



## Celebrating 96 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

January 9, 2026



As we begin this New Year, we do so with grateful hearts and renewed hope. The start of a new calendar year invites us to pause, reflect on God's many blessings, and look ahead with trust in His loving plan for our children and our school community. Rooted in our Catholic faith, and the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we continue our shared mission of forming students who grow in wisdom, faith, and service to others.

We are deeply thankful for the partnership we share with you. We thank you also for giving us the privilege of working with you in the education and spiritual formation of your children. Together, guided by the light of Christ, we look forward to the months ahead with confidence, prayer, and joy, asking God to bless our school families with peace, health, and continued growth in the New Year.

### REGISTRATION AND RE-REGISTRATION

Our in-person **Registration Day for New Students** will take place in the school gym this coming **Monday, January 12th from 8:15-3:00 p.m.** New families will be expected to complete the application at this time. Please be prepared to present the following documents at the time of registration: *child's original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, health records (immunization form and physical are required before July 31, 2026).*

**Registration for returning students** will also begin on Monday, January 12th. This application will be completed on RenWeb. Please check your current RenWeb information for any address, contact information or medical information that may have changed since the last registration. **All registration must be completed by February 12, 2026.** If your child will not be returning to St. Paul's for the 2026-2027 academic year, please contact the school office ASAP so that we can offer the seat to another child. As always, we expect to have wait lists in most of the grades. Financial assistance for students in grades K-8 is available through the Mary C Forbes Foundation, Parish Assistance, and the Diocese FACTS Grant, for families who qualify. Forbes and FACTS Grant applications are on line.

**FACTS—**<https://online.factsmgmt.com> / **Forbes—**<https://marycforbesfoundation.com>  
**Parish Assistance—contact parish office for application**

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Four of our 8th grade students were recently awarded academic merit scholarships from St. Petersburg Catholic High School. **Sofia Johnson** and **Molly Hohl** scored in the top 15<sup>th</sup> percentile on the high school placement test earlier this year, and hence awarded the *Immaculate Heart of Mary Scholarship* valued at \$2,000 over four years. Additionally, **Riley Sue-A-Quan**, **Evelyn Pierce**, and **Cailyn Hoyle** scored in the top 10<sup>th</sup> percentile on the same test and were awarded the *Sacred Heart of Jesus Award*, valued at \$4,000 over four years. We greatly appreciate the continued support of St. Petersburg Catholic High School. We are immensely proud of these girls.



**Monday**  
**January 12**  
**Registration New**  
**Families & Re-**  
**Registration for**  
**2026-2027**

**Tuesday**  
**January 13**  
**Home & School**  
**PDQ Spirit Night**  
**(4526 4th St. N)**

**Wednesday**  
**January 14**  
**8th Grade Individual**  
**Formal Pictures**  
**9:30AM**

**Monday**  
**January 19**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Martin Luther King**  
**Holiday**

**Wednesday**  
**January 21**  
**Mass for Moms**  
**8:15AM**  
**Light reception to**  
**follow in cafeteria**

**Friday**  
**January 23**  
**Class T- Shirt**  
**Spirit Wear**

**CATHOLIC**  
**SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 25-30**  
**Watch for details in**  
**the next Newsletter**

**Scholastic Book Fair**  
**January 25-30**  
**Cafeteria—details**  
**to follow**

## LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!

### 12TH STREET DRIVING REMINDERS

Please follow the traffic directives when traveling on 12th St. No. in the area of the school. Unfortunately, we are witnessing parents driving way above the 15 mile speed limit when the caution light is flashing. This is a danger to our students who live in the vicinity and walk home. If you are rushing to carline, be assured that your child will not be left alone if you are not in carline to meet him/her. Children not picked up in carline are taken to Ext. Day (cafeteria) for pickup. Thank you for your attention to this reminder.

### REMINDERS

As a gentle reminder, we ask for your continued support in helping our students follow the school dress and grooming guidelines. Girls are not allowed to wear makeup or have nail polish on their fingernails. Boys are not allowed fad haircuts, and hair should be kept neatly trimmed—not covering the eyebrows or touching the shirt collar. Additionally, belts are required with shorts. We also encourage parents to remind students that being responsible and respectful includes following school policies, which help create a positive, focused, and respectful learning environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

### *Pilgrimage Information from Msgr. Gibbons*

Thirteen (13) people have already registered for the group pilgrimage that Msgr. Gibbons will lead October 20-29, 2026, to the Mediterranean islands of Sicily and Malta. He will host an Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:00 p.m. for those interested in learning more about the pilgrimage. The meeting will be held in the Franciscan Room of the St. Paul's Parish Center.

### SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul's Dads Club Steak Dinner will take place on Friday, February 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please see the attached flyer for details.



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and healing for our sick relatives, friends, and benefactors especially Barry Foust, brother of Mrs. Julie Volpe, office secretary; Millie Price, school volunteer, Nino Cicioni, father of Cecelia Johnson, Kindergarten teacher assistant and grandfather of Sofia, Alessia, and Emilia Johnson; Maria Teresa Palazzo, grandmother of Jane & Julia Buti, and Lynn Thomas, great grandmother of Jacob and Charlotte Goodbread. We ask the Lord to lay His healing hands on these our loved ones. We pray also for our departed relatives, friends and benefactors especially Mary Jensen, grandmother of Theo and Jacob Jensen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



On **Monday, January 12th**, students in grades K-8 will be taking the **MAP (Measures of Academic Progress)** tests. MAP is a computer-based assessment that helps teachers understand each student's academic growth in **reading and mathematics**. The results allow teachers to identify students' strengths, areas for growth, and guide instruction to better meet individual learning needs. MAP is not a graded test; rather, it is a tool used to support student learning and growth over time.