Congratulations Class of 1947
70th Anniversary of the First Graduating Class

We are using 2017 and this issue of The Spire Newsletter as an opportunity to appreciate St. Stanislaus High School history and to provide some information you may not know.

During World War II the decision was made to add a 9th grade to the elementary school in the "newer" building on Baxter Ave (built in 1921). The "older" elementary building on Forman was built in 1907. The hope was to eventually build a small neighborhood upper grade level school with high academic standards. That dream was realized and even today that tradition continues with St. Stanislaus Elementary and Cleveland Central Catholic High School flourishing.

The formation was successful because of the determination and support of the Pastor, Franciscan Friars, financial support of parishioners but especially by the dedicated teachers, mostly from the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, CFSN.
Starting with the 1942-43 school year, grade levels were added until eventually the first class graduated in the Spring of 1947. Below is the record of the graduating class sizes up to the 68/69 school year, this helps illustrate how enrollment evolved over the 23 year period of graduations.

**Development (or evolution) of High School Enrollment:**

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After the 68/69 school year, the four founding parish neighborhood high schools (St. Michael, St. John Cantius, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Stanislaus) merged into the multi-campus of Cleveland Central Catholic High School. Today there are 275 students attending the St. Stans elementary and 611 students at the high school.
Mark your calendar for

Sunday, July 30, 2017
St. Stanislaus Alumni & Friends Picnic

Klima Garden Pavilion
4646 East 71st Street
Cuyahoga Heights

Because of the change of NO Mass at the picnic we are suggesting you consider attending the 11:30 Mass at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus --THEN COME TO THE PICNIC!

***Everyone is welcome to join us***

The $10 Admission entitles you to One Raffle Ticket and the Picnic Lunch.

1:00 pm FOOD
Hamburger, hot dog, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and coffee/tea.
Side Boards and Cash bar.

Join the following High School Class Reunions

Contact the following:
High School Class of 1967 - 50th Reunion
Marlene (Konopinski) Glanc -- 330-225-0944
Susan (Kopacz) Rembielak -- 440-878-0949

High School Class of 1957 - 60th Reunion
First Graduating Class of
St. Stanislaus High School 70th Reunion

Polish Festival -- October 6th, 7th, & 8th.

This weekend has it all in the Social Center!

Good Polish Food – Dancing – Polish Beer – Games of Chance – But BEST OF ALL FRIENDS and FAMILY

Contact other alumni and car pool.
Visit the Alumni Table—located at the downstairs entrance of the Social Hall, anytime during the weekend—for a free ticket/chance for a Special Raffle drawing on Sunday, October 8th.
YOUR STAFF

Christmas Queen & Attendants
Irene Sidwa, Rita Krysinski, Queen and Regina Wisniewski

Enrollment Hits All Time High
Nine Parishes Represented

Enrollment at Saint's High hits an all time high this year with the students numbering 162. Compared with the enrollment of some of the City's first-rate schools in their fourth year of existence, Saint's ranks comparatively high.

Housing the list of parishes represented is St. Stanislaus, while the runners up are: St. Hyacinth, Immaculate Heart, Sacred Heart, St. John Nepomucene, Our Lady of Czestochowa, St. Cecilia, St. Anthony and Bridget, and Our Lady of Lourdes. We hope that in the near future students from other parishes will recognize the benefits and advantages of St. Stanislaus High School, and that representation from the formerly mentioned parishes will greatly increase.

Ed Petras Takes Over
Ed Petras, who formerly played tackle for Holy Name, and blocking-half for Ohio U, is Saint's new football coach. His great interest in the sport must have been inherited from his family, for his father and all his brothers have played this game in their high school and college days.

AT LONG LAST
With all the buzzle and ado of getting ready for publication, your staff has at long last published this first edition of THE SPIRE.

As the name signifies, "The Spire" hopes to reach out for ideals that are noble and great, founded on the sure ground-work of Catholic principles.

We have endeavored to make the publication both interesting and enjoyable to every student at Saint's. Through these pages we hope to foster and to inject more school spirit.

This is your paper. It voices your opinions. Make them live!

WHAT MORE CAN YOU EXPECT?
Think of all the marvelous advantages that St. Stanislaus High offers you, ye students.

Education—no school can offer a finer one.

Most important is the firm foundation in our Catholic religion, inculcated in theory and in practice.

The chemistry, biology, science, cooking, and sewing labs help give to many a knowledge in their respected subjects. These labs are not equalled in their usefulness and site by many other schools.

