of Charlie that they packed the gathering space with over fifty friends and family members. Hall of Fame weekend was a homecoming for them as they traveled to St. Paul from all parts of the globe. Charlie certainly is inspirational; he heard the call of service at a young age and follows it until this day despite any obstacles that have been put in his way. His dedication to serving others is certainly an example to all of our students and graduates. John Magnuson is also in that same category. He put aside personal gain to serve the people. He strove to be a public servant who put the community before self-interest. Even today John will not take credit for others, but always talks about how others helped him be successful. Both of these men do not let their physical limitations impact their opportunities to affect others. There are no excuses for them, only opportunities to make the world a better place. They truly are an example of how God can inspire people to do great things.

These stories of hard work, passion and perseverance are qualities that we can all take pride in. This Hall of Fame class, like the two before it, is a shining example of what we can do to make our world better. Work hard, play strong, serve well describes these and all of our alumni. Thank you to all of our St. Paul alumni; our students are constantly working to walk in the shoes of your legacy.

The 2013 SPH Hall of Fame

INDUCTION BANQUET AND CEREMONY

January 26, 2013



John E. Magnuson Distinguished Citizen, Class of 1965

Little doubt John Magnuson was and still is one of Erie County's most respected public servants.

Not even multiple sclerosis slowed the 1965 St. Paul graduate. He had been on the Erie County Sheriff's Department for one year when in 1973 he learned of the disabling disease. Magnuson never slowed as a deputy. In fact, he moved through the ranks and in 1980 successfully ran for sheriff. He would win re-election as the chief law enforcement officer of Erie County a record five times, becoming the longest-serving sheriff in the history of the county. In 2009, Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher presented Magnuson with the Clarence W. Seavers Citizenship Award, an honor bestowed upon an individual who is recognized for his dedication and achievement.

During his tenure as sheriff, the department fleet increased from 10 cars to 30. His biggest accomplishment however came in 1989 when the new Erie County jail was completed.

Magnuson was well-schooled in police science. He received an associate degree in that field from Lorain Community College. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Youngstown State University. Magnuson also served three years in the Army including one year in Vietnam.

In high school, he participated in football, basketball and track. When just a sophomore he was a varsity player on the 1962 football team which had an undefeated season. Magnuson was an honor student at St. Paul. He served as class president in both his junior and senior years.

As an adult his passion turned to baseball and the Cleveland Indians. He attended every opening day for more than twenty-five years and is still a fan. He filled his office and home with Tribe memorabilia. One piece was a Cleveland Indians cap which he admitted to wearing almost daily.

Magnuson's life-long friend is his presenter Mike Myers. They played sports together starting in junior high.

"John remains one of my closest friends," the local real estate broker explained. "He is the most positive and generous person I know. We talk almost every day and see each other frequently. Although his illness has slowed him down, his mind is as sharp as ever. He enjoys seeing his friends and reminiscing about his St. Paul days."

Myers remembers Magnuson being called "Huey" after the cartoon character Baby Huey.

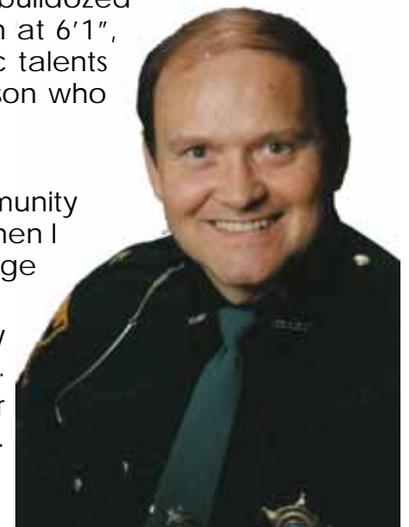
"Coach Bob Irvin hung that nickname on him because of the way he bulldozed would-be tacklers. John played tackle and was one of our biggest linemen at 6'1", 195. He was a heck of an athlete. One person who recognized his athletic talents was Irvin. He coached John in both football and basketball. He is the person who nominated John."

Present Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth was hired by Magnuson.

"I met Sheriff Magnuson when I was an 18-year-old student at Lorain Community College. He was an instructor there," Sigsworth remembered. "He told me when I turned 21 to come and see him. Well, I didn't wait that long. I saw him at age 20."

Sigsworth worked in the jail for a time and then filled a full-time road deputy vacancy in 1985. Magnuson followed Harold Gladwell as Erie County Sheriff.

"Sheriff Magnuson was attuned to what went on in the jail as far as prisoner treatment," Sigsworth explained. "He also kept a close eye on the road patrol. He wanted the actions of deputies to be both professional and fair."



The Fisher Brothers Distinguished Citizen

St. Paul and the City of Norwalk will be forever indebted to Lawrence and Margaret Fisher. It was from that marriage that seven brothers and three sisters were born. Forever, those boys would be known as the Fisher Brothers of Detroit.

The remarkable story of how this family not only changed Norwalk but also the auto industry began in 1848 when Andreas Fischer came to America from Baden, Germany. He settled in Peru, became a member of St. Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church and continued his occupation as a wagon maker. He would marry a parishioner, Stephana Rummele. The family home in Peru Hollow, near the "Store That made The Cheese Famous", stands to this day. One of the sons born to that family was Lawrence, the patriarch of the Fisher Brothers, first of Norwalk and then of Detroit.

Lawrence worked in his father's shop for eight years before leaving for employment at the Kinsman Carriage Factory in Sandusky. It was in Sandusky where he met and would marry Margaret Theisen. Their first two children, Frederick and Charles, were born there.

Lawrence and Margaret would move to Norwalk in 1880, taking up housekeeping at 7 Maple Street. The ever-growing family would move to 68 South Linwood in 1910. The other nine members of the family Anna, Mary, William, Lawrence, Edward, Alfred, Loretta, Clara and Howard in that order, would follow Frederick and Charles. The family belonged to St. Paul Catholic Church and the children were schooled there.

All of the boys worked in the two Benedict Avenue carriage factories. The first a rented building at 70 Benedict and the second at 77 Benedict, a building named the Lawrence Fisher Body Shop.

Unlike earlier open carriages, the Fisher models were moving toward a fully enclosed body, keeping the driver and passengers out of the elements. Andrew, a brother to Lawrence, would join the firm as a blacksmith and is known to be the only family member to continue to keep the letter "c" in the family name.

Frederick, the oldest of the brothers, left home at age 14 to work in coach factories in two other states. After graduating from a business school in 1901, he joined his uncle Albert in Detroit at the Wilson Body Shop.

Eventually, Fredericks along with his brother Charles and uncle Albert, would form Fisher Body. Within a few years, all seven brothers would become partners of the firm although the youngest, Howard, after graduating from Notre Dame, was best noted for over-seeing the building of the Fisher Building in Detroit.

It was an order for 150 closed bodies in 1910 by the Cadillac Corporation that is said to have given the firm the boost needed to kick-start a true financial giant.

Frederick, the first of the brothers to leave Norwalk for Detroit, told a friend before departing, that by age 50, he hoped to be worth \$50,000. As it turned out, by the time he was 50, he was worth \$50-million.

In 1924, Frederick, Charles and Lawrence left active management in the Fisher Body firm to join General Motors. Over the years, that firm employed 65,000 and had 24 plants. The family fortune would peak at \$1.3-billion.

