



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.



Michaleen Krajewska (Class Secretary), Donald Lubecki (Class President), Bernice Matuszewska (Class Treasurer)
Raymond Gajewski, Florence Durdella, Joseph Skingel (Editor-in-Chief), Rosemarie Owsiany, Edward Zeszut
Edward Pannent, Robert Lange, Richard Wisniewski, Raymond Krolkowski

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:

<i>1942--43 9th Grade</i>	1950	52	1960	122
<i>1943--44 9th Grade</i>	1951	46	1961	132
	1952	52	1962	102
<i>1944--45 9th & 10th Grades</i>	1953	65	1963	102
<i>1945--46 9th & 10th & 11th Grades</i>	1954	68	1964	116
<i>1946--47 9th & 10th & 11th & 12th Grades</i>	1955	94	1965	126
	1956	101	1966	121
	1957	90	1967	126
	1958	100	1968	95
	1959	103	1969	129

<u>Graduation</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>of</u> <u>Graduates</u>
1947	12
1948	28
1949	41

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.



By chronological computation, Saint Stanislaus High School is still in its infancy. The junior high, begun in nineteen forty-two, was continued for two years, when the then pastor, Reverend Thaddeus Woloszyk, O.F.M., initiated the tenth grade. Just as the incipient steps toward a senior high were being taken, Father Ted (as he was called by his parishoners) was appointed to the Mission Band, by his superiors. Our present pastor, Rev. Father Vitalis, took the reins in his hands, and under his guidance the school grew to its present status. The newer of the two school buildings went through a thorough refurbishing to house the newly created school. Eight modernly equipped laboratories, new class-room desks, a new office for the principal, visual aids, and all that goes into the making of a school plant were placed at our advantage. The general and the business courses are offered by a qualified teaching staff, both religious and lay. The school, conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, was accredited as a first grade high school by the Ohio Department of Education, on March 17, 1947.

Above is the view of the East and North sides of the Baxter Building as they looked in 1948. The current new addition was attached to this East view to become Cleveland Central Catholic High School.

Above photo and text is from the 1948 St. Stanislaus High School Year Book.

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.**



BONUS – Copies of the Original 1946 issues shared by Florence Durdella Wisniewski

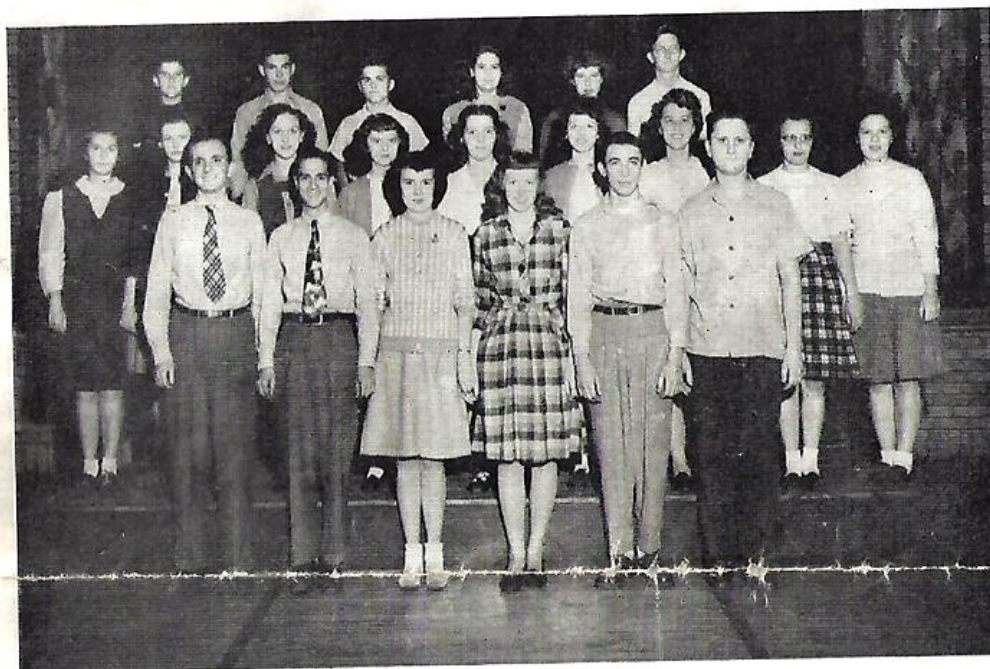
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YOUR STAFF



First row—Joseph Magn'en, Joseph Skinge', Rosemarie Owsiany, Rita Krynski, Raymond Gaiewski, Donald Lubecki. Second row—Therese Juzkiewicz, Angeline Kancler, Dolores Ba cerzak, Irene Sidwa, Dolores Kosel, Rita Woltman, Harriett Wisniewski, Florence Durdel'a, Bern ce Matuszewski. Third row—Raymond Niedzialek, Ted Eizember, Edward Soworowski, Josephine Grabowski, Michal-
cen Krajewski, Ray Krolkowski.

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.

Heading 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. Cecelia, Sts. 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.

—Fr. Agnellus, O. F. M.

"THE SPIRE"

AT LONG LAST

With all the bustle 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 size by many other schools.

Our large and spacious library offers many hours of contented 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.



Christmas Queen & Attendants

Irene Sidwa, Rita Krynski, Queen and Regina Wisniewski

1946 IN RETROSPECT

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

He came bouncing in with mid-year exams, remember? You all thought they were so 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 firsts 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 firsts are certain.

First prom!

First annual!

First class play!

