



Forgiveness is the Only Way to Peace

A Message from Principal Todora...

*"The only way to peace is forgiveness. To accept and give forgiveness makes possible a new quality of rapport between men, interrupts the spiral of hatred and revenge, and breaks the chains of evil which bind the heart of rivals. For nations in search of reconciliation and for those hoping for peaceful coexistence among individuals and peoples, there is no other way than forgiveness received and offered."
- Pope John Paul II Jan. 7, 2001*



Justice – Charity – Peace – Faith – Love

God is asking us to cut away from all division and draw closer to Him. He needs us to teach our students how to make sound judgements in the midst of



conflicting concepts and behaviors. We must stimulate intelligence to understand the meaning of experiences and their truths. It is our job to work with parents to ensure all students have strong character formation, Christian mentality, and transmission of values for living. Coming to know Jesus means spending time with Him. He created us to be here for Him to love. Let us learn from Jesus, our teacher, and use our knowledge to serve others with the gifts He has given us. Value is found in unity and eternal life is found in God's love. Bring peace. Share your love!

Principal Todora

**"LOVE IS NOT
RESENTFUL."**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5



Running for Fun!

To finish off a week of fun and leadership lessons with Apex Fun Run Leader, Joggin' Jim, our students ran up to 36 laps around an obstacle course for donations. \$10,660 was raised to help purchase a new scoreboard for our gym! Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers.





Crisis Planning

St. Paul School does plan and have procedures to follow in emergency or crisis situations. Students and staff work with local police and fire departments and are trained regularly on how to react during the different types of events (fire evacuation, intruder/law enforcement, bad weather shelter-in-place, soft and hard lockdowns, earthquake, and bus evacuation). SPS staff and students practice prevention, preparedness, and response in all types of situations.

Our focus is on cultivating student and staff safe environment awareness. In order to improve the level of awareness, we ask that you please continue crisis awareness at home. Talk with your children. Pray with your family. Reinforce the importance of listening and staying calm during a crisis. Managing student discipline is critical in these and all types of situations. Please continue to help us provide a structured and disciplined environment; one of respect and faith in Christ our Teacher.

Cookie Fossil Digging!





Registration Fee Increase - April 1st

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. The non-refundable registration fee will increase to \$200 per family on April 1st. If you are enrolling a new student in your family, you must first apply through the portal. [Please contact the school office FIRST so that you are not charged the \\$20 application fee.](#) If you are withdrawing a student, please click on "Will Not Enroll" under the student's packet in the portal. Check out our website to view the new [tuition schedule](#).

Financial Assistance

With 2023-2024 school registration underway, St. Paul Catholic School is now accepting K-8th applications for Grant & Aid. Applications must be submitted online by April 30, 2023, and may be accessed through your [FACTS Family Portal](#). As always, the Business Office is happy to answer any questions you may have!

Thank you to the St. Paul School Educational Foundation and its donors, who provide the financial resources for the tuition assistance program for St. Paul Catholic School.



Are you passionate about Catholic education and want to be part of the opportunities provided to our students?

Join the SPS Advisory Board!

Please complete an [application](#) on our Website and contact Principal Todora at:

htodora@stpaulhighland.org
or 618-654-7525 to learn more.



Come work with us! SPS is seeking full-time early childhood teachers (in anticipation of growing enrollment), and a part-time cafeteria aide, preschool aide, and VKC after-school aide for the 2023-2024 school year. To apply, please visit our [website](#) to download an application and send to Principal Todora at:

htodora@stpaulhighland.org or contact the school office at 654-7525 for more information. All applicants must be willing to complete safe environment training, employment forms, and a background check.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

AUGUST '23

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 14 Open House-Bring Supplies
- 15 Staff In-Service
- 16 First Day of School
- 25 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 28 No School - Kirchenfest Clean-Up

FEBRUARY '24

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29		

- 2 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 3rd Quarter Mid-Term
- 19 No School - Presidents' Day
- 21 2:25 p.m. Dismissal

SEPTEMBER '23

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 4 No School - Labor Day
- 13 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 15 1st Quarter Mid-Term
- 22 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus

MARCH '24

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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- 1 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- End of 3rd Quarter
- 15 11:35 a.m. Dismissal; No Bus
- 20 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 28-29 No School - Easter Holiday

OCTOBER '23

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- 9 No School - Columbus Day
 - 13 End of 1st Quarter
 - 18 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
 - 26 11:35 a.m. Dismissal; No Bus
 - P/T Conferences*
 - 27 No School - P/T Conferences*
- *K-8th grade students are required to attend with parent.