The first known financial gift locally of the Fisher Brothers (there could have been many that were never publicized) came in 1921 when the brothers donated \$282,000 for the building of St. Paul High School.

William, the fifth member of the family, would be one of the two individual brothers who would remember their home town with other financial gifts. Married to Norwalkian Laura Titus, the couple in 1957 donated \$1-million toward the building of Fisher-Titus Hospital. In the 10 years that followed, they would add another \$500,000 to that total. They also had made it possible for the Norwalk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to have their own Chapter House at 63 West Main Street.

Laura (Titus) Fisher, in 1960, also gave a generous donation in memory of her parents toward the building fund of the First Presbyterian Church.

Time and again, Edward, the last surviving brother, was responsible for gifts to St. Paul Parish. In 1971, he gave \$100,000 toward the remodeling of the church.

Previously, in the 1920's, his stipends along with his brothers financed the Parish House, the rectory, the



convent and the gymnasium.

Lawrence and Margaret Fisher also gave the money that built the Sorrowful Mother Shrine on West Main Street. It was considered a gift in memory of her parents. That shrine stands on the original site of St. Peter's Church, the first Catholic Church in Norwalk. The parents of Lawrence Fisher are buried in the cemetery behind the shrine.

The Fisher Brothers and their extended families endured more than their share of sickness. A number of the family members died relatively young, many of them from pneumonia.

Because of their wealth, they and their families were in constant fear of being targeted like the Lindbergh baby. The Pinkerton Agency was often hired to guard against such happenings.

The brothers and their families visited Norwalk often, many times driving from Detroit. On occasion when several brothers and their families made the 120-mile trip, they used the rails and then were picked up by chauffeur-driven vehicles and delivered to their destinations.

It was in 2006, when the Norwalk Kiwanis Club completed a memorial to the brothers at the site of the second carriage shop on Benedict Avenue.



Don Hohler Distinguished Citizen, Class of 1956

Although Don Hohler is best known in St. Paul circles as a writer who covered St. Paul sports for over 50 years, it is only a small percentage of what he accomplished over a career that includes 25 years in public service.

Hohler, upon graduation from St. Paul in 1956, already had two seasons of sports writing on his resume. As a journalism student he was asked to cover the two major sports at St. Paul for the Norwalk paper. Upon graduation, he was summoned to the newspaper office by owner Dudley White, Sr. and asked if he would like to go to work full-time.

Hohler accepted the offer and two years later became the paper's first sports editor. He has worked for White-owned papers ever since, the last 45 years as a freelance writer.

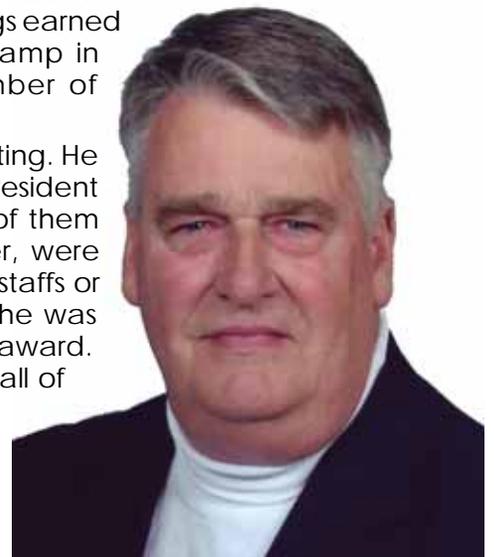
Hohler left the Reflector in 1968 to take a position with the Norwalk Police Department. Five years later he transferred to the Fire Department where he became the city's first inspector. He started the Fire Prevention Program in the schools and over his 20 years in the bureau, inspected and instructed local industry in fire brigade training.

Learning of his investigation of a series of church fires in the city, the Ashland Fire Department, the hosts of the largest arson seminar in the country, asked the city to allow Hohler to join them as a member of the seminar Curriculum Committee and as a Board Member. He remained with that group for 22 years, chairing any number of seminars. He was named Dean of Schools in 2003.

Hohler served six years in the Ohio National Guard. He used his expertise in the newspaper field to write any number of stories for area papers. His writings earned him the Division's Public Information Award at the 1963 summer camp in Grayling, MI. It was an award presented by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce.

Although he worked in public service for 25 years, his first love was writing. He helped found the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association and served as president of that group in 1980. Over the years, nine of Hohler's stories, many of them features for large daily papers including the Cleveland Plain Dealer, were named No. 1 in the state, so judged either by Ohio college journalism staffs or by the editorial staff of the Chicago Tribune. Twice (1976 and 1987) he was named Ohio Writer of the Year, the only freelance writer to win that award. He was inducted as the 12th member of the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Hall of Fame in 1992.

Early in his career, Hohler did very little golf writing. At the insistence of Reflector publisher Jack Brown, that would change. He not only followed the local links scene with a weekly column but branched out to PGA and LPGA events, writing features at Muirfield Village, Firestone



South, Inverness, Canterbury and as distant as Shoal Creek (Birmingham, AL) while following local professional Gary Wilkins in the national PGA Tournament.

Upon retiring from the Fire Department as a captain in June of 1990, Hohler began working in two other fields, substitute teaching at several high schools including EHOVE and as a private investigator for a local law firm.

Married to classmate, Marjean (Weisenberger) 51 years ago, the Hohlers have three children: Kim, a Norwalk resident, Jeffrey of Mooresville, NC and Steven of Glendora, CA.



Charles P. Amato, Jr. Athletic Sector, Class of 1966

Charles P. Amato, Jr. was a true student-athlete at St. Paul. He is a profile in courage.

Amato starred in three sports at St. Paul. The first of six brothers who quarterbacked St. Paul football teams, he was captain of the 1965 team. He was the starting guard of the 1964-65 and '65-'66 basketball teams and captain as a senior. He played No. 1 singles and was captain of the tennis team in 1964, '65 and '66, went to the State tennis tournament with his brother John in 1965 and was undefeated in 1966.

As a student-leader, Amato got straight-As, was Class President for three years, a delegate to Boys' State, and the class salutatorian in 1966. To top it off, he won the St. Paul Spelling Bee his senior year.

Amato went on to earn a B.A. from Notre Dame in 1970, where he played on the ND tennis team his first two years and was undefeated his first year, was a Navy ROTC member, president of his dorm, Spring Festival chairman, did volunteer service in Mexico and acted in the ND theatre.

He earned his Law Degree in 1975 from Chicago's Loyola University. While there, he was an editor of the Law Journal and clerked for Judge Harold Sullivan of the Illinois State Court.

Later that year, Amato moved to New Orleans, studied law at Tulane, passed the Louisiana Bar, and devoted himself to public service. As a VISTA Volunteer, he authored a bill protecting the rights of low-income tenants, then served as Director of Legal Aid in Baton Rouge.

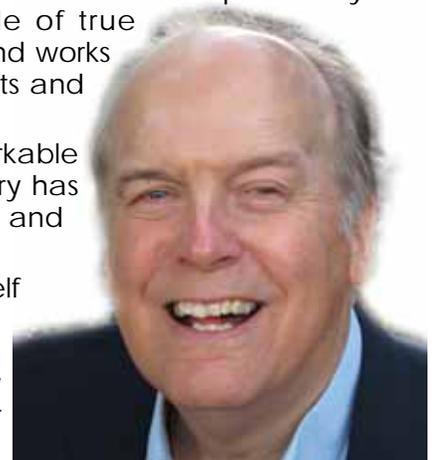
Amato pursued a Renaissance life, studying, running in marathons and volunteering at the Olympics in Munich and Lake Placid. In 1980, he moved to San Francisco.

