



Excitement Building

A Message from Principal Todora...

Christ is the Reason

Christ is truly the reason for everything we do. We believe that His teachings guide us in fostering a nurturing and compassionate school community where every student is valued and encouraged to grow spiritually, academically, and emotionally. Our goal is to instill the values of love, kindness, respect, and understanding, while also providing an excellent academic foundation. By embracing Christ's teachings, we will create an environment where each child can flourish and become a faithful follower of Christ, who will inspire everyone around them.



Together, we form a family of faith, working hand in hand to do God's will and make the world a better place for all. As we embark on this new and exciting school year, we would like to extend our warmest greetings to each and every one of you. It fills my heart with joy to welcome both familiar faces and new families to our amazing school and parish community.

With a shared commitment to faith, family, academics, and personal growth, we stand ready to embrace the triumphs and challenges that lie ahead. Our dedicated faculty and staff are eager to nurture the hearts, minds, and souls of our students, helping them flourish in both their academic studies and moral character.

We are determined to build upon our strong foundation of faith, values and knowledge, encouraging students to explore their passions and discover their unique God given gifts.

As Principal, I encourage open communication and collaboration between parents, teachers, and students. Together, we form a powerful partnership, ensuring the success and happiness of each student in our care.

Please continue to monitor our school website to stay updated on school events and important information, dates, policies and procedures.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and spiritual development. Let us embark on this 2023-2034 school journey with faith, hope, and love, knowing that together, we will create a bright and fulfilling future for our students.

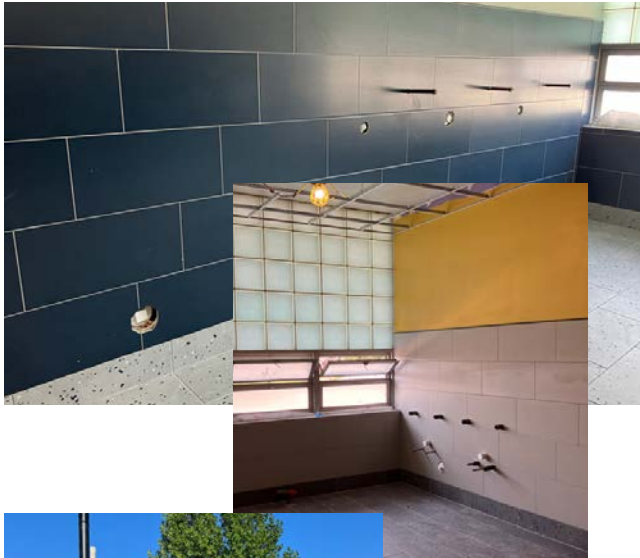
Peace & Blessings to All!

Principal Todora



New Updates!

Thank you to the many donors and supporters for making our much-needed restroom renovation a reality. We also cannot thank The Korte Company enough for their professionalism in which they addressed this aesthetically challenging project. It has truly been a unique experience this summer!



The restrooms are progressing into the refreshing spaces we hoped they would be. The school colors add to the spirit and history, while the updated floors, walls, ceiling, plumbing, and bathroom fixtures will transform the outdated space into a larger and brighter space adapted for all. There is absolutely no question that this was the right decision. We are excited to see both student and parent reactions to the upgrades!



Donations are still being accepted to financially meet the projected cost of this project. **Please consider a donation by visiting the Renovate to Educate banner on our [website](#) or directly to the [WeShare donation link](#).** Thank you for your support!

We are also excited to start the 2023-2024 school year with new scoreboards for our gym! Believe it or not, scoreboards do more than just let fans know the score, they also allow fans to enjoy a richer game experience.

And one more addition...A new backstop has been installed on the west parking lot thanks to generous donors. We are ready for some kickball, Mrs. LaPorta!

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**





ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE



MEET THE TEACHERS & STAFF
SCHOOL SUPPLY DROP-OFF
UNIFORM EXCHANGE

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MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

Kindergarten

3:30-4:30 P.M.

