



# Let the Spirit Guide You

*A Message from Principal Todora...*



As Easter approaches, let us reflect on the profound significance of this season. It serves as a powerful reminder of the triumph of good over evil, with Jesus overcoming death and sin.

May we be inspired by His resilience as we prepare for the joyous celebration ahead.

Let the spirit of Easter guide us in fostering a community that embraces the values of love, compassion, and renewal.

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Learn about the Triduum on the USCCB Website [here](#).

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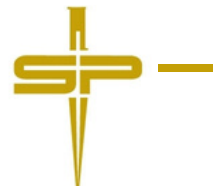
**“MY SACRIFICE,  
O GOD, IS A  
CONTRITE SPIRIT;  
A CONTRITE,  
HUMBLER HEART,  
O GOD, YOU WILL  
NOT SCORN.”**

**PSALMS  
51:19**

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*Easter Blessings!*

*Principal Todora*



# First Communion & Confirmation

Catholic students in our 3rd grade class at St. Paul received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Saturday, March 23rd. The Comfirmants were celebrated the following week, where they wore their sacramental dress for a special school Mass at St. Paul Church.



Please pray for the following students as they continue on their spiritual journey: Olin Abert, John Anthony (& Melissa Anthony), Aniston Athmer, Brooks Chapman, Macy Clarkin, Kendall Frey, Emmett Fulton, Ellie Gall, Emerson Gutzler, Sophia Heimburger, Lydia Kampwerth, Josephine Keeven, Hannah Linenfelser, Charlotte McGinley, Bryce Meyer, Weston Oravec, Madalyn Porzukowiak, Lorelei Rehkemper, Matthew Schonhardt, Emma Schuetz, Elijah Schuetz, Parker Stephenson, Noah Strehl, Ruby Wichern, and Benjamin Winkeler.



**“YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET  
AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH.”**

**PSALM 139:9-10**



# 8th Grade Passion Play

A big thank you to our 8th-grade students and instructors for their heartfelt portrayal of the Lord's Passion on March 27th. This long-standing St. Paul School tradition has captivated audiences for years and is a highly anticipated event every Holy Week. Please join us for their second performance this Good Friday, March 29th at 7p.m.



# Sr. Clementia's Visit

On Wednesday, March 6th, Sr. M. Clementia of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, shared her vocation story with Mr. Hopfinger's Religion classes.





# March Madness!





## Young Authors

The Kindergarten classes composed multi-page, non-fiction narratives about an animal of their choice. Mrs. McGinley's class presented and read their stories aloud to a captivated audience of fellow students.



## Make a Good Impression

Mrs. Pellman's sixth grade science class was learning about how fossils help scientists understand what the world was like long ago. They made casts using plants and rocks that they gathered from the school grounds. Nice work!



Registration for the 2024 - 2025 school year is open! All current St. Paul families were sent an email to re-enroll through the Family Portal. **If you are enrolling a NEW student in your family, you must first apply through the portal. Once you have started the application for the new student, please contact the school office so that you are not charged the \$22 new student application fee.**



# Chess Tournament

The Vikings Chess Team secured the 3rd place overall trophy at their league tournament held Saturday, March 16th. The tournament was comprised of 11 teams, with Alton Middle School receiving first place and St. Ambrose at second.



For the year, the team placed 4th overall in a league of 8 teams. Coach Jim Gallatin was very proud of his team. "The kids improved a lot as we made our way through the dual matches to the league tournament," said Gallatin. "Thanks to all the parents for your support with getting the kids to school early and travel to distant locations for the dual meets; Alton, Godfrey, Granite City are kind of a trek, but worth the effort!"



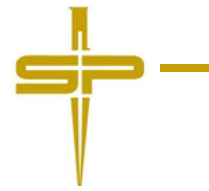
Special thanks to Coach Hopfinger for his involvement with the team this year.

We look forward to seeing the team improve even more next year!

# 4th Grade Volleyball

Perseverance is the word for this year's 4th grade Viking Volleyball team! This was the first time many of the girls had played the game. As the season progressed, they displayed significant progress and maintained positive attitudes throughout. Great job girls!





# Congratulations, Bowlers!

Our 8th grade bowling members, Brady D. and Everett T, celebrated their last regular season match at Hi-Top Bowl on Thursday, March 7th.



Congratulations to Elora T. who participated in the bowling state tournament on Saturday, Mar. 16th at St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights. Elora's combined individual, 3-game series score of 309 at the SIJHSAA regional championship on March 9th qualified her for the recognition.

Thank you to Jeff and Karla Voss, the Mike Gebke Memorial Foundation, and Hi-Top Bowl for making our bowling program possible!