On December 7, 1981, Amato's life changed forever. Just days after running a half-marathon, while trimming a Christmas tree at the home of a friend, he suffered an instantaneous brain aneurysm that left him comatose for six weeks. Despite what appeared to be a life-ending injury, Charley persevered.

Paralyzed on his right side, unable to walk, able to understand but unable to speak, Amato has spent the last 30 years struggling to accomplish the most basic tasks of daily life which most of us take for granted but which, for him, were once considered impossible. He now lives in Chicago and with the help of family and a remarkable group of friends is virtually independent. An example of true rehabilitation, he volunteered at the Atlanta Olympics, travels regularly and works at the Illinois Bar Association, while maintaining an interest in politics, sports and the needs of people who surround him.

"To those who know Charley the best," his sister Celeste writes, "the remarkable thing about Charley is the strength of his character. Charley's severe injury has only served to bring out those traits that most define him: service, sincerity and love of life."

His sister Kam writes, "Charley has re-built an incredibly rich life for himself and has touched the lives of so many friends and strangers. He has brought the small-town heart of Norwalk to the big-city bustle of Chicago. People who live in his high-rise building and those who pass him on the street, know him by name. He brings a sense of humanity, humility and humor to our world. He is my inspiration."





Gerald W Volcheck MD Distinguished Citizen, Class of 1981

From class valedictorian to the position of Associate Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic.

Without fanfare, 1981 St. Paul graduate Dr. Gerald Volcheck has made a medical career-climb perhaps unmatched by any St. Paul graduate.

It could be seen already in high school that Volcheck was destined for greatness no matter what field he decided upon. A National Honor Society member and captain of the Academic Challenge Team, the son of Jerry and Dorothy Volcheck concentrated on academics at St. Paul rather than athletics although he did letter in basketball once and tennis four times, winning the 110% Flyer Award in the latter sport as a senior.

Following high school, Dr. Volcheck continued his education in a six year B.S./M.D. program, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Science from the University of Akron and his Medical Doctorate Degree from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. He graduated summa cum laude, receiving the Health Professional Scholarship Award through the U.S. Navy.

During the summer between his first and second years of medical school, Dr. Volcheck completed the Naval Officer Indoctrination Program in Newport, RI and was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy. For the next two years, he served as a lieutenant/physician at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was the battalion physician for the 2nd Division, 2nd Marines in charge of the battalion aid station while also coordinating the medical care field operation. He would receive the Navy Letter of Commendation for his service at Camp Lejeune.

His final two years in the military was served at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, CT. There he served as the Department Head of the Ambulatory Care Clinic. While there, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal as well as the Junior Officer of the Quarter Award. Volcheck's next stop would be Rochester, MN and the Mayo Clinic.

He completed a three-year Internal Medicine Residency there, becoming board certified in Internal Medicine. He continued his education with an emphasis on Allergy and Immunology. He completed a three-year fellowship in this field, becoming board certified in Allergy and Immunology. Again he would receive any number of awards including three travel grants to annual AAAI meeting where he presented his research findings.

Following his fellowship, Dr. Volcheck joined the Division of Allergic disease at the Mayo Clinic. His expertise has greatly strengthened the Division both locally and at the national level. He currently serves as both the Practice Chairman where he oversees the day-to-day clinical practice as well as Program Director.

Dr. Volcheck, as a nationally-recognized leader in Allergy and Immunology education, is one of four members of the national Executive Committee, this group being the major governing body in this field.

Among his writings is a 491-page textbook titled *Clinical Allergy: Diagnosis and Management*. It is a textbook used across the country as a teaching tool for residents and primary care physicians.

Based on independent surveys using a peer-to-peer process, Dr. Volcheck from 2011 to present was named to the list of Best Doctors in America.

Nominated by his colleagues at the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Volcheck in 2010 was awarded the Department of Medicine Laureate Award.

Dr. Volcheck is in constant demand as a clinic speaker. He addressed the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in Anaheim, CA last year and is slated to speak this year at the conference in San Antonio, TX on the subject Allergic Reactions During Surgery.

Dr. Volcheck and wife, Mary Margaret (Camardese), are also active in their parish, St. John the Evangelist in Rochester, MN. Dr. Volcheck has taught CCD classes and has served as a sponsor in the RCIA Program. The



two also have served as small group leaders for confirmation students. Dr. Volcheck has also found time to serve as a coach in soccer, baseball and for the Lourdes Girls Junior High Traveling Basketball program.



David Poole Athletic Sector, Class of 1985

David Poole ranks among the best distance runners in the history of St. Paul. He is one of just three Flyer track and field athletes who have a state championship on their resume.

Poole was nearly unbeatable during the regular cross country seasons in 1982, 1983 and 1984. He was a three-time champion at the Old Fort Invitational and won the Galion Invitational twice. He holds two sectional championships and one District crown.

He was named the Most Valuable Athlete in the Toledo Blade Relays as a senior.

As sophomore, junior and senior, he finished first in the Firelands Conference Meet.

Three times he qualified for the state, finishing 12th in 1982, 4th in 1983 and after injuring his ankle on the course, finished 43rd in 1984 as a senior.

He has the school record of 15:56.

It was in the spring of 1985 when he put his name on the state champion banner at the Convocation Center. He had won the state 1600 meter run.

"My high school career was certainly memorable," Poole, who lives in rural Willard, assured. "I well remember hooking up with the Perkins coaches during the summer of my junior and senior years. We ran as a club. And the key word there is "run". I loved the competition, the natural movement of putting one foot in front of the other. No matter the weather, I ran."

Upon graduating, Poole would take part in an International Sports Exchange in Kenya, Africa.

"My first collegiate stop was Baldwin-Wallace," Poole remembered. "But, I soon found out that was far too costly. I transferred to The Ohio State University, walking on. I just wanted to run. As it turned out, I ran for one quarter but was then ruled academically ineligible because my grade transcripts from Baldwin-Wallace never reached Ohio State."

The Ohio State coaching staff suggested Poole attend Barton Community College in Great Bend, KS. Poole would be forced to switch events when he attended Barton College. The only running sport that had vacancies was the steeplechase. It apparently mattered little to him, be it running on grass, all-weather surfaces or jumping to clear water barriers. He finished fourth in the nation, winning All-American honors.

"I got my Associate of Art Degree at Barton Community and went back to Ohio State, hoping to reunite with runners I had known from two years prior," Poole stated. "The best Ohio State apparently could do was offer me a half scholarship. I said thanks but no thanks and headed for McNeese State in Lake Charles, LA. I ran one season there, got injured, and called it a career. That was in the fall of 1989."

Poole returned to the family home in rural Monroeville, married, and moved down the road into the Willard School District. He went to work at Mayflower in Norwalk.

He and his wife, Anita, have two daughters who attend Willard High School. Both Kaitlyn, a senior, and Kelsey, a freshman, are following in their father's footsteps as runners.





