



# For Unto Us a Child is Born



## *A Message from Principal Todora...*

This Christmas, we hope that each and every family embraces the profound gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the eternal truth that lights our path. During this joyous season, may the timeless factors of faith and truth illuminate your homes, and the joy of living a life steeped in faith fill your homes with warmth and love.

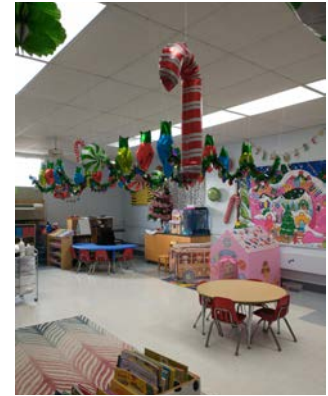
The true spirit of Christmas will strengthen the bonds of love and bring the warmth of divine guidance to each of you. May the spirit of Christmas guide you closer to the essence of the season, and may the blessing of faith cast a light upon your journey in the new year.

Wishing you a Christmas filled with the grace of God and the joy of living in His truth.

*Principal Todora*



# It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like...





# A Month of Anticipation

This time of year is always full of anticipation. For our preschool students, the excitement of Christmas builds as each day's activities fill their minds with wonder leading up to the big day.

Mrs. Cawvey and Mrs. McCloud's Pre-3 classrooms have been transformed into a Christmas wonderland! From floor to ceiling, their students are reminded each day of the upcoming season. They have been busy "decking the halls" with projects, having fun with dress-up days, and delivering Christmas cheer!

In our Pre-4 and Junior Kindergarten classrooms, Mrs. Litzenburg and Mrs. McPherson have kept the spirit growing for their students through an adventure with the Gingerbread Man, painting reindeer t-shirts, numerous craft projects, and a special ride on the Polar Express. Bells were definitely ringing for all who believe!



## Preschool Parking

When dropping and picking up your child from preschool, especially the Pre-3 families, please use either the West church parking lot, Trinity Hall parking, or the parking lot behind the school building. **Do not use the Plaza East Apartment parking on Olive Street across from the Pre-3 door.** This is a residential parking area that is strictly for apartment tenants. Thank you!





# 'Tis the Season for Concerts!





# Basketball

As our basketball season draws to a close, we want to thank our players, coaches, and parents for making this year an unforgettable experience! A big congratulations to our 8th grade cheer and players as they make their final memories on the court. Students recognized were: Brynn B. (cheerleading), Brady D., Lucas H., Deacon O., Noah R., and Leo S. Always a Viking!



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

# Viking Night

Join us for Fun and Fundraising at the  
Viking Night Dinner Auction!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024**  
**K OF C HALL - HIGHLAND, IL - 5:00 P.M.**

Reservations are now being accepted for the Dinner Auction!  
Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 per table for up to ten people.  
Use this [link](#) to purchase tickets or send payment  
by cash or check to the school office.

## How can you help?

### **\*VOLUNTEER TO HELP\***

Please sign up to volunteer [here](#).

### **\*MAKE A CASH DONATION\***

Make a cash donation to the dinner auction [here](#).

### **\*DONATE ITEMS\***

Contribute items (at least \$50 in value) like artwork, events (e.g., themed birthday party), or experiences (e.g., vacation rentals, dinner party) to the auction. Donations can be accepted at the school office or by contacting a Viking Night representative.



## Patriots Pen

Congratulations to our 7th grade VFW's Patriot's Pen essay winners! 1st Place: Ava K.; 2nd Place: Emma M.; 3rd Place: Kylie M.



## Mater Dei Visit

On December 5th, students in grades 5th-8th attended a presentation in the SPS Gym given by Mater Dei High School. During the event, Mater Dei students shared their experiences and answered questions about what life is like attending Mater Dei. To learn more about Mater Dei, please visit their website at: [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)



## Vocations Presentation

Fr. Christopher and Fr. Michael Trummer, two brothers from Neoga, Illinois, made a special visit to St. Paul on Thursday, Dec. 14th. They gave a presentation to the 5th-8th grade classes about their journey to becoming priests in the Springfield Diocese, and discussed the importance of vocations and listening to your call to serve.



**Frog Dissection:**  
*How does the body work?*



*Mary*  
THANKS

Thank you for the  
many gifts of kindness  
we receive at the  
school during the  
Christmas season.  
Your generosity is  
appreciated!

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
FACULTY & STAFF





# St. Paul Catholic School

## Cafeteria Menu

### January 2024

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
1 <b>HAPPY 2024!</b>	2 <b>No School</b>	3 <b>No School</b>	4 1: Cheeseburger 2: Mini Corn Dogs Buttered Noodles Applesauce	5 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Grilled Cheese Tossed Salad Mandarin Oranges
8 1: Nachos & Cheese Pretzels & Cheese Baby Carrots Peaches	9 1: Pancakes 2: Bagels w/ Cream Cheese Sausage Hash Brown Patty Apple Juice	10 1: Chicken Sandwich 2: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Corn Pineapple	11 1: Hot Dog 2: BBQ Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges	12 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Fish on Bun Tossed Salad Sliced Apples
15 <b>No School</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	16 1: Bosco Sticks 2: Ravioli w/ Marinara Sauce Green Beans Peaches	17 1: Roasted Turkey 2: Ham & Cheese Sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Roll, and Applesauce	18 1: Chicken Nuggets 2: Mini Corn Dog Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges	19 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Grilled Cheese Tossed Salad Orange Slices
22 1: French Toast Sticks 2: Waffles Sausage Patty Hash Brown Patty Applesauce	23 1: Spaghetti & Meatballs 2: Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Mandarin Oranges	24 1: Grilled Cheese 2: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Crackers Pineapple	25 1: Chicken Strips 2: Corn Dog Fries Peaches	26 1: Cheese Pizza 2: Fish on Bun Tossed Salad Sliced Apples
29 1: Biscuit & Gravy 2: Yogurt Parfait Sausage Hash Brown Patty Apple Juice	30 1: Orange Chicken w/ Rice & Egg Roll 2: Hot Dog Green Beans Applesauce	31 1:Pepperoni Pizza 2: Ham & Cheese Buttered Noodles Fruit Cocktail		

**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.*



# Looking Ahead...

**JANUARY 4**  
Classes Resume

**JANUARY 5**  
8:20 a.m. Mass

**JANUARY 12**  
8:20 a.m. Mass

**JANUARY 15**  
No School  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**JANUARY 17**  
2:25 Dismissal

**JANUARY 19**  
8:20 a.m. Mass

**JANUARY 24**  
100th Day!

**JANUARY 26**  
8:20 a.m. Mass

**JANUARY 27**  
Viking Night Dinner Auction

**JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 1**  
Catholic Schools Week

**FEBRUARY 1**  
Registration Begins

**FEBRUARY 1**  
3rd Quarter Mid - Term

**FEBRUARY 2**  
No School - Teacher Institute

## Contact Information

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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

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*"Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria!"*