



# Saint Paul School of Kensington

## Kensington, CT

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These determined students created the Saint Paul Environmental Club with four subgroups to cover as much ground on reducing energy use as possible.

Saint Paul School participated in the Keep Connecticut Cool contest that was judged on June 4, 2011. The contest is for Connecticut students in grades 4-12 to create climate change solutions in their schools and communities. The Saint Paul team consisted of 7 creative elementary students and their mentor Elaine Kotler.

The Saint Paul team's goals were all about educating the community on reducing energy use and waste while making positive changes for the community and the world. Their accomplishments include:

- Educating through assemblies about recycling and CFL use.
- Selling ecofriendly items
- Using the Carbon Footprint Calculator with team members and faculty.
- Informing students and teachers on ways to improve their homes and classrooms through recycling, the use of CFL light bulbs, and other ideas and efforts.

These students showed great determination in their efforts to reduce energy waste and improve schools. They planted trees, promoted recycling, worked to reduce the effects of fossil fuels waste through education, and much more. Their devotion to their cause is what led to the Saint Paul team winning the \$1000 Best Energy Savings prize as well as a portion of the Best Collaboration prize which was split at a tie between two other competing schools.

Keep Connecticut Cool is a program of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University. You can find more information at [www.keepconnecticutcool.org](http://www.keepconnecticutcool.org)

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