John Wasiniak Athletic Sector, Class of 1990

An undefeated season in high school wrestling equates to one thing - a state championship. John Wasiniak was perfection at 33-0 in 1990.

His flawless performance at the Cincinnati Garden as a senior even caught Ohio high school wrestling expert, Brian Brakeman, off guard. As a rule, a wrestler ranked as low as No. 4 in his well-read report like Wasiniak was, can expect to get no farther than a semi-final match. But, when Wasiniak won his semi-final match, using his favorite hold, the cradle, to come from behind in winning a 9-7 decision, it was Brakeman who was scrambling prior to doing television color commentary, asking how to pronounce the name Wasiniak.

Unlike the format of recent years, it took just three wins in 1989 to win the state championship. Wasiniak, a 189-pounder, won his first match, 9-0 and then won the come-from-behind thriller to set the stage for a battle of undefeated wrestlers, Brett Born (26-0) of Perry High School (Brakeman's choice to win it all) and Wasiniak.

"That match against Born could have gone either way," Wasiniak remembered. "He got the first takedown but then I countered with one and got back points. From that point on until the end and the 7-5 score it was his finesse against my strength. It was my strength in getting riding time that won it. Born was very good, so good that one mistake and it was over. I thought he had me countered a couple of times but I managed to power through moves. I can still hear my coach, Jim Linder, yelling what to do and what not to do."

Wasiniak may well have settled on football alone in high school had it not been for his older brother, Andy, who had an equally stellar athletic career at St. Paul.

"Andy got me interested but I'll be the first to say that it was anything but instant success," the president of the family firm, Wasiniak Construction Inc., remembered. "I started wrestling in the 7th grade but was nothing great. I can't even remember my record."

As a freshman, Wasiniak worked at both 132 and 138. He was 8-13.

"I remember showing some improvement, perhaps becoming more aggressive as a sophomore," he remembered. "I was 15-15 and settled in at 160."

"I went up one more weight class as a junior and that seemed to fit me quite well. I lost just four times in 32 matches. That would set the stage for what was to transpire my final year," he explained.

Wasiniak remembered having a number of close matches in his senior year. The one I recall the most vividly was at the Willard Invitational. I was matched against a real tough DIV I wrestler from Wadsworth by the name of Larry Kauffman. This guy was a beast as far as strength. I know he gave me all I wanted and I really was fortunate to win it, 3-2."

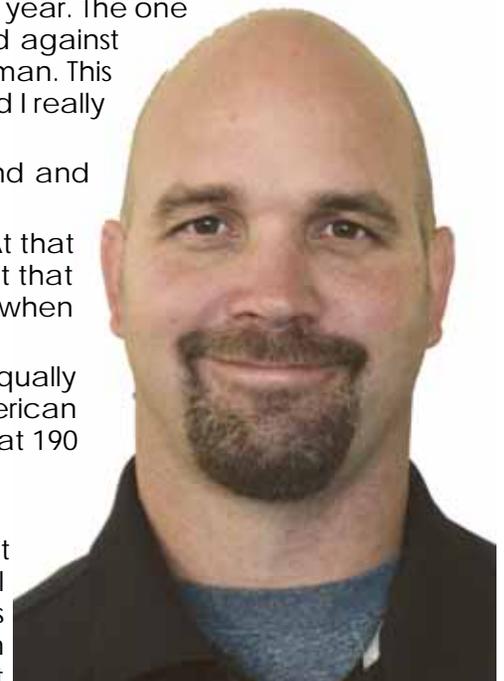
Wasiniak was a three-year letter-winner in football, playing tight end and defensive end for Joe Widman.

"I remember us as being 6-4 my senior year," Wasiniak explained. "At that point in my high school career, I was not thinking football though. I felt that if I stayed healthy I could have an even bigger year in wrestling than when I had as a junior and 28-4 was not bad."

Wasiniak accepted a partial ride to Eastern Michigan and had an equally successful collegiate career, placing in 1991, 1992 and 1993 Mid-American Conference Tournaments. His best finish was third his sophomore year at 190 lbs.

Then came his senior year and the scare.

"A tumor formed on my shin bone," Wasiniak explained. "That changed everything. I was not even listed as a team member my final year. At that point, my goal was to get well and graduate. Prayers from a lot of people helped me do both. I graduated with a degree in Construction Management, a degree that serves me well as President



here at the family firm, Wasiniak Construction.”

Married to wife, Shannon, they have a son, 9-year-old Wyatt. John currently serves the community as a board member on the local Norwalk Area United Fund, and is a coach for biddy wrestling at Norwalk Catholic School.



Kami Roeder-Luers Athletic Sector, Class of 1993

Few St. Paul women athletes have gained the honors attained by 1993 graduate Kami Roeder-Luers. For starters, she is already a Hall of Fame member in the 2006 Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame’s inaugural class.

After a sparkling athletic career at St. Paul under the tutoring of Julie Myers-Badovick, the heavily-recruited Luers settled on Capital University where she became the most decorated St. Paul female graduate in school history.

Luers was a member of the 1994 and 1995 NCAA DIV III National Championship basketball teams at Capital. She captained the team in 1996 and 1997. Her senior year saw the Lady Crusaders finished third in the national tournament.

The four-year record for her teams was 115-10.

In the four years at Capital, the school won both Ohio Athletic Conference regular season championships and conference tournament titles.

She graduated Cum Laude from Capital in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education/ Special Education. She continued her education at The Ohio State University where she attained a Master’s Degree in Education Administration Policy and Procedures.

Luers was first employed as a 6th grade Math-Science teacher in the Columbus School System. Her first coaching assignment was at Worthington Kilbourne where she coached the freshmen girls basketball squad.

After one year, she left Columbus for the Montgomery County Public Schools in Silver Springs, MD as a 5th grade and Special Education teacher. For two years, she coached the girls varsity basketball squad, the boys varsity volleyball team and the varsity cross country team at Blake High School.

Luers would then return to Ohio and to Capital as the assistant basketball coach. She followed that stint by going back to the high school ranks, this time at Olentangy Liberty High School in Powell where she was a Special Education teacher and for three years, the varsity boys volleyball coach. At the same time, she returned to Worthington Kilbourne as the varsity girls basketball coach. She held that position for three years.

She left Columbus for Springboro (Ohio) High School where for six years she was a Special Education teacher and for one year was the assistant girls basketball coach.

In high school, Luers was a member of the National Honor Society, president of the Student Council and graduated 6th in her class academically. She was voted both the Homecoming and Prom Queen. She was first team Firelands Conference her junior and senior years. Averaging 25 points and 15 rebounds, Kami was Firelands Player of the Year and received honorable mention at the state level. Kami also is still among the top four record holders for St. Paul Volleyball in these categories; most blocks in a match, most career blocks and best attack percentage in a season.

“What a role model this lady was,” Coach Badovick stated. “Her work ethics were just unbelievable. Determination was one of her attributes. More importantly, she was always respectful.”

In April of 2007, Roeder married Christopher Luers. The latter had graduated in 1999 from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering. He currently is an entrepreneur in real estate and construction. He also plays on the Association of Volleyball pro tour.

The couple has three children, George, age 4, Lucy, age 3 and Willow, age 1.



Catholic Schools Week



Here is an overview of our events from the week!

