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## St. Perpetua Celebrates 45 Years with New Technologies

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St. Perpetua alums stand with their children, who currently attend the school Photo provided

As St. Perpetua in Lafayette celebrates its 45 years of longevity, it continues to embrace new technologies and make the changes required to remain a top elementary and middle school well into the future. Since 2002, St. Perpetua has invested more than \$4 million in updating and expanding its school facilities, and to bring the latest technologies into every classroom, including a state-of-the-art Information Technology Center. Interactive "Promethean" boards have replaced traditional chalkboards. These new boards enable the teacher to gain instant feedback on what individual students are grasping or not, and to change a teaching approach on the fly. And with a new, fully-equipped science laboratory and award-winning Garden of Learning, students study science through a hands-on approach.

"It's been a whirlwind this year for our school," says Principal Karen Goodshaw, who joined St. Perpetua in 2008. "We have been fortunate to be able to invest in our school and our students during a difficult economic climate. The changes to the technology, the curriculum, and the teaching staff have all had an immediate impact on our students."

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