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Mission Statement

Inspired by the charism of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, the mission of St. Paul Catholic School is to provide students with a foundation for life through faith, academics, and service and to assist students in developing their gifts and talents, so that they may fulfill the plan God has for their lives.

" I Can Do All things Through Him Who Strengthens Me." Philippians 4:13

In the Gospel of John 1:29-34, which we will hear proclaimed at Mass on Sunday, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. He knew that his job was to prepare the way for Jesus. When John saw Jesus coming toward him, he acknowledged him as the Lamb of God and knew that it was time to announce the work that Jesus would do: take away the sin of the world. John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. This week look back at a time when you might have had to step back and let someone else take the lead, as John the Baptist did with Jesus? How difficult was this to do? Imitate John the Baptist's humility. Do something for someone without being noticed or expecting to be recognized for the act

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK– SAVE the DATES

Catholic Schools Week begins January 29th. Please take time to read information, including the calendar of events, that is included in this week's Brown Envelope. The information will also be posted on the school website. We hope you will be able to join us for as many of the events as your schedule allows. The children enjoy seeing their parents at school events.

Grandparents Day - will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 3rd. Please pass this information on to grandparents and /or special friends. See the flyer enclosed in the Brown Envelope. If you are able to volunteer for this event please contact Ann Guarnieri at ann_guarnieri@yahoo.com or Fran Jaynal at fjaynal@yahoo.com.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

As we begin our registration for the 2017-2018 academic year, we remind you that tuition assistance for students in grades K-8, whose families are in need of assistance, is available thru St. Paul parish, Diocesan Catholic Schools Foundation, Mary C. Forbes Foundation and the Kremer Foundation. Families who qualify for Step Up for Students are not eligible for the above scholarships. Please do not hesitate to contact Sister Joan for additional information.

If your child will not be returning for the 2017-2018 academic year please notify the office as soon as possible. We will have wait list in several of the grades.

January 16
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther KING HOLIDAY

January 17
Report Cards

January 19
Honors at Morning Opening

Practice for First Reconciliation
7 p.m. Church

January 20
Re-registration for 2017-2018
Grades 1-8 application packets are on the school website

January 21
First Reconciliation
9:30 a.m. Church

January 22
Parish Ministry Showcase in the gym after the morning and evening Masses

January 23
100th Day of School

LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!

THANK YOU

A few weeks ago we informed you that our music teacher, Mrs. Kristen Brennan will be leaving us to relocate to Virginia with her husband. We wish Kristen God's blessings as she and her husband await the birth of their first child. Kristen has been an asset to our faculty and will be greatly missed by faculty, staff and students. Kristen will stay on thru January 20th to introduce her replacement, Ms. Zlatina Asenova, to the students and to familiarize Ms. Asenova with our music program. As we say "goodbye" to Kristen we say "welcome" to Zlatina.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 14th, several of our middle school students along with Ms. Lusk, the middle school science teacher, will attend the Diocesan STEM Fair Competition at Bishop McLaughlin High School. Congratulations and good luck to 6th grade students: Janie Cunneen, Sammy Sosa and Nathan Bendorf; 7th grade students: Eve De Haven, Kerstin Rumpf, Sofie Dericks, Catie Curtis, Scottie Miller –Marquez, Maggie Hand, and Elena Zayas; 8th grade students: Sean Doolittle, Autumn Miller, Joshua Vega, Ryan Curtis, and Dale VanWanzeele. We wish these students well as they compete with middle school students throughout the diocese.

On February 11th, our Thespian Troupe will be competing in the Junior Thespian State Festival that is being held in Orlando. Congratulations and good luck to Becca Buete, Autumn Miller, Mary Jane Bowman, Nellie Rettig, Nicole Robison, Lucy Rau, Athena Chlapowski, and Maggie McKay. All 8 of these students received Superior ratings in the district level competition. Thank you to Mr. Wassmer for initiating a Thespian Troupe to St. Paul Catholic School students.

PRAYERS

We continue to pray for all our sick relatives, friends, and benefactors especially former teacher Mrs. Sheridan; Pat Frost, grandmother of Brennan Huepenbecker; Tom Masterson, grandfather of the Masterson and DeHaven children; Sandy Galloway, step grandmother of Karoline Galloway; Ann Sidock, aunt of Eric Baker; Sophie Carroll, great grandmother of Joselyn Castagner; Carlos Escobar, father of Dominic and Vincent; Nathan Marquiz, cousin of Scott Miller-Marquez; Carole Kard, grandmother of Rebecca Kard; Ben Atkins, cousin of Becca, Christine and JP Buete, and Tiffani Moore, aunt of Aiden and Gavin Sparks. We also pray for all our families as well as our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. As always, we remember in prayer the deceased members of the Kremer and Forbes families whose tuition scholarships benefit several of our families. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

"May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life."

This statement written by Pope Francis in his Jan. 1 World Day of Peace message - the 50th annual papal peace message to the world - extols nonviolence as an essential and nonnegotiable key to true and lasting peace.