Our large and spacious library offers many hours of consented reading to any one who enjoys such amusement.

The "Spire" offers to those who enjoy writing a chance to display their abilities.

Congenial companions whom we can all appreciate.

Delicious meals from our cozy cafeteria.

Exercise—to build strong bodies, which is just as important as strong minds.

1946 IN RETROSPECT

There goes Old Man '46 . . . slowly, reluctantly.

He came bounding in with mid-year exams, remember? You all thought they were tough, but still, you lived through them.

Then came the first ring ceremony. A day to go down in the history of Saint's High.

Lent. It was hard to keep Lenten resolutions but well worth the effort. Finally, Easter vacation! A week and a half without homework! A student's dream come true.

A biology field trip, Arbor day program, a visit to the flower show and the Museum of Natural History.

In May, Open House, with a dance sponsored by the baseball team the following day.

Yearly exams come, as frightening as mid-year's.

Finally . . . summer vacation . . . no more home work, no more books . . .

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to come back to school."

First Senior class.

First initiation party.

First school paper.

First group of cheerleaders.

A line of fists with the return of books.

Football Dance, Student Council Dance, Junior Dance . . . More dances than you can shake a stick at.

And then, just before Father Time closed the book on Grandpop '46 . . . the candlelight procession.

Christmas vacation said good-bye to 1946.

What will Baby '47 bring?

More fists are certain.

First prom?

First annual?

First club play?

First graduation exercises?

Besides that, Wait till Baby '47 can be called "Grandpop," to see.
The 1947 First Prom Queen is Florence who married the First Prom King Richard in 1950. They attended Saint Stans elementary and high schools and were married 45 years when Richard passed away in August 1995.

Florence's memories of high school in her own words... "I remember small things like being assigned to ring the school bell, by hand, on all the floors. This was before the building-wise bell alarm system and running up and down the stairs ringing was good exercise for me. The fun we had at the school dances and going to all the sports activities. But my fondest memories are about the sisters and our education for the future and adulthood."

Contact was also made with 1947 classmates Ray Krolikowski (Kramer) and Michaleen Krajewska Derigo.
Music Memories --- What are yours?

Do any of the Choir / Glee Club / Music Directors below kindle a favorite memory of years ago?

St. Stanislaus H.S. did not have a school band as such -- BUT -- they did have wonderful exposure to music and the stage. For many, that experience opened the doors of self confidence, camaraderie, lasting friendships and especially fond memories.

* Does "Lelawala--Maid of Niagara" - or - "The Fortune Teller" - or - "Prince of Pilsen" - or - "Babes In Toyland" - or - "The Mikado" - or - "HMS Pinafore" bring back an operetta story for you?

* Do 'Christmas Assembly Specials' such as the 4 act play "Christmas Bells" - or - the choral and modern dance of "Our Lady's Juggler" - or - "The Littlest Angel" ring a memory bell?

* How about when Bill Randle, WERE disc jockey, acted as Master of Ceremonies for Saints "Big Shindig"... were you there?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!!

These were music assemblies, operettas, drama and glee club productions that were part of the school experience for us. Now is your opportunity to share your story and memory in your own words. Mail your story to: Alumni Story, at the address on last page or email to Bob Sledz.

The following are two memories, from Bill Dix '60 and Lynda Stevens Frechette '61, in their own words...

**Bill Dix Remembers…**

I was never in an operetta or the glee club (too ugly and tone deaf) but I was, however, the "Star" of a musical Christmas play.

The play was entitled "The Little Drummer Boy" and was based on the popular song. Nick Jablonski, from my class, wearing tattered clothes, marched slowly from the back of the gym to the stage while the music played. He carried and kept time on an old, sad looking drum.

On the stage were Mary, Joseph, the manger, the Three Kings and a group of shepherds. Behind the manger were a lamb and an ox. Remember: "THE OX AND LAMB KEPT TIME PA RUM PUM PUM PUM". Remember?

The Little Drummer Boy placed his gift, the old, sad drum, in front of the manger as the shepherds gathered round. Suddenly, a bright light shone from above (actually a black light) and the crowd stepped back in awe. The old drum was gone and in its place was a beautiful gold and silver shining drum! A miracle! Then the curtains slowly closed -- the song and play ended.

How was this possible, you ask?