## Volleyball Regional

St. Paul School hosted the 2024 Region 11 Class S Girls' Volleyball Regional Tournament on March 15th & 18th. Six teams participated with Germantown earning the Championship title after their win against Bartelso.

## Track Season

The St. Paul School Track season has begun, with athletes working hard to improve their jumping, throwing, and running skills. Join us in supporting the Vikings at the first track meet on April 4th at the Highland Middle School track! Go Vikings!

Don't miss a game! Check out our [sports calendar](#) to stay up to date!



# 3Q Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for achieving academic honors during the third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year:

## **5A - High Honors**

Kaden Klostermann  
Wyatt Todt  
Drew Schwarz  
Elana Sheahan

## **5A - Honors**

Kerigan Athmer  
Lilian Himsel  
Madeline McGinley  
Sophia Meridith  
Edward Miller  
Tyler Quart  
Ella Pokojski  
Melanie Porzukowiak  
Elliott Ringwald  
Rhett Straeter

## **6H - High Honors**

Seth Cureton  
Burke Elliott  
Halle Henrichs  
Reese Keeven  
Nolan Lengermann  
Ava Meyer  
Delaney Voss  
Camille Winkeler

## **6H - Honors**

Emerson Daley  
Chloe Elliott  
Anderson Lappe  
Gavin McGinley  
Hannah Norgaard

## **7P - High Honors**

Vivian Beer  
Miriam Boulanger  
Ava Klostermann  
Emma Meyer  
Oscar Scarborough  
Amelia Tallman

## **7P Honors**

Dalton Gurley  
Kylie Marti  
Jake Schwarz

## **8K - High Honors**

Brynn Battas  
Lexi Iberg  
Deacon Oravec  
Anna Patel  
Leo Scarborough  
Ava Schonhardt

## **8K - Honors**

Noah Ringwald

# Excellent

## Biography Lesson

Mrs. Tallman's second grade class learned about important historical figures through a biography project this month. Students researched their special person, created a poster based on their discoveries, and gave a presentation that was featured on a video shared with parents.







# Donuts with Grown-Ups

The Preschool classes held their annual “Donuts with Grown-Ups” on Friday, March 15th in Trinity Hall. Parents, grandparents, and family friends gathered together for a fun-filled morning with their preschooler and their favorite teddy bear!





## Scooters Teacher's Appreciation

Thank you to Scooters in Highland for fueling our teachers and staff on March 7th with delicious coffee and muffins!



## Recording Volunteer Hours

If you or an adult family member have volunteered at SPS or at St. Paul Parish since January 1st, don't forget to record the hours worked in your Family Portal to receive credit for the 2024-2025 school year!

Please click on the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** document to see the options for volunteering and instructions on how to enter the hours in the Family Portal.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for volunteering your time & talents to SPS!



## HELP WANTED

### CAFETERIA MANAGER

Do you love to cook and have an interest in preparing and serving healthy meals to children? St. Paul Catholic School is in search of a part-time cafeteria manager to oversee operations of the school cafeteria M-F from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All interested applicants must complete the approved food handler training. Download an application online or contact Principal Haidee Todora for more information. Thank you!

**CONTACT:**

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Download an application online at [www.stpaulvikings.org](http://www.stpaulvikings.org)



**The ST PAUL 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
would like to THANK:**

Bill Napper at The Pioneer Newspaper  
The Marti Family  
Mazzios Italian Eatery  
Tru Buy  
Subway  
St Paul School, Church,  
& the Highland Community



**For a successful 2024  
Spaghetti Dinner**



*Thank you for helping us fund our field trips,  
activities, and upcoming promotion  
celebrations in 8th grade!*

*- SPS 6th Grade -*



# 9-PIN NO-TAP

## *Bowling Tournament*

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024**

**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 and a  
basket raffle 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!**