APRIL '24

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28	29	30				

- 1 No School - Easter Holiday
- 2 Classes Resume
- 5 4th Quarter Mid-Term
- 8 11:35 a.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 17 2:25 p.m. Dismissal

NOVEMBER '23

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- 3 11:35 a.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 10 2nd Quarter Mid-Term
- 15 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving

MAY '24

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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- 3 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 9 8th Grade Promotion
- 16 Last Day of School
- 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
- No PM Bus; No VKC
- End of 4th Quarter
- 17 Staff In-Service

DECEMBER '23

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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- 1 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 20 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
- No PM Bus; No VKC
- End of 2nd Quarter
- 21-29 No School - Christmas Holiday

JANUARY '24

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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- 1-3 No School - Christmas Holiday
- 4 Classes Resume
- 15 No School - MLK Day
- 17 2:25 p.m. Dismissal



**ST. PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

■ Event/Staff ■ Early Dismissal ■ No School

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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 3rd Quarter Viking Award Winners Are...



Grant L.
Kindergarten



Lily S.
First Grade



Josie K.
Second Grade



Sophia H.
2nd Grade



Samuel J.
Third Grade



Gracie M.
Fourth Grade



Anderson L.
Fifth Grade



Mimi B.
Sixth Grade



Brynn B.
Seventh Grade



Ava T.
Eighth Grade



Matthew B.
Religion



Ava K.
M.S. Religion



Ava S.
PE



Noah S.
Art



Camille W.
Library



Melanie P.
Choir



Oscar S.
Band



Elana S.
4th Grade Band



Colton S.
Music



Sophia H.
Mrs. Mitchell's
Award



8th Gr. Volleyball Celebrations

Eighth grade volleyball players were recognized before the last home game on Mar. 13th against St. Clare. Girls finished the season 6-3 and boys 3-4.

On Mar. 24th, a special evening was held for our 8th grade players and parents. A friendly boys vs. girls game started the evening and ended with a players vs. parents game, where the players were victorious. At least the parents looked good!



Bowling Awards

The SPS inaugural bowling season came to a close on Mar. 14th as bowlers attended the Gebke Memorial Foundation Awards Ceremony at Baden Bowl in New Baden. Thanks to Mr. Jeff Voss for sharing his talent and expertise with our new bowlers!



Catch the season's sports action by following our **athletic calendar** for a schedule of upcoming games, practices, and events!



First Communion & Confirmation

Catholic students in Mrs. Strieker's third grade class received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Saturday, March 11th at St. Paul Church, with Bishop Thomas Paprocki officiating.

The Bishop also officiated our school Mass, followed by a school tour on Friday, March 10th. The Comfirmants were celebrated the following week, where they wore their sacramental dress for a special school Mass and weekend Masses at St. Paul Church.

Please pray for the following students (pictured below with their class) as they continue through their spiritual journey: Ava Abendroth, Beau Battas, Matthew Bushur, Colin DeSelm, Ethan Engelke, Rylie Frey, Ava Hilling, Anna Holthaus, Samuel Jacober, Knox Korte, Henry Lengermann, Leah Nenninger, Aubrey Paoletti, and Molly Tallman.



Let your light shine!



Donuts with Grown-Ups

On St. Patrick's Day, our Preschool students and their "grown-ups" gathered in Trinity Hall for "Donuts with Grown-Ups". This was a special day for our preschoolers and their guests to enjoy some quality time together with their school family. Special thanks to Mrs. Henze for teaching the preschoolers a special song and to our Viking Ambassador volunteers for helping to keep things organized!





3Q Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for achieving academic honors during the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year:

5A - High Honors

Seth Cureton
Burke Elliott
Nolan Lengermann
Camille Winkeler

6H - High Honors

Miriam Boulanger
Ava Klostermann
Emma Meyer
Oscar Scarborough

8K - High Honors

Wilson Boulanger
Cole Emig
Gavin Klostermann
Andrew Sinnock

5A - Honors

Delaney Davis
Chloe Elliott
Trent Elliott
Pierce Decker
Halle Henrichs
Ailey Lawson
Anderson Lappe
Reese Keeven
Ava Meyer
Gavin McGinley
Hannah Norgaard
Delaney Voss

6H - Honors

Vivian Beer
Jake Schwarz
Amelia Tallman

8K - Honors

Alyssa Jacober
Lucas Marti
Ava Taylor
Layne Wagner

7D - High Honors

Brynn Battas
Deacon Oravec
Leo Scarborough
Ava Schonhardt

7D Honors

Alexis Iberg
Colby Lawson
Noah Ringwald



First Place Honors at Scholar Bowl

The SPS Scholar Bowl team won first place and was undefeated in a tournament hosted by Breese Central HS on Saturday, Mar. 4th. Scholars competing were Wilson Boulanger, Cole Emig, Gavin Klostermann, Lucas Marti, Leo Scarborough, and Andrew Sinnock; with Wilson answering the most toss-up questions at the tournament with 65.