Well, it seems that while these shepherds blocked the audiences view, the ox crawled on hands and knees, almost knocking over Donna Ruminski (Mary) and switched the drum, scampered back to his spot just in time to continue keeping the beat with his 'big ugly ox head'.

Yes, I was the OX—*the Star of the Play*—at least that's what Sr. Patricia told me and nuns never lie!
As a child growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, my parents made sure my brother and I were kept very busy. Every day after school, we had a lesson of some kind. There we were, Eddie and Lynda, the brother-sister pair, heading for tap class, acting and singing lessons, art school, piano lessons and roller skating at least three times a week. So began my love for the Arts and the stage!

As a freshman at St. Stan’s High School, my reputation as a performer preceded me. Sr. Patricia immediately cornered me and asked me to sing and dance in the first School Assembly program. There I was in my red velvet costume, singing and tap dancing to “When the Red, Red Robin Comes Bob-bob-bobbin’ A-Long”... ending with kisses, ala Dinah Shore, thrown to the Student Body. Needless to say that moment still follows me till this very day.

Being in the Glee club, performing, starring in the shows and operettas in High School were my favorite memories. I loved playing Miss Crocker in “The Prince of Pilsen” and also choreographed some of the dance numbers. My biggest disappointment was when Sr. Patricia, whom I loved, was transferred just before we were to begin our senior year. On the ‘Q.T.’, at the end of junior year, she told me she was hoping to put on “Annie Get Your Gun” and she wanted me to play Annie. I was beyond thrilled. All summer long I worked with voice teacher, Marilyn (Runo) Brenkus ‘57 and learned all the songs and all the dialogue in the musical. My bubble was burst when we found out Sr. Patricia had been sent to another school and would not be returning to Stan’s. My only hope was that her replacement, Sr. Paul (photo at right) would put on the musical...but that was not meant to be. Sr. Paul informed me early on in senior year that putting an Irving Berlin musical, was “not fitting for a Catholic School.” She said Mr. Berlin was just too risqué! And I would guess you would say, “That’s show-biz, folks!”

As a freshman at Ohio State U, I did begin as a Theater Major, and even played the title role in ‘Antigone’. My theater plans changed when I met my husband Bob....time to get practical. I switched to Education and became a first grade teacher. However, all those lessons early on, and all my performing at St. Stan’s helped me a lot as a teacher. I taught my young students many show tunes and put on lots of adorable plays.

My love for the arts...acting, music, singing, etc., as a youngster and then at St. Stanislaus, thanks to Sr. Patricia, has never faltered. Now, living in Key West, FL, I find it the perfect place to be involved with theater. I have had the opportunity to perform on stage with KW entertainers, Christopher Peterson, Bobby Nesbitt, Bruce Moore, and Randy Roberts... plus mini, but memorable roles with the KW POPS and the Waterfront Playhouse.

My main involvement has been offstage as a Board Member of the esteemed Waterfront Playhouse in Key West for more than 9 years. (Our artistic director, Danny Weathers, was in the original Chorus Line on Broadway.) I have been the recipient of the prestigious Florence Recher Award from the Playhouse, and my husband, Bob and I were honored by Samuel’s House for our Contributions to the Arts in Key West. I have coordinated Aqua Idol, Key West’s version of ‘American Idol’, for the benefit of the Waterfront Playhouse for 8 years. I find wonderful vocalists who give of their time and talent to sing and compete in this talent contest to raise money for our theater. This runs for 11 weeks and is actually going on right now till the end of March**.

I also, still take tap class whenever possible....This reminds me of a time, many moons ago at St. Stan’s, when dear Sr. Regis asked me, “Lynda, are you just going to dance your life away?” At the time I just looked at her wide-eyed....but if she asked me that today, I would have to say “That’s exactly what I did! And as the old song goes “It’s been great fun...but it was just one of those things!!!!”

**Editor, Bob Sledz caught up with Lynda in February 2017. Lynda maintains the KONK LIFE website updated daily which describes KW art, social entertainment and local news at www.KONKNET.COM
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IN MEMORIAM

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Lillian Skuta
(Sister of Sr. Kathleen CSFN ’58)

Rich Kruszynski ’61

Helen Mielczarek
(Mother of Larry Mielczarek ES)

Camille Bartczak ’59

Mickey Sajetowski
(Sagonist of Gerry Tatulinski Sajetowski ’61)

Andy Lewandowski ’62

To inform the Alumni about the death of a member of the Alumni & Friends family please contact either:

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