Saturday and Sunday - We are Grateful for our Parishioners.

Our students spoke at all the Masses at St. Anthony, St. Mary and St. Paul. Thank you for listening to them tell their story about why Catholic Schools are special.

Monday - We are Grateful for our Alumni.

We had alumni come in from all over the area to speak to our students about their time at school. They also touched on college and careers.

Tuesday - We are Grateful for our Community.

There was a school-wide food drive competition for the St. Mary Parish Food Pantry. It brought in over 1500 food items!

Wednesday - We are Grateful for our Teachers.

Students expressed their appreciation for our teachers by having students show each other what they learn. High school and junior high students visited the elementary classrooms to remember what it was like when they were little. Then the elementary students toured the high school to see what they have to look forward to when they grow up.

Thursday - We are Grateful for our Families

All students made a token of thankfulness for their parents for sending them to Norwalk Catholic School and St. Paul High School. Without our families' commitment to Catholic Education this school would not exist.

Friday - We are Grateful for our Spirit. This is Spirit Day!

To start the day we honored our Catholic Faith by having an all-school Mass in which we reflected on how "Grateful" we are for our school.

Before Mass we honored our most experienced alumnus, Norbert Schafer from the Class of 1932.



Here he is pictured with his daughters Roseann Hainline '78, Dolores Charville '64 and granddaughter Shannon Hainline '14.

After Mass, all students met in the Convocation Center for a school picture. In the afternoon we had fun and games. The seniors traveled to the Early Childhood Center for a mini-pep rally. The 8th graders played the teachers in a volleyball game and it all culminated in a school-wide pep assembly in the Convocation Center.

Whew! That was a lot of fun. Can't wait till next year.

Flyers





OUR SCHOOLS ARE A GOOD RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR YOU!

By Sue Lesch

We are grateful for you! During this season of thanks we often pause to reflect on our many blessings. At Norwalk Catholic School and St. Paul High, we are especially blessed by you! Our parents, alumni, past parents, grandparents, parishioners, businesses and friends – you faithfully give back to our school. We exist and thrive today because of the legacy of generosity of so many who have given their time, talent and treasure.

You are not just donors to our mission. You are investors. Investors in the lives of our students and investors in the future. We not only want to thank you, but we must be accountable to you. One of the best ways to be accountable for the dollars we receive is to measure the success of our students. In the business world we would call this the Return on Investment or ROI. In layman's terms it might simply be getting the best bang for the buck.

The following pages are our official Return on Investment report listing the successes of our students. Look at the success of recent graduates with \$3.2 million in college scholarship offers, from colleges like Cornell and Case Western. Check out the scores of our sophomores on the Ohio Graduation Tests with most students scoring in the Accelerated and Advanced ranges in math, science, and reading. Even at the elementary level we see much success with high academic scores on National Norm tests. But, Norwalk Catholic Schools are about so much more than academics. Our highest priorities are faith formation and community service. Here as well you'll see your return on investment is high.

We are grateful to you. It is your faithful commitment and support that enables our students to achieve this success. Thank you for investing in our students. Thank you for your commitment to our future.

20th
Anniversary
1993-2013

Friends of the Future
Over \$7.1 Million Raised in 20 Years!

Your gifts of gratitude help us keep tuition affordable, attract strong, talented teachers, maintain a beautiful campus, build a solid curriculum, grow technology and sponsor students who could not be here without you.

Please consider a generous gift to the 21st year of "Friends for the Future".

Your gift of gratitude helps our students work hard, play strong and serve well.

Please make your gifts payable to Norwalk Catholic School, 93 E. Main St., Norwalk, Ohio 44857

or visit www.ncsweb.org, click on Giving and use PayPal.



You Make A Difference. Your Return on Investment 20th Anniversary of "Friends for the Future"!



100%

of our sophomores passed the Ohio Graduation Test.

- **88%** passed Math at the Accelerated and Advanced Level
- **75%** passed Reading at the Accelerated and Advanced level
- **73%** passed Science at the Accelerated and Advanced level

91.75%



of our SPH graduates advanced to a 2 or 4 year college over the past four years.

\$3.2M



The amount of scholarship monies offered to the class of 2012.

\$28.66



The average cost to educate a student per day at NCS/SPH. Tuition covers \$11.63 of the cost per day. The average cost to educate a public school student in the state of Ohio is \$59.42 a day.



3rd

One student placed third in the nation and first in the state presenting his God, Flag and Country Speech. Three students won awards in our local competition.

88% $\sqrt{-1}$  **Math**

of our 5th graders passed the math portion of the Terra Nova at the advanced or accelerated level.

152



children at the Early Childhood Center who receive 35 presentations about the life of Christ, His teachings and the Church's liturgical celebration using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program.

100% 

of our 5th grade students passed the ACRE test (Assessment of Catechesis and Religious Education) with **80%** passing at the accelerated level in all eight areas.

4,080

How many service hours our high school students will have volunteered during the 2012-2013 school year.



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Your Return on Investment

75%

of our 3rd graders tested above or well-above average in Reading on the AIMSweb National Norms.



16 hours, 40 minutes

spent per week with accelerated students in grades 4 through 6, working to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

115

high school students worked on

Make A Difference Day, performing service at 33 different houses. Now that is making a difference!

Together we make the difference

170



student-hours spent each week tutoring those in grades 7 through 12, who need additional assistance in regular class work, on tests or special projects.

85%

of our 5th graders passed the Social Studies portion of the Terra Nova at the advanced or accelerated level.



81

students at SPH regularly volunteer to serve at liturgies as Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Coordinators, Servers, and members of the Folk Group.



Eighty-Four

percent of 10th grade students testing in English at or above the PLAN College Readiness Standards.

67%

of early childhood staff members who have a Master's Degree.



68.5%

of our 5th graders passed the Science portion of the Terra Nova Test at the advanced or accelerated level.



11.5

The number of hours the Flyer Clubhouse is open each day to offer child care for working parents whose children attend NCS through 6th grade.

360

students attended Rachel's Challenge and pledged to start a chain reaction by being kind to one another and end bullying. Students from St. Paul High, NCS Junior High, St. Joseph and Immaculate Conception schools attended this moving presentation.



JAMES SWABLEY

DEDICATED FOR 40 YEARS

Dedication: devoting for a particular purpose. This is what comes to mind when you think of Mr. James Swabley! Not only does he show dedication to teaching, but he also shows dedication to helping people. Whether you need someone to explain an equation, fix your eyeglasses, fix the lock on your locker, or fix a computer, Mr. Swabley is always there to help.

The 1967 valedictorian of St. Paul High School, he furthered his education at The Ohio State University. After graduating from Ohio State he began his teaching career. He started off in public school but only stayed there for one year. He then came back to teach at his alma mater, St. Paul High School. When he began teaching here, the principal was the same principal he had as a student. That is one reason Mr. Swabley decided St. Paul was a good fit for him. He also felt an attachment to St. Paul and teaching at his alma mater would be a way to give back. The most important reason he chose to teach here was that they were looking for a science teacher.

Throughout the years Mr. Swabley has taught chemistry, chemistry lab, physics, physics lab, computer science, physical science, and general science. He has taught every science class at St. Paul except for Biology. "The hardest part of being a teacher is grading papers. Not that I don't like seeing how the students are doing, it is just that there are so many in so little time," said Mr. Swabley. "The most rewarding is seeing people figure out how something works. I also like seeing people have fun with science."