SPS competed against All Saints, Bartelso, St. Rose, Aviston, Breese D12, Carlyle, Damiansville, Wesclin, and Albers. The team is coached by Andrea Henze and Aaron Hopfinger. Congratulations, Scholars!

St. Paul Catholic School

Spring
BOOK FAIR
AND ART SHOW

April 27 - May 5, 2023
St. Paul Room - Trinity Hall

PUBLIC SHOPPING DAYS

**Saturday & Sunday, April 29 & 30 - After Masses
& After Spring Concerts**

Parents are invited to attend student buying days (see back).
All major credit cards, cash, and checks (written to St. Paul Catholic
School) are accepted OR scan QR Code below to shop online!

ART SHOWINGS

April 27th: Pre3 - Junior Kindergarten
May 2nd: Kindergarten - 3rd Grade
May 4th: 4th - 8th Grade
(During Band & Choir Concert)

**Scan to
Shop Online!**



Spring Book Fair School Buying Times

May 1 – 5, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023

JKL	10-10:30 a.m.
1 st Grade	12:45-1:15 p.m.
Kindergarten	1:30-2 p.m.
Additional buying time to all grades and Preschool (after dismissal)	2-4 p.m.; 5:30-7 p.m. Family Reading Night

Thursday, May 4, 2023

2 nd Grade	10:15-10:45 a.m.
4 th Grade	10:45-11:15 a.m.
5 th Grade	12:20 p.m. - 1 p.m. (after lunch)

Friday, May 5, 2023 (Last Day Open)

JKM	9-9:45 a.m. - after Mass
7 th Grade	9:44-10:26 a.m.
3 rd Grade	10:30-11 a.m.
6 th Grade	11:08-11:50 a.m.
8 th Grade	12:30-1:12 p.m.

Art Show (Trinity Hall)

There will be art from all grade levels on display during the concerts in Trinity Hall on the following dates. Parents may pick up art after the May 4th concert or on Friday, May 5th.

Thursday, April 27, 2023	Pre3-JK Spring Concert
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	K-3 rd
Thursday, May 4, 2023	4 th -8 th Band and Choir Concert



Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Your help is needed at this year's Scholastic Book Fair! Click below to sign-up!

[Sign-Up to Help](#)

Family Reading Night (Pre3-K)

Sign-up to attend this year's Family Reading Night on Monday, May 1st! Our theme for the evening will be, "Community Helpers". Stations will be set up in the Gym and/or Trinity Hall with special guest readers and activities. The evening will be in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair.

[Sign-Up to Attend](#)



State Spelling Bee

Sixth grader, Mimi B., placed second in the K of C O'Fallon Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, Mar. 18th, sending her to the State competition in Bloomington, IL on Mar. 25th. Unfortunately, the word "levied" stopped her from placing. We are so proud of your accomplishments and hard work, Mimi!



**RENOVATE
TO EDUCATE**

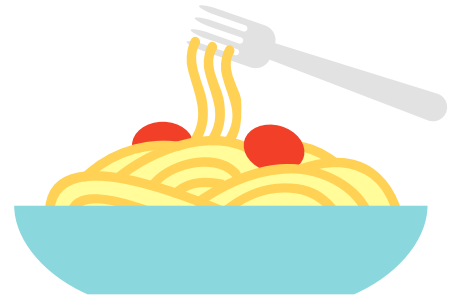
INVEST IN CHILDREN . GROWTH . COMMUNITY . FUTURE

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
HIGHLAND, ILLINOIS



Spaghetti Dinner

Over five hundred tickets were sold to our Annual 6th Grade Spaghetti Dinner held on Sunday, March 19th. Thank you to our 6th grade parents and students for organizing and volunteering to make this fundraiser a success! All profits are used toward activities and field trips in their 8th grade year.



Spring Concerts - Save the Dates!

