



# Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School

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Welcome! Thank you for your interest in Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School.

It is a pleasure to introduce myself to you. My name is Cindy Baldrige and I have been in Catholic education for *forty-two years*, twenty years as a Physical Education teacher/Athletic Director and twenty two as a Principal. It is both a pleasure and honor to be in the leadership role at Saints Peter & Paul. The entire school community is very dedicated and supportive of Catholic education.

I believe that children are gifts from God with monumental potential. Through the efforts of the school and local community, we are able to assist them to develop their skills and talents, while providing them with a strong religious background preparing them for continued success as an adult. Our school is a learning environment but equally important, a caring environment in which children are accepted for their uniqueness. The faculty and staff hold the bar high so that each child will set out to accomplish their goals far beyond their expectations.

I have a strong commitment to the spiritual, academic, emotional, and social educational growth of each child. My loyalty to your child comes out of the outstanding traditions associated with Catholic education; faith, community, academic excellence, and service, all integral components for a successful life.

Currently, SSPP has one classroom of each grade with an average of seventeen students per classroom. The Pre-school (4-year-old) is usually filled to capacity (twenty-four students). Our staff includes nine full time teachers and four part-time teachers. All faculty members are fully state-certified and our school was Middle States accredited in November of 2012. We offer an outstanding core curriculum, an extensive extra-curricular program of sports, clubs, and activities and an after-school program to assist working parents. Each of our 'Special classes' i.e., Spanish, Music, Physical Education and Algebra are taught by a teacher certified in his/her curriculum area. Our Computer Lab holds twenty-five computers and each room has several laptops for student use. Our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students each receive a Chromebook and a roaming cart of thirty I-pads are used daily by our teachers/students. Usage of technology is seen in all classrooms daily!

We offer limited tuition assistance to families falling under particular guidelines. Our school is supported by a strong parish/family base and our students are involved in service and community outreach.

Our goal at SSPP is to build for the future. At Saints Peter & Paul this bright future does not just happen; we plan it, build it, and welcome it. Our foundations are four-fold; we build on faith; we build a "Christ centered" school community, we build on excellence, we build on tradition. We believe that these pillars will set a strong foundation in molding a young lady/man while paying dividends that will last a lifetime.

Recently the Diocese of Pittsburgh has been changing the dynamics of the Catholic school. They have begun to adopt what has been a 19<sup>th</sup> century model of parish schools to 21<sup>st</sup> century conditions. The old parish model is impossible for most parishes to sustain. For our Catholic schools to remain spiritually challenging, academically excellent and financially strong, we must cooperate, rather than compete, with each other. Catholic schools are now working together more than ever. We will share resources and pool our purchasing power.

Our Catholic schools are critical to the future. They educate the mind, heart and spirit. Our graduates succeed academically and bring to their adult life a concern for others, especially the poor and to be of service to the larger community.

We invite you to tour our facility. Please call the school office at 724-774-4450 to schedule a tour or for any questions that you may have about our school, tuition, academics, or extra-curricular activities.

Blessings, *Cindy Baldrige*

*Thank you for all that you do for Catholic education, for your cooperation and support and for promoting our school. It is invaluable to our success!*