As one can imagine, Mr. Swabley has seen a lot of changes throughout his years of teaching. The biggest change is technology. There were no computers when he started teaching and calculators have changed dramatically. But through all this change, Mr. Swabley has kept up with all the modern technology. You can see him, during his free time, always helping other teachers with fixing or improving their technology. "He does it on his own time and never wants anything in return" says co-worker Ben Kline. Co-worker Greg Henderson adds, "He does not hesitate to go out of his way to do things for others."

Many of his fellow co-workers now can see a side of Mr. Swabley that they couldn't as students. Many of us students do not believe that he can talk about anything more than science. Co-worker Peggy Lucas says that "contrary to most students' beliefs Mr. Swabley can discuss topics other than science. He discusses politics, religion, family and weather just like anyone would and he has a sense of humor as well!" Many students have seen this sense of humor from witty remarks made in class, as well as a few videos he has starred in. Recently he has starred in a student video: Battle of the Teachers. He also appeared in a journalism class video where he played a ghost in a Halloween fashion show. Mr. Swabley always makes time to help his students in any possible way.

Many staff and students see 40 years as a big accomplishment. It shows a lot of dedication to his job, co-workers, and students. Is 40 years a big milestone? "Every year is different with different equipment and standards. Nothing is done twice."

Thank you Mr. Swabley for all your hard work and dedication to our school!

By Mikayla Coe '13



"The hardest part of being a teacher is grading papers. Not that I don't like seeing how the students are doing, it is just that there are so many in so little time," said Mr. Swabley.



6TH GRADE INVENTORS

At the beginning of February, the 6th graders have been learning about the invention process in Science. Students were asked to invent a product or process that would fill a need or overcome a problem. Once a need or a problem was identified, students were directed to use problem-solving and creative-thinking skills to invent that product or process. They followed the same steps and patent application procedures that an inventor would follow in patenting an invention.

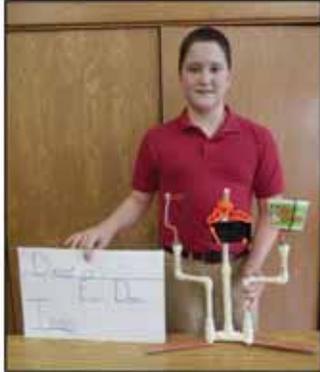
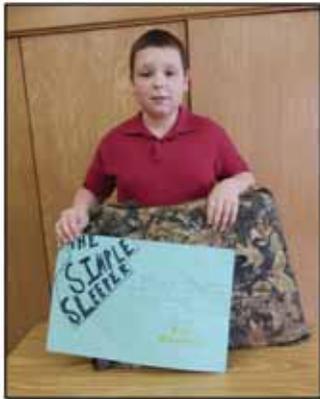
First, Dave Hedrick, an engineer from Tenneco, talked to the students about the invention process. He told them that inventing was a long process that sometimes included failure, and that failing was often a good thing. Then, the 6th graders researched inventors and their inventions. They each chose an invention that interested them. They then wrote a brief tribute to the inventor of that invention. Next, they began the Research and Planning phase. After coming up with an idea to invent, the 6th graders learned that before an invention can be successful, you have to make a plan. They asked themselves questions such as:

- Whom can I talk to about solving problems and planning properly?
- What materials will I need?
- How can I control the cost of my invention?
- What steps should I follow?
- How much time should I allow for each step?
- How can I test my invention?
- How can I be sure my invention is safe to use?

After their plans were made, they all talked with Mr. Hedrick individually about their ideas and plans. He gave them great advice and some suggestions. Because they had to describe their invention to Mr. Hedrick in detail with words and pictures, communication skills were practiced.

The 3rd stage was developing, testing, and displaying their invention. The hardest part of this phase was realizing that plans always seem to work out in your mind, but when you actually start putting your ideas together, sometimes they just don't work. They had to try different things to overcome those problems and to not give up. Once their product was completed, they had to test it, and if things didn't work, figure out what was needed to make it work. When they finished with the developing and testing, they filled out a Research and Development paper, and finally a Patent Application. Posters were made to advertise their product, along with a diagram explaining how the invention worked.

And finally, the students will actually try to sell their product to their classmates and teachers. They will be giving a short presentation to the class. Students will "sell" their inventions as they demonstrate how their product works.



Peeking at the Paulites

St. Paul exists because of the community that surrounds it. Flyer Alumni are an important part of that community. When a Flyer accomplishes something great, everyone in our school community benefits. We have great news from around the country and sometimes from around the world. This version of Peeking at the Paulites news is just a small sample of what is going on. Fellow alumni want to share in your success and good news. You can either mail information to our long-time Alumni Treasurer Jack Wesienberger (the address is listed at the end of this section) or you can email your Alumni Director Matt Fair at mfair@ncsml.org. Please send us your good news!

1936

Rosaria (Gates) Reichert of Norwalk passed away on January 29, 2013. She was active in the St. Paul Alumni Association and served as class rep. for many years.

1941

Marian (Bick) Schacht of Avon Lake passed away on November 20, 2012.

1943

Denis Kuebler of Avon Lake passed away on December 31, 2012.

1945

Virginia (Burton) Meesig of Norwalk passed away on November 23, 2012. Ginny was a loyal member of the SPH Alumni Association.

Beatrice (Weisenberger) Snyder of Norwalk passed away on December 3, 2012. Bea often helped with alumni mailings.

Robert Eggleston of Norwalk passed away on February 6, 2013.

1948

Robert Strimpfel of Collins passed away on January 27, 2013.

1952

Philip L. Pickett of Norwalk passed away on December 18, 2012.

1953

Harold Landoll of Willard passed away on December 12, 2012.

1958

Leora (Hackathorn) Piriczky of Brunswick, Georgia passed away on December 6, 2012.

David E. Reineck of Norwalk passed away on January 18, 2013.

1961

Dennis Vogus of Berlin Heights passed away on February 3, 2013.

1964

Thomas A Swick of Norwalk passed away on December 26, 2012.

1967

Kathy Lesch Pasquale is still teaching at Euclid High School in Euclid, OH and leads a department of 450 special education students, 22 special education teachers and one vocational training coordinator. She still loves her job and looks forward to retirement in 2 years. Last March 31, 2012 she lost her husband to a serious illness. They were one month shy of 39 yrs of marriage. She has 3 successful children; one has been a US marine for 15 years. She attended her 45th class reunion this past summer and enjoyed gossiping with and catching up on classmates from way back when.

1969

Ruthie (Rospert) Young and John J Young will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on January 13, 2013. They reside in Mansfield Ohio. They have 5 children and 6 grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

1974

Barbara (Farmer) Bonner of Collins passed away on January 16, 2013.

1979

Todd Peters of Sabula, Iowa passed away on November 20, 2012.

Angela (Hackathorn) Young successfully renewed her National Board for Professional Teaching

Standards Certification. The renewal, like the original certification, is a year-long process of reflection on her own teaching practices as well as what she has done since her original certification. Angela provides support for other National Board candidates, and co-directs the candidacy program for the Toledo district and the diocese. She is in her 28th year of teaching at Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School, where her Pastor/President is none other than Fr. Eric Schild.

