



The Wave Watcher

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Mission Statement:

At St. Paul Catholic School we strive for excellence in faith and academics. Our mission is to be a loving and forgiving community that receives our Lord Jesus Christ and reflects his teachings. God is our focus and heaven our goal.

CALENDAR

Monday-February 11

6:00pm PTC/Marketing/Auction mtg. in Library

Tuesday-February 12

3:45pm-4:35pm Electrical & Machine Club mtg.

Wednesday-February 13

Fuel-Up 60 Meeting @ lunch

Thursday-February 14 ❤️

8:50am Mass (8th Grade)

Pizza Day

3:45pm-4:35pm Healthy Kid's Club mtg.

Friday-February 15

12:10pm School Dismissal

No Band

No afternoon bus

School Staff PD Day

Monday-February 18

No School

Tuesday-February 19

3:45pm-4:35pm Electrical & Machine Club

Wednesday-February 20

Student Council mtg. @ lunch

Thursday-February 21

8:50am Mass (5th Grade)

3:45pm-4:35pm Healthy Kid's Club mtg.

Friday-February 22

Pizza Day

Casual for a Cause \$1.00

Friday, February 15, 2019, school will be dismissed at 12:10pm. In order to offer afternoon childcare there needs to be at least 10 students signed up.

Please go to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/I7aqvT4vvZwHyJs2>

and fill out the information by:

Monday February 11, 2019 Thank you!



Fr. Mike's Musings

This week, although a week late due to winter weather, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We began our celebration of Catholic Schools Week with Mass on Sunday, January 27. Many schools offer classes in English, math, science, and history. Catholic schools not only provide superior curriculum in these areas, but they do so by integrating faith into every subject. That is the Catholic school difference.

Our goal through our Catholic schools is to provide your child with on-going formation in their faith, to develop each student's God-given gifts, and to prepare them for success in higher education and the global marketplace. We do this through a challenging curriculum, the support of our parents, and in a nurturing environment. St. Paul's has a long and proven record of success in all of these areas.

Please pass the word to your relatives and friends and neighbors that we at St. Paul School welcome students of all backgrounds and faiths to experience the comprehensive education of mind, heart, and spirit. Ask them to consider the possibilities and potential to be realized. **Abundant Blessings!**

Virtue of the Week:

Perseverance

What does it mean?

Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.

What does it look like?

- Continuing to do something even when it is difficult.
- Continue to try something even when it is hard.
- Jesus carrying the cross.
- Calmly doing something again after making a mistake.
- Taking the time to do school work neatly and thoroughly.

What does it sound like?

- I am going to keep practicing. I will get it next time.
- I am going to keep trying. I won't give up.
- Jesus, help me to carry my cross for the love of you.
- I will try it again. I won't give up.
- I will take the time to do my work well.

Please help your child practice these virtues, tools which bring us closer to Jesus. Thank you!

NWEA Winter Testing Session

We are hoping to wrap up our Winter testing session by early next week. We appreciate your continued support of this important information in your child's education by ensuring they are well rested and have a healthy breakfast every morning. It has been a long testing session, but we are almost finished!

PTC/Marketing/Auction News

Come out Monday, February 11 at 6:00 PM to catch up on all the exciting things going on here at St. Paul!

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!! We have tickets available in the school office, and they are also available in the St. Paul parish office as well as the St. Joseph parish office. We also sent home an order form if you are not able to get into the office and are comfortable having your child bring home your tickets. Each family may purchase two discounted tickets at \$40.00. Additional tickets may be purchased for the regular price of \$50.00. There will be a limited number of tickets sold, so don't miss out on this fun evening!

If you have not had a chance to donate an item for the silent auction, now is the time! Our basket team will be working their magic shortly and we want to be sure they have their materials all set to go! I would like to challenge all families to get their items sent in and have come up with a small competition to make it a little interesting! The first class to get 100% participation through a donated item will receive a special lunch on me! Thank you to those who have already sent in some items! The auction committee appreciates your support! In addition, each successive class that gets 100% participation will also receive a treat from me! So hit the sales and get creative on what kinds of items YOU would like to see in a basket! Also, keep your eyes peeled for baskets that you may have or see on sale that could be used to create appealing silent auction packages!