First graduation exercises!

Besides that? Wait till Baby '47 can be called "Grandpop," to see.

—Rita Krynski

CLASS PLAY DISCLOSES TALENT

The fate of Dooley had Racker baffled, the cast mystified, and the audience howling, during the performance of "The Mummy and the Mumps," presented April 20 and 21. Joseph Skingel, the learned English archeologist, and the mummy pro-tem did remarkably well. He was quite convincing in his feminine garb.

Ted Eizember, as Sadie Maitland, had Bill (Joe Magnien) momentarily ill at ease with the supposed ladies' open profession of their love affairs.

Rosemarie Owsiany justly merits recognition for her exceptionally fine acting as the sophisticated founder of New England's exclusive school for girls.

The part of Racker fit Edward Sarvo to a "T." It was he who provided the comic-relief to the play. In acting the role of a serious, slow-thinking officer of the law, Jerome Budzinski did very fine. The girls' parts—Dolores Balcerzak, Irene Sidwa, Evelyn Cherry, and Dolores Kosel—were rendered quite artistically.

Prom Heads List of May Activities



PROM KING
Richard Wisniewski



PROM QUEEN
Florence Durdella

May 16, 1947, marks another history making day for St. Stanislaus High School—the day of its first prom. Flower shops and dress suit rental stores will have more than their share of business as the Romeos and Juliets for the evening do their prom shopping. The event will take place at the Empire Ballroom, Hotel Cleveland. Seniors, Juniors, and their guests will dance to the music of Harry Walker and his orchestra.

Chaperons and the receiving line will include Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witucki, Mrs. Gertrude Muench, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zawadzki, and Mr. and Mrs. John Toronski.

By popular vote of the upper classmen, two seniors, Richard Wisniewski and Florence Durdella were elected prom king and queen. Richard and Florence will lead the Grand March. There will be no formal coronation.

The entire expense of the evening has been paid for by the junior class by means of a fund raised from a Thanksgiving Raffle and Dance. Due recognition for their efforts in sponsoring this affair is afforded them by the Seniors.

Mrs. Gertrude Muench, girl's gym instructress, has been giving weekly dancing instructions to both Senior and Junior classes. Besides the instruction in dancing, she has also been giving pointers on prom etiquette, dress, flowers, transportation, etc. There will be no wallflowers at St. Stanislaus' first prom, judging by the interest shown in these classes.



*Florence Durdella
Wisniewski today*

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 Krolkowski (Kramer) and Michaleen Krajewska Derigo.

Thank You

The entire cast of "The Mummy and the Mumps" expresses its thanks and appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. F. Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. J. Mosinski, and Mrs. J. Toronski for the use of the stage props they have so graciously allowed us to use.

Calendar of Events

- May 11—Living Rosary.
- May 16—Senior-Junior Prom.
- May 18—Track Meet.
- May 26—Tribute to Seniors.
- June 1—Graduation.

****Article from the
Spring 1947 Spire Issue.*

Music Memories --- What are yours?

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



Sr. Cecelia '48-49



Sr. Patricia '50-60



Sr. Paul '61-64



Sr. Philippe '65-66



Sr. Celeste '68-69

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 Ruminiski (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!



Lynda Stevens Frechette Remembers....



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!



Eddie, Mom-Adele, Lynda and brother-Fred

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.



Bob and Lynda today!

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!!!"**



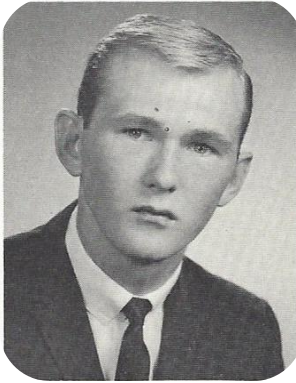
Tina Flowers Pace '61 & Ken Burke '60



Lynda & Jim Szarwark '61

****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**

\$100 Drawing Winner



Alan Burke—'61 & '65

Congratulations! The \$515 profit helped to pay for this current *Spire's* postage. Thank You to **ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.**

To win next time—send in the Cut-Out below.

IN MEMORIAM

The St. Stanislaus Alumni & Friends extends its condolences to the Families and Friends of the recently departed and pray the Lord will welcome them into everlasting life.

Lillian Skuta
(Sister of Sr. Kathleen CSFN '58)
Helen Mielczarek
(Mother of Larry Mielczarek ES)
Mickey Sajetowski
(Husband of Gerry Tatulinski Sajetowski '61)

Rich Kruszynski '61
Camille Bartczak '59
Andy Lewandowski '62
Judy Miller Smolen '64
Joan Lenczewski '55

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

Rita Golubski or Donna Heid
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Thank you to the Alumni & Friends Committee for the "Welcome Table" at the annual School Open House in February.

Mrs. Deborah Martin,
Elementary Principal

From: Fr. Eric Orzech, Pastor

Thank you to the Alumni & Friends, for your contributions to the parish, when returning envelopes enclosed with the **Christmas and Easter Season** schedule mailings. Many alumni appreciate the timetable for the Holidays.

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\$10 Raffle

To help support *The Spire Newsletter* printing and mailing, we are having another **SPECIAL \$100 Drawing** at the Alumni Committee November planning meeting. All you need to do to be eligible is cut out the form, fill it out and return with your contribution of \$10 or more to the Parish Office and make your check payable to St. Stans. If you would like two or more chances at winning the \$100 prize and you send in \$10 or more, we will reproduce your ticket according to the amount you donated. Thank you for your continued support and Good Luck!

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