1981

John D. and Jody L. Roth of Collins celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 21, 2012. They have 3 children: Marissa, Samantha, and Dustin.

1989

Aaron Holm of Monroeville was named the Huron River District Firefighter of the Year in January of 2013.

1990

Scott and Jennifer (Kocher) Anderson of Etna, Wyoming had a baby boy, Justin Henry, on December 20, 2012.

1997

Greg & Kasha (Martinez) Donnelly of Grand Rapids had quadruplets (Allessandra, Christian, Joaquin, and Alma) on November 22, 2012.

2003

Kristen (Playko) Weintraut and Andrew Weintraut of Lafayette, Indiana had a baby girl on October 5, 2012.

2006

Chadwick and Dylana Myers of Norwalk had a baby girl on December 14, 2012.

2008

Alex Welfle made the fall semester dean's list at the University of Toledo.

Kelsey Finch made the dean's list at Ohio Northern University for the fall quarter.

2009

Emory & Henry College's **Adam Pugh** has been named to the 2012 NCAA Division III Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All District V Team. Adam was also named to the fall semester dean's list.

Katherine Whitehurst earned a spot on the fall semester dean's list at Walsh University.

Brett Wiedemann made the dean's list at Heidelberg University for the fall semester.

Robert Kunisch, Joseph Lucas, and Kelsie Myers all earned places on the fall semester dean's list at the University of Toledo.

2010

Eric Schwieterman, made the fall semester dean's list at Ashland University.

Morgan Mirtes is a member of both the marching and concert bands at Ashland University. She is the secretary and treasurer of the band. She is also part of the honors program and is majoring in both computer science and math.

Katherine Carabin made the dean's list at Baldwin Wallace University for the fall semester.

Lauren Cannon was named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Toledo. She is a member of Phi Eta Sigma, a National Honor Society at the University of Toledo. Lauren is majoring in business.

Clairice Hinckley is an active member of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity at the University of Dayton. She is majoring in biology.

Amber Welfle is a member of the two-time Ohio Athletic Conference Champion Heidelberg University Volleyball team. She was a member of the 2012 All-OAC Second Team as a middle hitter. She is also part of the Heidelberg Track team, the Women's Leadership Initiative and Vice President of Student Athletic Advisory Council. She is majoring in Business and Computer Information Systems.

2011

Elizabeth McKinney made the dean's list at Ohio Northern University for the fall quarter. She is a resident advisor and majoring in creative and professional writing.

Jacob Meyer has received a co-op with the Marathon Petroleum Company for the spring. He is majoring in Computer Engineering Technology at the University of Cincinnati.

Katherine Parker is attending BGSU Firelands and is working to establish an autism group. She is majoring in liberal arts.

Sarah Rhoad is a resident advisor at the University of Findlay. She is majoring in occupational therapy.

Justin Stoll is majoring in law and political science at the University of Findlay. He will be attending the Christians United for Israel Conference this summer in Washington D.C.

2012

Rebecca Dellisanti was named to the president's list at Ohio Business College for the fall quarter.

Jessica Draime was named to the dean's list at Ohio State University for the fall quarter.

Emily Stuhldreher made the fall semester dean's list at the University of Akron. She is majoring in nursing at the University of Akron. She is a member of the triathlon club.

Hannah Arnold is majoring in mechanical engineering at Robert Morris University. She is a member of the marching and pep bands.

Kevin Cannon is majoring in math at Capital University. He is a member of the ROTC and the color guard.

Jacob Caprara is majoring in math and physics at Case Western Reserve University. He is a member of the marching band.

Will Crosby is attending Ohio University. He is a member and script writer for "Friday Live" a university produced entertainment show.

Andrew Dow is majoring in finance at the Ohio State University. He is in the honors program.

Allyson Lippert is majoring in psychology at John Carroll. She is a member of the Leadership Scholars Program.

Christian Livengood is a pharmacy major at Ohio Northern University. He is a member of the drum line for the ONU marching band. He plays volleyball and runs for the track team. He is a founding father of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He is a member of the University Singers, who will be touring 23 states this summer.

Isaac Livengood is majoring in nursing at Capital University. He is defensive lineman for the Capital football team.

Kimberly Rospert is currently employed at Solutions Salon and Spa as a stylist and spa expert.

Danny Ross is majoring in business at Wittenberg University. He is a member of the football team.

Kendal Scheid is majoring in electrical engineering at the University of Akron. He is member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

***Alumni, are we missing anything?
We'd love to hear from you!***

Send information to be included in the Peeking at the Paulites to:

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Jack Weisenberger,
33 Executive Drive,
Norwalk, Ohio 44857
Or email: mfair@ncsmail.org

In Memoriams

SPH Alumni Newsletter/Mustardseed

We do our best to find all Alumni obituaries. Many people keep track of them for us. However, we do miss a few. Please help us by sending information on our alumni passing. It is our hope to keep other alumni updated and honor the passing of each graduate.

Obituary information can be submitted by:
Emailing them to mfair@ncsmail.org or mailing them to:
St. Paul High School
Attn: Matt Fair
93 E. Main St.
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Class of 1936 - Rosaria Marie (Gates) Reichert, age 94, of Norwalk, died Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Gaymont Nursing Center. She was born April 25, 1918 in Peru Township to the late William and Helen (Haupricht) Gates. She was a 1936 graduate of St. Paul High School and was an active member at St. Paul Catholic Church. She worked at Norwalk Truck Lines from 1936 until 1946, and after raising her children began working as a payroll clerk at Fanny Farmer. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, St. Paul Altar and Rosary Society, and VFW Auxiliary. She was a leader of the Firelands Fun Band for several years, 2004 Senior of the Year recipient, and loved to bowl, crochet, and knit.

Class of 1941 - Marian F. (Bick) Schacht, 89 of Cincinnati, formerly of Avon Lake, passed away, Tuesday, November 20, 2012. Mrs. Schacht was a high school home economics teacher at Amherst High School and retired from Brookside High School in 1983. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from Notre Dame College of Cleveland. Marian was a member of St. Joseph Church, Avon Lake, a member of the Lorain County Retired Teachers Association and the Avon Lake Women's Club. In her spare time she enjoyed travel, cooking, sewing and spending time with her family.

Class of 1943 - Dr. Denis L. Kuebler, 86, of Avon Lake, passed away on Monday, December 31, 2012 at St. John Medical Center. Dr. Kuebler was born in Norwalk, OH on January 13, 1926. He graduated from St. Paul High School in Norwalk. Dr. Kuebler was a WWII Army Veteran where he served in the battle of Okinawa and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Following his service, he graduated from Western Reserve University with a B.S. degree and earned his D.D.S. from Marquette University in Milwaukee. Dr. Kuebler had his own dental practice, which was one of the first in Avon Lake, and had his office in his home. Dr. Kuebler was a member of St. Joseph Church, and a generous man who always gave of his resources and time. He was a man of culture who loved the outdoors. He enjoyed sports, camping, traveling, and classical music. Dr. Kuebler was an avid fisherman and proud of his German heritage.