To make it easy to purchase tickets, please fill out the form below and return to the school office along with your payment, we can send the tickets home with your child with your approval. Thank you!

Family: _____

Parent signature: _____

_____ 2 tickets @ \$40.00 a piece to St. Paul School Families

_____ Additional tickets @ \$50.00 a piece

Total submitted: _____

The **6th Grade Ladies** will begin reading Number the Stars by Lois Lowery this week. This Newbery Award winning novel is set in Nazi-occupied Denmark and revolves around a young girl who risks her life to save her best friend.

While excited for having a Snow Day last week, **the 3rd and 4th Grade students** were disappointed that they were unable to participate in the Mass that was assigned to them. After Thursday's Mass we have class together. We read and reflect on a children's version of the upcoming Sunday Gospel and they work on activities that revolve around it.

5th Grade Social Studies is discovering what life was like living in Colonial America. Middle School History is learning how our country formed its government and the challenges it faced. **All students in Grades 5-8** have been using the iPads in preparation for the National Geographic Geobee that St. Paul Catholic School is participating in with schools nationwide. **They have really enjoyed competing against each other and learning at the same time!**

5th Grade Happenings

The 5th grade has been staying busy. In theology we just finished our chapter on sacramentals. The class learned what different types of sacramental there are and why Catholics use them. We are working with the distributive property in math. The class just finished the verb unit in language arts and will be moving onto letter writing. In science we began our life science unit. Right now we are studying ecosystems. Finally in reading, we ended our lesson on summarizing. We will be starting the book *Tale of Despereaux*.

The 5th grade has been busy academically, but they also have activities outside of the classroom. Back in December they went on their TOY (Think Outside Yourself) field trip. For this field trip, they each brought in their own money and then we went to Walmart to purchase toys for Toys for Tots. They purchased over \$200 worth of toys. In March we will be going to Lansing Catholic for the 5th Grade Activities Day. They will participate in fun activities with other 5th graders from the diocese. Lastly, throughout the year, they have been showing responsibility by doing safety patrols every day before and after school.

Snow Day Mayhem

Having lived in Michigan all my life, I never remember a winter with so many snow days, and NEVER an entire week off. While of course your child's safety is our first consideration, we also want to be sure they receive enough instructional time to learn the standards needed to be successful in their grade. In that vein, please adjust your calendars to note that **WE WILL have school on Monday, April 22 as well as Friday, May 24.** As of today, we have had 13 days off of school. While we automatically are forgiven 6, the governor has afforded an additional 3. With the added two days I just mentioned, we still have two to make up. Therefore, we will be adding days to the end of the school year to ensure we have enough instructional days to meet the state requirement as well as to ensure your children have had enough instruction to be successful. I will wait to finalize that schedule when the winter weather season has passed. **Thank you for your understanding and support in this.**



Kindergarten Round Up!

It is that time of year and we are busy planning our Kindergarten Round Up! Mark your calendars and spread the news for **March 13, from 6:00-7:00 PM.** This is a great opportunity to come and meet our wonderful kindergarten teacher, Ms. Jones, and find out about the engaging curriculum happening in her classroom. More details to follow!



Prayers for our School

We are so Blessed!! As of Friday, February 8, there are 728 stones in the prayer cross, representing a total of 3,640 prayers for our school!! Thank you all who are joining this campaign with us! It was great to come back from break and find so many have continued to pray for our school! The prayer is written below. Attached to this Wavewatcher, the website, and located in baskets next to our “Prayer Cross” at St. Paul Church, will be a form for you to complete when you have prayed the prayer 5 times. We will then add a stone to the cross, and we will see our prayers grow. We are so appreciative of your support! God Bless!

Prayer for St. Paul School

Oh good and gracious God,

We praise you and thank you for the gift of St. Paul Catholic School, where the message of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed. It is a sacred privilege to prepare each child to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Listen to our prayers as we ask you, Lord, to increase our enrollment of students so they can benefit from a Catholic education, where Christ’s love abounds; and that our school grows in nurturing the souls and forms the minds of its students for generations to come.

We ask these blessings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Commitment to pray for St. Paul School

I have prayed this prayer _____ times for St. Paul Catholic School.

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