

I am very excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year! The summer months have been very productive with the boys and girls Locker Rooms undergoing a remodel to remove unused showers and increase the capacity for individual bathroom stalls. The playground mulch was replaced by a very pretty green rubber mulch, and the boys and girls downstairs' bathrooms in the main school building received new doors and faucets. As always our maintenance staff painted, cleaned and repaired areas that needed attention.

Our teachers were working over the summer as well. Many of the teachers attended a training and then read more about the Responsive Classroom and plan to implement the strategies in their classrooms. *Responsive Classroom* is an evidence-based approach to teaching that focuses on engaging academics, positive community, effective management, and developmental awareness.

Independent [research](#) has found that the *Responsive Classroom* approach is associated with higher academic achievement in math and reading, improved school climate, and higher-quality instruction. The faculty and assistants will be engaged in a book study throughout the school year in preparation for schoolwide engagement in this approach. Your children may mention that they had a "Class Meeting". These meetings are one component of this approach. For more information you can visit [www.responsiveclassroom.org](http://www.responsiveclassroom.org), or I have posted information on Parents Web under the Resource Documents information for Parents about The Responsive Classroom Approach.

All the administration team, teachers, and staff are looking forward to partnering with you for a wonderful school year.

*Rose Smoot*  
Principal  
St. Paul Catholic School

**August 10, 2018**  
**Celebrating 88 Years**

**St. Paul  
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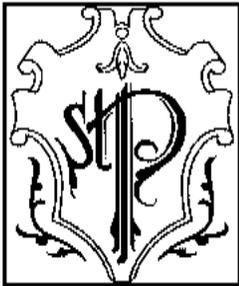
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**Mission Statement**

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.

**St. Paul Catholic School**

**Eagle Update**

Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family

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**“ BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.”**

**Psalms 46:10**

**WELCOME BACK!** As together we begin this 2018-2019 academic year, we hope that wherever your travels took you over the summer you and your families have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer with lots of quality family time.

Summer here on the school campus is always busy as we do major cleaning, painting, etc. so as to be good stewards and keep our school buildings in perfect order. In addition to the above, we have added a few more stalls to both the boys' and girls' locker rooms as well as new stall doors to the first floor bathrooms. Thank you to our maintenance crew and to all who had part in our summer cleaning.

To assist you in getting your children back into the academic mode I would like to make a few suggestions ...

**Establish a Morning Routine:** This will set your children up for success. A routine that that will allow your children to arrive at school each day on time with a positive mindset is one of the most important things you can do throughout the school year. You can prepare the perfect morning routine, but we all know there can be glitches from time to time. Be ready for these glitches by having conversations with your children and backup plans in order.

**Expect Your Child to be Responsible:** It can sometimes be tempting for parents to do things for their children that the children are capable of doing for themselves. After all, it's much faster. However, as children grow and mature, the more parents do for them, the less responsible the child becomes. This lack of responsibility can carry over into their academic responsibilities in school.

**Make a Plan:** Discuss the previous year, what went well and what areas could be improved. Include a plan for when and where homework will be completed. Help your children to not only set goals for the new year, but to write the goals down and make a plan as to how the goals will be accomplished. Revisit and adjust the goals as needed throughout the school year.

**Discuss Friendships:** Helping your children learn to be a good friend can be very beneficial to the learning process. When children are happy with their peers they are less likely to be worried or distracted. Discuss characteristics of a good friend such as not dominating conversations, sharing equipment at recess, and using words to encourage others. Stress the importance of being Christ like to all of God's children and strive to build each other up rather than bring each other down.

**Get into a Learning Rhythm:** Limit your children's digital entertainment each day and increase their time spent reading, writing, or problem-solving. Be sure your children complete all assignments. **Use the RenWeb Parent Portal regularly to monitor your children's grades and assignments. the school website... [www.stpaul1930.org](http://www.stpaul1930.org).**



**LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!**

**PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:** Last but certainly not least, take the time to review with your children this Handbook which you will find on RenWeb as well as the school website... [www.stpaul1930.org](http://www.stpaul1930.org). Sign and return the acknowledgement form to the office.

**Sunday,  
August 12**  
K of C Back to School  
Pancake Breakfast



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

**Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is a holyday of obligation, when all Catholics are to participate in Mass. Masses on August 15<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. *“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.”* (Cf. Revelation 12:1)

**Wednesday,  
August 15**  
Feast of the  
Assumption

Grandparent  
Meeting 7 P.M.  
Parish Center

**BACK TO SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Plan to join us on Sunday, August 12th, after the 7:30 or 9:30 Mass for the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will take place in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to get to meet new and returning families. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Thursday,  
August 16**  
Middle School Parent  
Information Night  
6:30 P.M.

**MANDATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT 6:30-7:30**

All middle school parents are expected to attend this Information Night on Thursday, August 16th. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the cafeteria and then continue in the respective classrooms. Don't forget to include this meeting in your HOPE hours log.

**Monday,  
August 20**  
Summer Reading List  
Are Due- Gr. 1-5  
  
6th Grade afternoon  
Retreat on Campus

**MANDATORY INFORMATION NIGHT FOR GRADES 1-5 6:30-7:30**

Parents of students in grades 1 and 2 will meet in the respective classrooms. Parents of students in grades 3, 4, 5 will meet in the cafeteria. All parents are expected to attend this informational meeting. Don't forget to add this meeting to your HOPE hours log.

**SUMMER READING LIST**

Summer reading list for grades 1-5 are due on Monday, August 20th. Middle school reading lists were due the first day of school, August 9th.

**Tuesday,  
August 21**  
Parent Information  
Night—Grades 1-5

**BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER FOR PARENTS**

Heavenly Father, I commend my children to your care.

Be their God and Father; and mercifully supply whatever is lacking in me through frailty or negligence.

Strengthen them to overcome the corruptions and distractions of the world, whether from within or without;

and deliver them from the secret snares of the devil.

Pour your grace into their hearts, and strengthen and multiply in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may daily grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ;

and so, faithfully serving you here, may come to rejoice in your presence hereafter. Amen.

**Thursday,  
August 30**  
Donuts with Dads on  
the Plaza 7:50 A.M.

Taken from Catholic Prayers