# St. Paul Catholic School

## Cafeteria Menu

April 2024

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>No School</b>	2 1: Cheeseburger 2: Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Orange Wedges	3 1: Popcorn Chicken 2: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Noodles Peaches	4 1: Hot Dog 2: Pretzel & Cheese Carrots & Celery Applesauce  <b>OPENING DAY</b>	5 <b>BRING SACK LUNCH &amp; DRINK</b>  <b>CAFETERIA CLOSED</b>
8 <b>11:35 a.m. DISMISSAL</b> <b>NO CAFETERIA</b>	9 1: Spaghetti & Meatballs 2: Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Peaches	10 1: Waffles 2: Biscuit & Gravy Sausage Patty Hash Brown Apple Juice	11 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Apple Slices	12 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Fish Sandwich Tossed Salad Mandarin Oranges
15 1: Bosco Sticks 2: Ravioli w/Marinara Sauce Corn Orange Wedges	16 1: Hot Dogs 2: BBQ Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Peaches	17 1: Chicken Sandwich 2: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Noodles Apple Slices	18 1: French Toast 2: Bagels & Cream Cheese Sausage Patty Hash Brown Grapes	19 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Grilled Cheese Tossed Salad Applesauce
22 1: Cheeseburger 2: Corn Dog Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	23 1: Chicken Strips 2: Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fries Orange Wedges	24 1: Pancakes 2: Yogurt Parfait Sausage Patty Hash Brown Apple Juice	25 1: Sloppy Joes 2: Ham & Cheese Sandwich Buttered Noodles Peaches	26 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Toasted Cheese Ravioli Tossed Salad Pineapple
29 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Grilled Cheese Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Apple Slices	30 1: Nacho & Cheese 2: Pretzel & Cheese Carrots & Celery Applesauce			

**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 (Must be purchased with entree order.)**  
**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.*

# SPS Day At The Ballpark

**A HUGE HIT!!!**

Each ticket  
sold =  
\$\$\$ for  
St. Paul  
School!

Tickets are only \$30 each  
(\$30 savings over face value!)  
and include a jumbo  
hot dog and soda!

SPS 6th Grader Gavin McGinley  
will be throwing out the first pitch!!!

Sunday, August 18th at 1:15pm  
Cards vs. Dodgers



Tickets are available from any St. Paul School student or online:

[StPaulVikings.org](http://StPaulVikings.org) or **ORDER NOW**

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

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

AUGUST '24						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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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

- 12 Teacher In-Service
- 13 Open House-Bring Supplies
- 14 First Day of School
- 23 1:35 p.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus

FEBRUARY '25						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

- 7 No PM Bus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Mid-Term
- 17 Presidents' Day – No School
- 19 2:25 p.m. Dismissal

SEPTEMBER '24						
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29	30					

- 2 Labor Day – No School
- 11 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 13 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Mid-Term

MARCH '25						
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30	31					

- 7 No PM Bus
- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 19 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 21 Teacher In-Service
- 11:35 a.m. Dismissal; No PM Bus
- 28 Teacher In-Service – No School

OCTOBER '24						
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- 4 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
- 11 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 14 Columbus Day – No School
- 23 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 24 11:35 a.m. Dismissal; P/T Conferences\*; No Bus
- 25 P/T Conferences\* - No School

\*K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to attend with parent.

APRIL '25						
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- 11 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mid-Term
- 16 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 17-21 Easter Holiday – No School
- 22 Classes Resume

NOVEMBER '24						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 5 No Bus
- 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-Term
- 11 Veterans Day – No School
- 20 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 27-29 Thanksgiving – No School

MAY '25						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- 2 No PM Bus
- 15 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
- 22 Last Day of School
- 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
- No PM Bus; No PM VKC
- End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- 23 Teacher In-Service

DECEMBER '24						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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- 6 No PM Bus
- 19 No PM Bus
- 20 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 1:35 p.m. Dismissal
- No Bus; No PM VKC
- 21-31 No School – Christmas Holiday

JANUARY '25						
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- 1-5 No School – Christmas Holiday
- 6 No School – Teacher In-Service
- 7 Classes Resume
- 15 2:25 p.m. Dismissal
- 20 MLK Jr. Day – No School
- 31 11:35 a.m. Dismissal – No PM Bus



ST. PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

■ Event/Staff ■ Early Dismissal ■ No School

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## Looking Ahead...

### APRIL 2

Classes resume; Resurrection Parties

### APRIL 4

Baseball Day

### APRIL 5

8:20 a.m. Mass; Mid-Term 4th Quarter; 6:30 p.m. Jr High Dance

### APRIL 6

4p.m. Mass to Honor our 1st Communicants & Confirmandi

### APRIL 7

10:30 a.m. Mass to Honor our 1st Communicants & Confirmandi

### APRIL 8

11:35 Dismissal; No PM Bus

### APRIL 12

8:20 a.m. Mass

### APRIL 17

2:25 p.m. Dismissal

### APRIL 19

8:20 a.m. Mass

### APRIL 25

7p.m. Pre3 & JK Spring Concert

### APRIL 26

8:20 a.m. Mass; 8th Grade Retreat at Immaculate Conception in Pierron

### APRIL 29 to MAY 4

SPS Art Show

### APRIL 30

5th Grade Field Trip to Springfield  
6:30 p.m. K-3 Spring Concert

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### SCHOOL HOURS:

School Office: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Preschool: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

**Don't miss a game! Check out our [sports calendar to stay up to date!](#)**

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Fr. Pat giving a blessing to the new Confirmandi.

*"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."*

*-Pope St. Pius X*