

# St. Paul's goes high-tech after computer gift

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Northville's St. Paul's Lutheran School has recently become more technologically advanced due to the cooperative

efforts of a local dentist and Sky-Tech Computers.

Northville dentist James Payne has teamed with Sky-Tech Computers and said he will be supplying the school with several refurbished computers. Two are already available for use.

On Jan. 28, Payne was joined by Chris Pawlowski, a store manager with Sky-Tech Computers and Steve Britten, president and chief executive officer of Sky-Tech at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Payne then demonstrated the many educational programs available on one of the computers.

Payne, who said he was a certified A+ technician, rebuilds the computers from parts donated through Sky-Tech Computers. He said more than 50 computers have been built this way and given to various organizations.

"It's a way to put my interests to work," said Payne.

Carol Ritt, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School, said she was highly appreciative of his efforts.

"What a wonderful thing," she said. "His dream is to upgrade whatever we have here."

The refurbished computers are constructed using various parts from other computers.

Payne said it usually takes about three old computers to make one

refurbished one and the process can require ten to 20 hours of work.

"So many people just throw away their old computer. It may be old to them, but it can still be used for another purpose," Pawlowski said.

To donate a old computer or computer components, James Payne can be contacted at (248) 349-4111.

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