Thursday, April 27: Pre-3 will perform at 6:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall.
Junior Kindergarten will perform at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall.

Tuesday, May 2: K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will perform at 6:30 p.m. in Church.
All students should be in church by 6:15 p.m. Please dress nicely.

Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.: 4th-8th Grade Chorus will perform in Church,
followed by 4th-8th Grade Bands in Trinity Hall. All students should arrive at 6:30
p.m. to get warm-up and set-up. Please dress nicely.

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.: The 4th Graders will present their musical in Trinity
Hall. Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m.



A special thank you to the Highland Area Community Foundation for the grant award to purchase a new "ride" on our playground! Oh the places they will go!



9-PIN NO-TAP

Bowling Tournament

Proceeds to Benefit the St. Paul Catholic School Vikings Bowling Program

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

7 P.M.

HI-TOP BOWL - HIGHLAND, IL

ENTRY FEE: \$25 PER PLAYER

Bowlers must be 18 or older. Three games of 9-Pin No-Tap bowling. Limited to 80 bowlers. Top five bowlers make step ladder final. Prize money will be paid to the top six bowlers. 50/50 drawings will be held throughout the evening. Handicap based on 80% of 200 average. Bowlers without a sanctioned average will get 175 for men and 150 for women. Optional scratch side pots will be available.



**Please contact Jeff Voss at 618-980-0193
to reserve your spot!**



HELP US MAKE

SPS Day At The Ballpark

A HUGE HIT!!!

Every ticket sold =
money for St. Paul
School! Buy from
a student or on
our website

StPaulVikings.org

Tickets are only \$30 each
(\$17 savings over face value!)
and include a jumbo hot dog
and soda, plus it's Cardinals
Hat Giveaway Day. Don't miss it!

SPS 2nd Grader Ben Winkeler
will be throwing out the first pitch!!!

Sunday, August 6th at 1:15pm

www.StPaulVikings.org

Thank you for your support of this St. Paul School fundraiser!





St. Paul Catholic School Cafeteria Menu

April 2023

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
3 1: Pancakes 2: Yogurt Parfait Sausage Hash Brown Apple Juice	4 1: Cheese Quesadilla 2: Soft Taco Corn Orange Slices	5 1: Toasted Ravioli w/ Marinara Sauce 2: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Applesauce	6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL
10 NO SCHOOL	11 1: Popcorn Chicken 2: Ham Sandwich Fries Pineapple	12 1: Fish Sticks 2: Mini Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese Mandarin Oranges	13 1: Grilled Cheese 2: Turkey Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Bananas	14 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Sausage Pizza Tossed Salad Apple Slices
17 1: Cheeseburger 2: Meatball Sub Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Peaches	18 1: Nachos & Cheese 2: Pretzel & Cheese Corn Pineapple	19 1: Chicken Sandwich 2: Grilled Cheese Buttered Noodles Mixed Fruit	20 1: Waffles 2: Bagel & Cream Cheese Sausage Hash Brown Apple Juice	21 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Tossed Salad Sliced Oranges
24 1: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Breadstick 2: Turkey Sandwich Green Beans Applesauce	25 1: Ravioli w/ Marinara Sauce 2: Bosco Sticks Corn Peaches	26 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Hot Dog Peas Pineapple	27 1: Sloppy Joe 2: Ham Sandwich Fries Sliced Apples	28 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad 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.*



Looking Ahead...

APRIL 5

Mass at 8:20 a.m.

Mass

APRIL 6 - 10

No School - Easter Break

APRIL 11

Classes Resume

Easter Parties

APRIL 12

K-1st Grade Field Trip

APRIL 14

Mass at 8:20 a.m.

8th Grade Retreat

APRIL 17

Uniform shorts are allowed.

APRIL 19

2:10 p.m. (Preschool) / 2:25 p.m. Dismissal

APRIL 21

2nd & 3rd Grade Field Trip

Mass at 8:20 a.m.

APRIL 22

9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament

APRIL 27

Pre3-JK Spring Concert

Book Fair (April 27-May 5)

APRIL 28

Mass at 8:20 a.m.

Contact Information

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SCHOOL HOURS:

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Preschool: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Grades K-8: 8:15 am - 3:15 pm

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Leo the Leprechaun played a few tricks on Miss Rindéer's 1st grade classroom this month!

*May your days be many and your troubles be few,
May all God's blessings descend upon you,
May peace be within you, May your heart be
strong, May you find what you're seeking wherever
you roam and the insight to know when you're
going too far.*

Traditional Irish Blessing