Preschool - Junior Kindergarten

4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

1st - 8th Grade

Parent Meeting @ 5:15 p.m. in Church

5:45 - 6:30 P.M. Open House

Please visit www.stpaulvikings.org
for information on back-to-school forms,
dress code, calendars, events, and more!





School Lunch Program

This year we welcome back Mrs. Janet Ezell as our Cafeteria Manager. She will be assisted by Mrs. Becky Emig. We are still searching for a part-time assistant. If you or someone you know would like to help in the cafeteria, 15-20 hours per week, please contact the school office.

The price of the school lunch has not changed for the upcoming year.

- School Lunch: \$4 (2 entree choices; Does not include milk)
- 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

School lunches are offered to students in Kindergarten through 8th grades. All cafeteria charges will be added to your tuition bill through FACTS. *Pre3-JK students will bring their lunch and eat in their classrooms.*

NOTE: Due to the Kirchenfest, the cafeteria will be opening on Tuesday, September 5th, after the Labor Day holiday. Until then, all students must bring a lunch from home.



Cafeteria and Recess Schedule 2023-2024

Cafeteria menus will be emailed to parents and also posted on the school website and Family Portal. If you have any questions concerning the school lunches, please contact the school office.

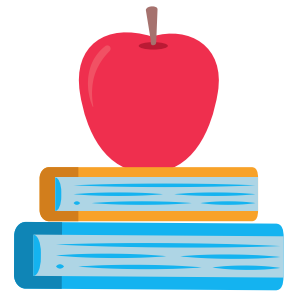
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Recess</u>
Pre3	11:30-12	12-12:45
JKL	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:15
JKM	11:45-12:15	12:15-1:15
Kindergarten	11-11:25	11:25-11:55
Grade 1	11-11:25	11:25-11:55
Grade 2	11:20-11:45	11:45-12:15
Grade 3	11:20-11:45	11:45-12:15
Grade 4	11:50-12:15	11:20-11:50
Grade 5	11:50-12:15	11:20-11:50
Grade 6	12:05-12:30	11:50-12:05
Grade 7	12:05-12:30	11:50-12:05
Grade 8	12:05-12:30	11:50-12:05

Interested in being a school volunteer? We are looking for help in the cafeteria, classrooms, and the office! [Sign-up here](#)



Classroom Assignments

You can now view your student's classroom assignment through your Family Portal account. Log into your Family Portal [here](#) and enter **District Code: STH-IL**. Teacher name will be listed under the Student dropdown and selecting "Grades" to view their QI report. Assignments are subject to change based on enrollment.



Student Documents Needed

Find a complete list of student documents needed for the new school year [here](#). If your child has a medical need, please provide the school office with the appropriate forms along with any medication that is to be administered by school staff.

If your child will be trying out for any sport, they must have a sports physical on file prior to the season's first practice. A school physical can be used in lieu of a sports physical, however a sports physical CAN NOT be accepted as proof of a physical examination for mandated physicals. Sports physicals are valid for 395 calendar days from the date the physical was issued.

School Handbook

New updates to the [2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook](#) can be found under the PARENT section of our Website or under the Resource Documents in your Family Portal. Please take the time to read the handbook to view school rules, principals, and guidelines for the new year.



Student Accident Insurance

Please see the following link on our Website for information on the Diocese of Springfield Student Accident Insurance, provided through Student Assurance Services, Inc.

- Click on our [Enrollment Page](#) to access forms
- Click on the **Student Accident Insurance Forms** drop down menu

FRIDAY MASS DAY

Mass days will be held on Fridays for Kindergarten through 8th grade beginning at 8:20 a.m. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please check the school schedule in your Family Portal for any changes.

Students are not allowed to wear shorts on Mass days. Please see the [dress code](#) for more information on approved uniform dress.

