



A Season of Joy

A Message from Principal Todora...

It's been an exciting month filled with lots of joy and excitement leading up to the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Take some time out of this busy Christmas season to pray, be thankful for the many blessings we have been given, and spend quality time enjoying family and friends.

May you be blessed with God's heavenly peace. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Principal Todora



"THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; FOR BEHOLD, I PROCLAIM TO YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE."

LUKE 2:10





December Fun for All!

It was a fun-filled month here at St. Paul School! From gingerbread hunts and gift-giving, to special guest appearances and concerts, it's been a December to remember!





Pep Rally

On Friday, Dec. 16th students were surprised by our special guest, Fredbird, at the Pep Rally! It was also a meeting of the Houses, in which House JOHN went away with the spirit stick!





Viking Award

SPS recognizes students who exemplify student expectations with the VIKING AWARD. This award is given quarterly to K-8th grade students in each grade level who are a true example of a St. Paul Viking. Our students are expected to grow and learn according to the expectations of LOVE. The acronym LOVE stands for; Love God, Others First, Value Self as a Child of God, and Excel in Academics. Students are nominated for the VIKING AWARD by their teacher, other faculty members, and/or St. Paul Parish staff.

Our 2nd Quarter Viking Award Winners Are...



Mackinze R.
Kindergarten



Ethan C.
First Grade



Weston O.
Second Grade



Ava H.
Third Grade



Kaden K.
Fourth Grade



Seth C.
Fifth Grade



Reese K.
Fifth Grade



Ava K.
Sixth Grade



Anna P.
Seventh Grade



Lucas M.
Eighth Grade



Peyton S.
Religion



Ava S.
M.S. Religion



Edward M.
PE



Olin A.
Art



Leah N.
Library



Lucy M.
Choir



Emma M.
Band



Michael S.
4th Grade Band



Ben W.
Music



Ethan E.
Fr. Pat's Award



Welcome to Whoville!

Miss Rinderer's first grade classroom was transformed into Whoville on their Grinch Day, Tuesday, Dec. 20th. "Holiday who-be what-ee?" Crazy hair, snacks, drinks, games, movies, and lots of green everywhere!





The Sounds of Christmas

SPS Christmas concerts were held on Sunday, Dec. 18th for grades 1st-4th, 5th-8th grade band, and 4th-8th grade chorus. Our Preschool-Kindergarten concert was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20th followed by a visit from Santa! Thank you to Mrs. Henze and Mrs. Albaugh for helping us ring in the Christmas season with festive music!





House Challenge for Shriners



Our upcoming "house challenge" will be taking place when we return from the holiday break. Houses and communities at St. Paul will be collecting aluminum can tabs to benefit the Shriners' organization. The community with the most tabs will earn bragging rights and have its house banners displayed. Start collecting tabs over the break and more information regarding this challenge will be shared when we return!



Renovate to Educate Campaign

An excerpt from Fr. Pat's Pen (Dec. 18, 2022)

While well into our major campus phase III construction project, it became apparent that the school restrooms fixtures and plumbing were deteriorating beyond repair. Bishop Paprocki has granted permission to proceed, due to the urgency of this project, which needs to take place during the school's summer break, 2023.

We need to "Renovate to Educate" our facilities, in order to continue the fine tradition of a Catholic Education for our children at St. Paul School.

If you or someone you know would like to donate to this campaign, please scan the QR code above or [click here](#). Thank you for contributing to the future of our school!



Thank You

A special thank you to all of the parents and students who sent in Christmas snacks, candies, lunches, and gifts! We are so very blessed by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Faculty & Staff at St. Paul Catholic School

Remember St. Paul Catholic School while you shop at Amazon this Christmas season by purchasing through Amazon Smile! Select St. Paul Educational Foundation and a portion of your purchase will be given to the foundation to help families in need offset the cost of tuition.

SAVE THE
date

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be at Cygan-Delaney. Please stay tuned for a date in January 2023! Thank you for your support!



St. Paul Catholic School

Cafeteria Menu

January 2023

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Corn Dog Corn Orange Slices	6 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Applesauce
9 1: Nachos & Cheese 2: Pretzel & Cheese Green Beans Pineapple	10 1: Cheese Burger 2: Turkey & Cheese Sub Fries Peaches	11 1: Grilled Cheese 2: Toasted Ravioli with Marinara Sauce Mixed Veggies Apple Slices	12 1: French Toast 2: Bagel & Cream Cheese Sausage Patties Apple Juice	13 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Mandarin Oranges
16 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	17 1: Popcorn Chicken 2: Hotdog Tater Tots Applesauce	18 1: Pancakes 2: Yogurt Parfait Sausage Links Hash Browns Orange Juice	19 1: Spaghetti and Meatballs 2: Ham Sub Green Beans Pineapple	20 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Peaches
23 1: Chicken Patty 2: Mini Corn Dog Fries Cooked Cinnamon Apples	24 1: Pancake On A Stick 2: Waffle & Sausage Links Tater Tots Yogurt	25 1: Soft Taco 2: Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice Bananas	26 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Turkey Sub Butter Noodles Applesauce	27 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Orange Slices
30 1: Cheese Burger 2: Ham Sub Fries Pineapple	31 1: Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce 2: Chicken Strips Corn Mandarin Oranges			

School Lunch: \$4 (Does not include milk); Choose Option #1 or #2
 White or Chocolate Milk: \$.50 ea.
 A La Carte Fruit and Extra sides: \$.50 ea.
 Extra Entree: \$1
 Snack of the Day: \$.75 ea. (Limit one per student) For Grades 2nd - 8th ONLY

*Menu subject to change. All items will be charged to the student's FACTS account during the school day.
 A La Carte Items will vary depending on availability.*



Viking Night



Saturday, January 28, 2023 - Highland Knights of Columbus Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Please visit www.stpaulvikings.org/vikingnight to purchase tickets and sign-up to volunteer.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers, donors, and sponsors, especially those businesses who have donated at the Ruby (\$250) level or higher. THANK YOU!

(Click on the icons below to view their website.)



Girls' Basketball Regional



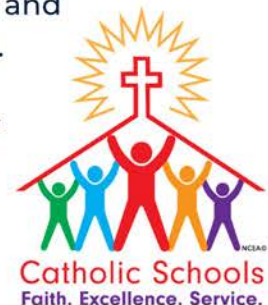
The 7/8th Grade Girls' Regional basketball games will begin on January 10th at 4 p.m. in the St. Paul School Gym. Eight teams will be participating.

Please visit www.stpaulvikings.org/athletics for a calendar of events.

Catholic Schools Week 2023

From January 29 to February 4, 2023, St. Paul School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The week will include Masses, assemblies, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members.

Stay tuned for a list of events and activities coming soon!





Looking Ahead...

DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 4
No School - Christmas Holiday

JANUARY 5
Classes Resume

JANUARY 6
Mass @ 8:20 a.m.

JANUARY 13
Mass at 8:20 a.m.

JANUARY 16
No School - MLK Day

JANUARY 18
Early Dismissal
2:10 p.m. (Preschool)
2:25 p.m. (K-8)

JANUARY 20
Mass at 8:20 a.m.

JANUARY 27
Mass at 8:20 a.m.

JANUARY 28
Dinner Auction

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4
Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 29
CSW Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

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*"Peace on earth will
come to stay when we
live Christmas
every day."*