Class of 1945 - Virginia J. Meesig, 85, of Norwalk, Ohio, died Friday, November 23, 2012 in the Norwalk Memorial Home. She was born August 20, 1927 in Norwalk, Ohio to the late Clifford and Anna (Smith) Burton and was a lifelong area resident. Virginia was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Monroeville, Ohio, the Daughters of Isabella, and the Professional Secretaries Association. She was a former employee of Norwalk Truck Lines, the Lake Erie Council of Carpenters, and the Union Office of the Plumbers and Pipefitters. Virginia enjoyed baking and reading.

Class of 1945 - Beatrice Marie (Weisenberger) Snyder, age 85, of Norwalk, passed away Monday, December 3, 2012 at Gaymont Nursing Center. She was born December 25, 1926 in Norwalk to the late Henry J. Weisenberger and Frieda (Camp) Weisenberger. She was a 1945 graduate of St. Paul High School and was an active member of St. Paul Catholic Church. She worked at ACMI in Norwalk for over 17 years, retiring in 1995.

Class of 1945 - Robert P. Eggleston, 85, of Collins, Ohio, died Wednesday evening, February 6, 2013 in his home. He was born April 1, 1927 in Norwalk, Ohio to the late Orrye R. and Florence (Shibley) Eggleston, and was a lifelong area resident. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in WWII. Bob was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and was a member and former treasurer of the International Association of Firefighters Local #1199. He served 31 years with the Norwalk Fire Department, retiring in 1981 as Lieutenant and was a former employee of P & R Hardware from 1972 to 2006. Bob enjoyed fishing, yard work, spending time with his grandchildren and watching their sporting events.

Class of 1948 - Robert E. "Bob" Strimpfel, 82, of Norwalk died Sunday afternoon, January 27, 2013 in Fisher Titus Medical Center. He was born August 5, 1930 in Norwalk, Ohio to the late Robert E. and Clara (Conney) Strimpfel and was a lifelong area resident. Bob was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and a 1948 graduate of St. Paul High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during WWII. He had worked for Maxi Tire, Lawsons, Crow Lumber (Home Lumber) and retired in 2002 from Strimpfel's Windows and Door. He enjoyed woodworking, constructing mini barns, wallpapering, bird watching, gardening, farming, and being with his family.

Class of 1952 - Philip L. Pickett Jr., age 78, of Norwalk, died Tuesday morning, December 18, 2012 at Forest Hills Center in Columbus, OH. He was born March 23, 1934 in Norwalk to the late Philip L. and Agnes (Bischoff) Pickett. He was a 1952 graduate of St. Paul High School and served in the US Army in Germany. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science at Kent State University. Phil was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 626 and was a 4th Degree Knight. He worked at Roth Construction for many years, and retired as a foreman at Sawmill Creek Development in Huron.

Class of 1952 - Harold "Dutch" Landoll Sr., age 78, of Norwalk, died Tuesday evening, December 31, 2012 at The Willows in Willard. He was born January 11, 1934 in Norwalk to the late Aloysius and Laura (Rummel) Landoll. He was a 1952 graduate of St. Paul High School, where he was an All-Ohio football player. Dutch served in the US Army and worked many years at AJ Riley Construction. He enjoyed sports, gardening and baking. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 41 and the Norwalk VFW Post 2743.

Class of 1958 - Leora C. (Hackathorn) Piriczky, 71, a resident of Brunswick, GA, died Thursday December 6, 2012 in the Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, Georgia. Lee was a former resident of both Norwalk and Toledo, OH and had been a resident of Glynn County since 1993. She was a member of the Peace Corps early in her career. She was employed with the Southeast Georgia Health System as a X-ray Technologist and retired from her career as a traveling x-ray tech throughout the United States. She was an active member the St. Simons Community Church.

Class of 1958 - David E. Reineck, 72, of Norwalk, Ohio, died Friday evening, January 18, 2013 in the Cleveland Clinic after a sudden illness. He was born February 4, 1940 in Norwalk, Ohio and was a lifelong area resident. David was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church and was a 1958 graduate of St. Paul High School. He was a meat cutter at the former A & P Grocery Store in Norwalk, Ohio, was a Bartender at the former Show Boat Restaurant in Huron, Ohio and retired from Schild's IGA in 2002. David was a member of Eagles Aerie #711. He enjoyed people, traveling, playing the lottery and going to Casinos, yard work and spending time at home with his family and his dog.

Class of 1961 - Dennis L. Vogus, 69, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, died Sunday, February 3, 2013 in Admirals Point Nursing Center, Huron, Ohio. He was born March 29, 1943 in Norwalk, Ohio to the late Kenneth W. and Alberta M. (Schwanger) Vogus and was a lifelong area resident. Dennis attended St. Paul Catholic Church, Norwalk, Ohio, was a graduate of St. Paul High School and a member of the Cement Mason's Union Local #109. Dennis was a former Realtor and had been in sales the Columbus area and returned to Norwalk to work at Oglesby Construction Company where he had worked in high school. He retired from Oglesby Construction after 40 years of service. He enjoyed boating and fishing, working and tinkering around home, spending time with his kids and grandchildren, traveling, and enjoying casinos (especially Las Vegas) and was an avid Ohio State fan.

Class of 1964 - Thomas A. (Tom) Swick, 66, a lifelong resident of Norwalk, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2012 in Bradenton, Florida after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born September 27, 1946 in Norwalk, Ohio to the late Howard and Mary (Zureich) Swick. He attended grade school at St. Mary's and was a 1964 graduate of St. Paul High School. Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1964 and served in the Vietnam War from 1965 -1966. He worked for Clevite in Milan and Corcoran Tile in Norwalk, was a Realtor for Rench Real Estate, and retired from First Choice Packaging in Fremont, Ohio as a Manufacturing Manager in 2008. Tom was a lifelong member of Firelands Post #2743 Veterans of Foreign Wars and was also a member of Ken-Bur -Bel Post #41 American Legion. He was an avid boater and fisherman and liked spending time on Lake Erie with family and friends. As a young boy, Tom loved spending his summers at the ballpark and played in the Lefty Grove League. He was most proud of the fact that he had a no-hitter going, but it was broken up by a hit from his best friend Ron Nopper, whom he shared a boat with, (aptly named the "Nauti Buoys") for 13 years. Tom enjoyed playing softball, golfing, bowling, dart ball, camping, and gambling. He also loved to travel to the Caribbean and wintering the past four years in Bradenton, Florida. He was a diehard OSU Buckeye fan and enjoyed officiating high school football for numerous years.

Class of 1979 - Todd Richard Peters, age 52, of Sabula, Iowa died Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Rochester Methodist Hospital - Mayo Campus, Rochester, Minnesota after a courageous six year battle with cancer. Todd was born sooner than expected November 8, 1960 in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of Richard and Wanda (Carpenter) Peters. From the beginning, as a medical miracle, Todd overcame the odds. As a boy, Todd loved meeting new people and helping others in need. This thread ran throughout his life. He would visit his grandparents in Clinton every summer, learning to "work" with his grandfather at Carpenter's Gas Station. At the age of sixteen, their family grew to four as Todd welcomed his sister, Nicole. He graduated from St. Paul High School, Norwalk, Ohio with the Class of 1979. On November 4, 1995, Todd married Tammy Key. Over the years, Todd joined the family business that his parents had built in manufacturing, working for R & D Equipment, Inc. and ACT, Inc, both located in Norwalk, Ohio, and also their partner company in England.



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