

# St. Paul School



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WEEKEND MASSES:  
SAT. 5:15

SUN. 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

## Welcome to St. Paul School!

### WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

WELCOME to our new school year. I hope each family had a fun-filled summer. It is always exciting to begin a new school year—fresh beginnings, new goals, new supplies and even new friends.

We want to thank all of you for choosing St. Paul School. We will do our best to bring the love of Christ to your children as we provide a solid Catholic education.

Welcome to all of our new families. We will be sending home a newsletter every Friday via email. If you want a paper copy please contact Susan in the office. All upcoming events, announcements and general information will be in the newsletter. This week's newsletter has lots of information about our school and programs that we are active in throughout the year.

Each week we highlight a Virtue. We have a new Virtue curriculum, Sports Leader, in place and it will be used with our athletes and all of our students.

#### Fund-Raiser

Each year all families are asked to do their share in our magazine sale drive and our Home and School fund-raisers. The magazine sale is our first fund-raiser and last year we raised \$10,000. The magazine profit along with book fees, pays for

books, supplies and materials for each classroom.

The tuition moneys along with the parish subsidy and fund-raisers pay for salaries, insurance, utilities and maintenance.

The per pupil cost is currently \$6000. Tuition alone does not cover the costs. This is why we rely so heavily on each family *"doing their part."* When we have successful fund-raisers, we are able to keep tuition to a minimum increase.

**Together we can do it!!**

#### Mass Etiquette

The children at St. Paul attend Mass every Friday at 9:15 and Holy days at 12:00. We welcome everyone to praise God and celebrate the Eucharist with us. Here are some helpful tips:

- Your child may sit with you if you are at Mass on time.
- Please do not hold your child in your lap or bring snacks, drinks or toys to Mass.
- If your child's class is hosting Mass they will sit with their class.
- Please feel free to come up and receive a blessing if you are not receiving communion.
- We try to refrain from using the restroom during Mass unless it is an emergency. All children go to the restroom before Mass.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

St. Paul Home and School Association is our parent-teacher organization. All parents are members of Home and School and are asked to attend bi-monthly meetings. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the months of September, November, January, March, and May at 6:30 p.m. in our Upper Room. The meetings this year will be Sept. 10, Nov. 12, Jan. 14, March 18 and May 13. The Home and School fund-raising projects will be discussed at our first Home and School Meeting.

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 10 at **6:30 p.m.** following an Open House that will start at 5:45 p.m. Sign up sheets for room parties will be in the classrooms. Babysitting will be provided during Home and School meetings for children in the library. Sixth grade students will be in charge of the baby-sitting.

### ROOM PARENTS

Natalie Goc is the Vice-President for Home and School this year and she is in charge of the room parents. Room parents should plan on having sign up sheets in the classrooms during Open House for snack, drinks and games for all of the room parties—Oct. 31—1:00 pm, Dec. 20—1:30 p.m., and Feb. 14—1:30 p.m.



### TENNIS SHOES MUST BE WORN FOR

**PE CLASSES—K-3 TUES. AND THURS.**

**4-6 MON. AND WED.**

### PARKING LOT SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

All families need to remember the traffic pattern for dropping off and picking up students. All cars need to be in one line facing south (towards Spoon River College) in the morning and two lines in the afternoon. If you choose to park your car, you will have to wait for the traffic to clear. **If you park please walk your children to their lines or the school.**

**NO ONE SHOULD BACK UP INTO THESE LANES OF WAITING CARS—ALL CARS SHOULD MOVE VERY SLOWLY IN OUR LOT WITH OUR CHILDREN PRESENT.**

Please do not visit with people while you are in line if your children are in your vehicle and you are at the head of the line and others are waiting for you to move.

If someone else is dropping off or picking up your children, please fill them in on our procedures. If everyone cooperates, our children will be kept safe. Thank you!!

### Parent Notifications!

The school will notify each family if there is an unscheduled early dismissal or day off of school because of weather. We will email and send a phone call. If you wish to receive a text message you will need to sign up. Please text the number **22383** and in the message type **start**. You will receive a message back stating you are signed up.

### Hy-Vee LUNCH

Hy-Vee is our lunch provider. Lunch fees are \$3.75 and include milk. So far we are VERY happy with the service and quality of food they are providing. Please let us know at the beginning of the week what days your child is eating.

**Aug 29 9:00 Magazine/gifts Kick-off**

**Sept. 7-School Pictures**

**Sept. 10**

**5:45 OPEN HOUSE**

**6:30 Home and School Association Meeting**

***PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO TURN ALL FORMS IN TO THE OFFICE THAT WERE SENT HOME DURING THE SUMMER OR GIVEN OUT AT REGISTRATION.***

***MRS. OSTERMAN NEEDS : EMERGENCY CARD***

## ST. PAUL SCHOOL

### COLLECTS

#### RECYCLING COMPUTER CARTRIDGES

All families are asked to save used computer cartridges and send them to school. The box for collecting cartridges is located in the lobby. This program generates funds for the school and helps us to recycle.

#### BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

St. Paul School participates in the Boxtops for Education program. Collect the label from all food products that have it on the package. Labels can be left in the "Boxtops" container in the lobby. We receive \$.10 for each label.

### WAYS TO EARN MONEY

#### HY-VEE and WALMART Gift Cards

All of the supplies you buy at Hy-Vee and Walmart can earn money for St. Paul School. Come in to the office and purchase a gift card in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100. You can use these cards for food, restaurant, pharmacy, gas, etc. When it is time to pay, you use your card as cash while St. Paul School earns 5% (Hy-Vee) and 2.5% (Walmart) of the purchase. You pay nothing extra and make money for our school at the same time. Cards can be purchased in the school office during school hours and at mass once a month at all weekend masses. Thanks to everyone that participates and we hope to have more families help earn money in this easy way. Thanks to Theresa Young she is our Home and School rep taking care of this fund-raiser. We appreciate everyone's participation!!

ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE SMALL WAYS FOR ST. PAUL SCHOOL TO EARN A LITTLE MORE CASH THAT HELPS BUY MATERIALS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM. ASK YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO SAVE OR USE ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS TO HELP ST. PAUL SCHOOL.

#### PLEASE NOTE

Achievement tests will be given to students in grades 3—6 from Sept. 17—Oct 5. Please mark your calendars and try to reschedule any appointments during this time frame so your child can be in school during these test dates, especially in the morning. Thanks for your help.

### MUSIC PROGRAMS

Our school music programs for this school year are scheduled for **Wednesday, December 12** and in the spring, **Tuesday, May 7**.

Each program will be held at the Fellheimer Auditorium at the Macomb Jr/Sr. High School. Students will need to wear black pants and white shirts and comfortable shoes for both of these performances.

## PRAYER CORNER

**Lord God, here I am!  
You created me and  
know me completely.  
You know all about  
my life-my joys and  
my sufferings, my  
questions and my  
dreams. I know you  
love me. Help me to  
love you, God, with all  
my heart, mind, and  
soul, and to love all  
people, even as I love  
myself.**

#### DENTAL CHECK UPS

The State of Illinois is requiring all students in grades Kindergarten, second and sixth to have a dental exam. This exam must be held prior to May 2018. Your family dentist will have the necessary form to show proof of your visit. If you had an exam since June 2016, have your dentist fill out the form. Please make plans to schedule an appointment for students in Kind., 2nd, and 6th grades. Thanks for your cooperation. Dental forms should be turned in to the school office.

**NO BUS SERVICE  
AUGUST 31. The  
Public school is not  
in session.**

**Sign up for School Texts!**—Please text the number 22383 and in the message type start.

**Date Change for School Pictures!**

**September 7 and Retakes October 16**

**New Company-Lifetouch**

**They are partnered with Shutterfly!**

Please remember the Diocesan policy on administering medication. Get your form filled out by your Doctor for over the counter medicine.

Please remember when you visit St. Paul this year you will need to sign in at the office and receive a visitor's lanyard. This will help keep all of us safe at St. Paul. If you are just dropping something off Susan and I are happy to take it to your child.

All classrooms and St. Paul teams will be using our new virtue program called Sports Leader. We are excited to implement a new virtue every week.

**VIRTUE=STRENGTH.**  
SPORTSLEADER

The first few days of school were great! We know at St. Paul that it takes a village to help Raise Saints. We are honored to be a part of that village. Thank you for sharing your children with us and please know that our door are always open if you have any questions or concerns.



## Eclipse Across America

On August 21, 2017, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun for the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse since 1918. Millions of Americans will be able to watch this solar spectacle that will turn day into night for a couple of minutes. Illinois is among twelve states that have been declared to be a best place to experience this rare phenomenon.

Macomb will experience 95% totality at approximately 1:15 PM. Because our students will be in school during this event, St. Paul teachers will take full advantage of this extraordinary happening to make it a tremendous learning experience for the students. All teachers and participating staff will be trained on methods of safe viewing of an eclipse, complete with warnings regarding attempts to watch this event without protecting one's eyes. St. Paul School will provide NASA-approved safety viewing glasses compliant with the ISO 12312-2 safety standard and manufactured by American Paper Optics. For those students not granted parent permission to view the eclipse through safety glasses, a live video will be set up indoors for viewing.

### RELEASE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOLAR ECLIPSE ACTIVITIES

I, as parent, guardian, or legal custodian of (name of student) \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for the above named student to participate in school activities related to viewing the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. I understand that my child's school will provide curriculum and instruction relative to the scientific relevance of a solar eclipse that includes safety warnings concerning proper methods of watching a solar eclipse. I also understand that my child's school will provide approved equipment or methods of watching the eclipse. I further understand that the school will provide proper supervision for the students who participate. Finally, I understand that there is a risk associated with this activity if proper procedures for viewing a solar eclipse are not strictly followed.

Knowing the above, I release (name of student) \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the event activities associated with observing the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017 and agree that St. Paul School, its staff, and the Diocese of Peoria will not be held liable for any injury that may occur as a result of event participation.

This release should be returned back to the school by August 21, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_ Date