St. Paul School Class of 2024

MUM SALE

9" SEASONAL MUMS

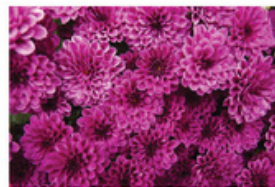
\$10 EACH



Yellow



Orange/Bronze



Pink/Purple



White



Red

**PICKUP IS SCHEDULED FOR MID-SEPTEMBER.
CONTACT AN SPS 8TH GRADE STUDENT OR
ORDER ONLINE AT STPAULVIKINGS.ORG**

**MUM SALE ENDS
MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH.**

TO ORDER,

click here!





New Staff

We are excited to announce the addition of three new faculty members. Mrs. Emilee Cawvey will be our new Pre-3 teacher, Mrs. Abbey McGinley in Kindergarten, and Mrs. Lalaine Pellman as middle-school science and 7th grade homeroom teacher.



Mrs. Cawvey is a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and holds a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood. She is a first-year teacher from St. Jacob who finished her student teaching at St. John Newman in Maryville.



We welcome **Mrs. Abbey McGinley** to Kindergarten, serving 11 years within the Triad School District. Mrs. McGinley is a familiar face at St. Paul School, having been a past School Board president, Viking Ambassadors coordinator and volunteer, and mother of four St. Paul students: Gavin, Madeline, Charlotte, and Anna!



Mrs. Lalaine Pellman comes to St. Paul School with nearly 20 years of experience teaching in the Ferguson-Florissant School District as a science teacher. She holds a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from SIUE and lives in Belleville.

Spirit THURSDAYS!

Students are encouraged to wear any St. Paul Catholic School athletic team wear or school logo wear, along with dress code bottoms on Thursdays throughout the school year. If you were able to order from the online store in July, students may also wear the school theme blue t-shirts to show their support of our school message.



Yearbooks

Yearbooks for the 2022-2023 school year have arrived and will be available to pick up during the open houses beginning on August 14th. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange a pick up or the yearbook will be sent home with your student the first week of school.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL
**POOL
PARTY!**

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023
7-9 P.M.

HIGHLAND COUNTRY CLUB
13403 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, RTE. 40
HIGHLAND, IL

RSVP ONLINE

A PARENT IS REQUIRED TO
ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILD.



DRINKS, CHIPS, AND CANDY
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT JYL WALLACE
(314) 276-7885



Student Drop-Off Procedures

Pre-3 Students: 7:45 a.m. Arrival / Class begins at 8:00 a.m.

Heading South on Olive Street, please park in the West Church parking area as designated on the [map](#). Please walk your student to the Pre-3 classroom door located on Olive Street to have your child received by the Pre-3 teacher. All Pre-3 students must be walked to the classroom door by an adult.

JK/Pre-4 Students: 7:45 a.m. Arrival / Class begins at 8:00 a.m.

Vehicles may enter the alley behind the school on Lemon Street only. Do not enter from Olive Street—this is an exit only. Please have your child(ren) exit from the passenger side of the vehicle in a safe and timely manner. If you have an older child(ren), you may release them together to go to their classrooms. Students will be received by staff at the back door entrance. If you wish to walk your child(ren), you may park in the back parking lot behind the school.

K-8th Grade: 7:45 a.m. Arrival / Students will go directly to classroom / Class beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Students may be dropped off on Main Street in front of the school building using the main entrance only. Please have your child(ren) exit from the passenger side of the vehicle in a safe and timely manner. Vehicles may enter on Olive Street or East on Main Street. Do not enter from Lemon Street—this is an Exit only. Stay in a single file line to drop-off your child. Parents who park must walk their child(ren) using either the west or east crosswalks ONLY. The center crosswalk may not be used during drop-off. Please see [map](#) for available parking areas.

Viking Kid Care: Opens at 6:30 a.m.

Parents must enter through the alley behind school and drop-off their child at the JK/VKC entrance. Do not enter from Olive Street—this is an exit only. Please ring the doorbell to be received by a VKC staff member to sign-in.

SchoolKidz Supply Kits

The SchoolKidz supply kits have arrived and will be available to your student on the first day of school. Only parents who ordered will receive a kit.





