

# Post-Tribune



## Neighbors Speaking of Schools

### TeacherEase and Hurricane Victims Come to Saint Paul

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Three weeks ago, the administration and faculty of Saint Paul Catholic School introduced school parents to TeacherEase, the online grading system being used this year. Parents were notified via e-mail how to log on to TeacherEase and were all assigned their own password.

With TeacherEase, parents can access their children's current grade in any subject. The information accessed also includes all grades and scores from

tests, quizzes, papers, and other assignments that the teacher uses to calculate the student's letter grade in the subject.

TeacherEase has been met with rave reviews from SPCS parents. Using the system, parents can check on their child's progress anytime during the grading quarter and use what they see to encourage their children in their school work or congratulate them on progress or improvements.

Additionally, parents find TeacherEase is helpful in spotting an area where a student may be having difficulty and make contact with the teacher to help get the student back on track in time to improve their grade for the quarter.

Eventually, faculty will be able to use TeacherEase to post announcements and calendars so parents can see what will be upcoming for the students. At the end of a grading period, report cards will be posted on the system. Since each family has their own log in address and password, the information on TeacherEase is private for each family and cannot be accessed by

anyone other than the student's family and teachers.

### Hurricane Victims Become Saint Paul Students

Last week, the SPCS family bid farewell to fourth grader Jacob Howarth and his sister, fifth grader Grace Howarth. The Howarth children, who are the niece and nephew of 2004 graduate Olivia Wise and the grandchildren of parishioners Jim and Michele Wise, had been displaced from their Beaumont, Texas home due to Hurricane Rita and attended school at Saint Paul for several weeks.

When Hurricane Rita was predicted to hit the Texas coast on September 24th, Jacob and Grace were forced to evacuate their home with their parents and several pets. They made a fifteen hour drive to Dallas (normally, a six hour drive) and stayed with friends for a week. They were grateful to learn that their home was intact but had sustained roof and tree damage. In the aftermath of the hurricane, most of Beaumont was without power or water and their elementary school, Roy Guess

Elementary, had sustained major damage.

On October 12th, power was restored and the school reopened in temporary buildings.

Grace and Jacob say that they loved their time at SPCS, where they were warmly welcomed by classmates and teachers as part of the family. They said the classwork was more difficult and there was a greater amount of homework but that was offset by the fun they had with all their new friends.

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