



## Celebrating 94 Years

### St. Paul Catholic School

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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.

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## Eagle Update

Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family

December 6, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

The first reading for the 2nd Sunday of Advent speaks of a joyful return to God. The prophet Baruch invites the people to be transformed. That is, to take off their garments of sorrow and put on the beauty of God's glory. This symbolizes a transformation from despair to hope. It reminds us that God is always ready to restore us, no matter how far we have strayed. God will always lead his people back to him with mercy and justice. This journey back to God is not just a physical return but a spiritual one. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are called to examine our hearts and return to God with joy and trust.

Reflecting on this reading, let us take time this week to rejoice in God's love, mercy, and justice for us regardless of how far we have strayed. Take time out of your busy schedule to go to confessions and prepare your heart and your soul for the coming of Jesus on Christmas.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SANTA CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

All families are invited to attend the Christmas pancake breakfast in the cafeteria on Sunday, December 15th after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. Santa will be there and waiting to have his picture taken with your children. The Knights are noted for making the best pancakes in town. Come, enjoy, and taste for yourself.



### ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### ALL in for ST. PAUL!

Our 31st annual fundraiser is set for Saturday, January 25, 2025. This event will be an evening of casino games, delicious cuisine, cocktails, music, and fellowship. You won't find fancy decorated dinner tables but you will find large game tables. You will also exchange paddles for chips. Tickets are now available for this great event. Please check the brown envelope you received today for event information. For additional information contact the auction committee at [auction@stpaul1930.org](mailto:auction@stpaul1930.org). Get ready to roll the dice and go all for St. Paul.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Christmas concerts. Please refer to the back of this page for dates and times of the 3 concerts. **For the EC 3, 4, & K concert on Sunday, December 8th, the gym doors will not open until after the 9:30AM Mass to allow time for attendance at that Mass.**



**Sunday**  
**December 8**  
**Christmas Concert**  
**Grades EC 3, 4, K**  
**Gym -After**  
**9:30AM Mass**

**Monday**  
**December 9**  
**Feast of the**  
**Immaculate**  
**Conception**  
**School Mass**  
**8:15AM**

**Advent School**  
**Retreat**

**Tuesday**  
**December 10**  
**Christmas Concert**  
**Grades 1-4**  
**6:30 PM Gym**

**Thursday**  
**December 12**  
**Children's Christmas**  
**Sale 8:15 AM Gym**

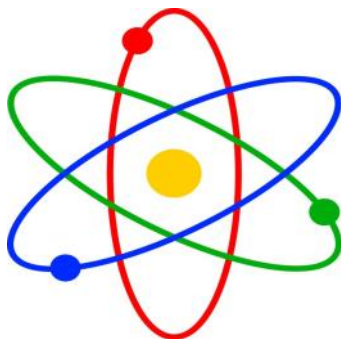
**Friday**  
**December 13**  
**Movie Night**  
**Convent Lawn**

**Sunday**  
**December 15**  
**K of C Santa**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**after the 7:30 and**  
**9:30 Masses**  
**Cafeteria**

**Tuesday**  
**December 17**  
**Christmas Concert**  
**Grades 5-8**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Church**

**Friday**  
**December 20**  
**Early Dismissal**  
**Class T-Shirt**

## LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!



### 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STREAM FAIR

You are invited to celebrate the power of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering and Mathematics in shaping our world. Our 7th and 8th grade classes have worked diligently on solving a world problem and are now ready to demonstrate their innovations. Let's continue to inspire curiosity, innovation and discovery in this field, empowering future generations to solve tomorrow's challenges.

Join us in the gym on Thursday, December 19th from 8:30 –10:30 AM and hear the students discuss and explain their innovations.

*"Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."*

Albert Einstein:



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life remembering in a special way our alum, Kevin Buete, who is currently studying for the priesthood. We continually pray as well for our sick relatives, friends and benefactors especially, Ashley Goodbread, mother of Jacob and Charlotte; Nilda Jaynal, mother of ALP teacher, Ms. Fran Jaynal; Pat Dugan, grandfather of Luke and Brie Franks; Shannon Hand, sister of our art teacher Mrs. Mandy Hand; Pam Hendry, grandmother of Mackenzie, James and Kate Williams; Kristin Bedinghaus, daughter of Title 1 teacher Mrs. Carmen Bender; Kevin Harris, grandfather of Everly and Tenlym Jordanov; Tray Vaughn, brother of teacher assistant Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, and Millie Price, clinic volunteer. We remember in a special way the Sue-A-Quan family on the death of Riley's grandmother Jean Lagor whom the Lord called home to be with him this week. May Jean's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

### PRAYER for the 2nd WEEK OF ADVENT

*God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome.  
 Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy  
 so that we may share his wisdom and become one when he comes  
 in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## News from Guidance

I enjoyed talking, interacting and meeting with the students during the classroom guidance lessons on the following Virtues-Knowledge, Respect, Simplicity, and Forgiveness. The students in all grade levels played an active part in the different activities and lessons.

EC3-EC4- The books I read were about how to treat our friends in the classroom like family, showing what respect to our friends and the people we love looks like, caring about ourselves and others, saying sorry when we hurt the feelings of others and forgiving others when they say things that make us sad. They had questions and wanted to share their personal stories and memories. It was really nice to see how they were able to relate to the stories from the books I read to them.

KG, 1st and 2nd-They were so engaged as I read the various books to them. They always have such interesting comments and conversations when it is time to ask/answer questions and share. They had coloring sheets and writing activities regarding Bee-ing Respectful. They shared stories of times when they made good choices. We talked about forgiveness and what to do when we hurt others with the things we say and/or do. The Golden Rule was mentioned as well.

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>- The students had to write their goal for this year. We had a discussion about establishing a place to complete their homework, using their planners and turning in all of their assignments in on time. Respect- the meaning of it, how to demonstrate it with your words and your actions at school and at home. Psalms 23:1 was a coloring sheet they enjoyed for fun. Saying sorry and asking for forgiveness is sometimes hard for some people to do but it is the right thing to do. We talked about what it really means to forgive and how to do that. They were given examples of different responses to use when someone apologizes to them. They could say "I forgive you", or "I do not forgive you." Do not say "it's ok". By saying it's ok the person may not take your emotions seriously and hurt you again.

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>- Some of the students put a lot of thought into what they wanted to accomplish this year as far as goal setting. We had a nice discussion on examples of respectful and disrespectful behaviors. We also had a little fun and competition with a word search. Forgiveness and saying I am sorry was a lesson most of the students could relate to. They took a friendship quiz. They wrote the acronym FOURGIVE -**F**eel it share how you feel. I feel\_\_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_\_, **O**wn it. Apologize for how your actions were hurtful. **U**se it. Use the experience to understand other views. **R**enew it. You will need to give and receive forgiveness often. **G**IVE it a try.

I hope you all had a safe and blessed Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

Blessings,

Tandala Niles, School Counselor



After difficult months that affected many families we love,  
It's time to come together for fun under the stars above.  
Gather your family, friends, and anyone in need of a break,  
And join us for a movie night where new memories we will make!

**Popcorn and candy provided!**

All you need is to bring your drinks, chairs and blankets.

**VOTE** for your favorite Christmas move by clicking the link below!



**WHEN:** Friday, December 13

**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** St. Paul Convent Lawn

**VIEWERS CHOICE!**

**[CLICK HERE TO VOTE FOR THE CHRISTMAS MOVIE OF THE NIGHT!](#)**