Student Pick-Up Procedures

Pre-3 Students: Dismiss at 3:10 p.m. / Half-Day at 11 a.m.

Full-day students will follow same procedures as drop-off. Half-day students must be picked up at the west door on Olive Street at 11 a.m. Please park in the main church parking lot and NOT the parking by the playground. This area is closed to parking during school hours.

JK/Pre-4 Students: Dismiss at 3:10 p.m.

Full-day students follow same procedures as drop-off. Please use the visitor parking area at the back of the building as shown on map.

K-8th Grade: K-3rd Grade Dismiss at 3:10 p.m. / 4th-8th Grade Dismiss at 3:15 p.m. / Bus students will dismiss at 3:05 p.m.

Main Street will be blocked off at this time, so please use the parking areas indicated on the [map](#) to receive your child. Use caution when exiting all parking areas. Children will be released with their classes at the front of the building with their teacher. A teacher must see a parent or designated pick-up person outside of their vehicle before being released.

Viking Kid Care: Pick-up ends at 6:00 p.m.

Parents must enter through the alley behind the building to pick-up their child at the JK/VKC entrance. Do not enter from Olive Street—this is an exit only. Please ring the doorbell to receive your child from a VKC staff member to sign-out.

Dress Code

Please view the school [dress code](#). School uniforms are required for students in grades Pre4/Junior Kindergarten through 8th grade. **No hoodies are allowed in the classrooms this year.**

If you would like to purchase uniforms through French Toast (authorized dealer), you can access our school's site [here](#). Our school code is: QS45MQW



We will open an online store to purchase logo wear periodically throughout the school year. **It is not mandatory to purchase logo wear.**



SPS Golf Tournament - Oct. 7th

The 27th Annual SPS Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Please check our [website](#) for updates. More information coming soon!



**DROP-OFF
AND PICK-UP
MAP**

2023—2024

(Map is subject to change.)



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

AUGUST '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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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

FEBRUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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25	26	27	28	29		

1 3rd Quarter Mid-Term
2 No School – Teacher Institute
19 No School – Presidents' Day
21 2:25 p.m. Dismissal

SEPTEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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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						
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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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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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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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						
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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						
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31						

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



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

■ Event/Staff
 ■ Early Dismissal
 ■ No School

JANUARY '24						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1-3 No School – Christmas Holiday
4 Classes Resume
15 No School – MLK Day
17 2:25 p.m. Dismissal



Sign Up Now

St. Paul Smarts Trivia Night!

Friday, Sep 15th at Highland KC Hall

- \$20 per person for tables of 8-10 people
- Doors open at 5:30, Trivia starts at 6:30pm
- Silent auction, 50/50 and other games
- Cash bar, bring your own snacks

**1st Place
Wins \$500!**

**2nd Place
Wins \$250!**

**Priest
Prison!**

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Buy tickets and bid on
silent auction items at
StPaulTrivia.GiveSmart.com



**RENOVATE
TO EDUCATE**



Looking Ahead...

AUGUST 6
SPS Day at the Ballpark

AUGUST 14
Open House

AUGUST 16
First Day of School

AUGUST 25
1:35 p.m. Dismissal
No PM Bus

AUGUST 25-27
Kirchenfest

SEPTEMBER 4
No School - Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 6
Student/Class Photos

SEPTEMBER 11-13
7th Grade Trip to Camp
Lakewood

SEPTEMBER 13
2:25 p.m. Dismissal

SEPTEMBER 15
1Q Mid-Term
SPS Trivia Night

SEPTEMBER 22
1:35 p.m. Dismissal
No PM Bus

Contact Information

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
1416 Main Street
Highland, IL 62249
TEL: 618-654-7525
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www.stpaulvikings.org

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

Fr. Pat Jakel - Pastor
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Mrs. Lori Lucia - Viking Kid Care
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Our garden of plenty!

2023 - 2024 School Theme:

Christ is the reason for our school. He is the unseen, but ever-present teacher in our classrooms, the model of our faculty, and the inspiration for our students.