



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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NEW GUIDANCE: We have adopted the new CDC guidelines which reduce quarantine times for positive COVID cases and close contacts. HOWEVER, this guidance is not black and white, and **return times may vary case by case**. The overall guidance is below. Some portions have been adapted slightly.

- Students or Staff that test POSITIVE -

- Isolate for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms. The symptom start date is "Day 0". If a student was asymptomatic, "Day 0" is the day the positive sample was taken.
- May return to school if symptoms have resolved after **7 calendar days** OR after 5 calendar days with a negative rapid test, a doctor's note, or health department release.
- **MUST** continue to wear a well fitting mask from days 5-10 (which is the case at school regardless)
- Students will be moved 6 feet apart from their peers when masks need to be removed at lunch time or at nap time.

- Students or Staff that are CLOSE CONTACTS -

- Quarantine for 5 days after last exposure to positive case - The date of your last exposure is "Day 0".
- May return to school after 5 days if **NO** symptoms have developed
- **MUST** continue to wear a well fitting mask from days 5-10 (which is the case at school regardless)
- Students will be moved 6 feet apart from their peers when masks need to be removed at lunch time or at nap time.

Students and staff that are fully vaccinated **DO NOT** need to quarantine if they are a close contact to a positive case **UNLESS** they develop symptoms. However a rapid test is recommended on "Day 5" after your exposure.

Again return times may vary case by case. **You will be given your return date by the St. Paul School office.**

TESTING: There is a new testing facility in Pontiac next to the Jimmy John's that offers free COVID testing with no appointment necessary. Quick N' Free Rapid/PCR COVID Testing is open Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Get there earlier rather than later if you can as there are only so many rapid tests available per day. Testing is also available by appointment at Walgreens, CVS, and Heartland in Pontiac and Bloomington.

MENU CHANGES: This Friday's menu will now be cheesy potato soup, veggies, crackers, and a roll. Tuesday the 18th will switch to chicken tenders, and Wednesday the 19th will be pulled pork sandwiches. Thanks!

REPORT CARDS: Students in grades K-8 received their report cards on Wednesday. Please let us know if it didn't make it home.

PIZZA!: Great job on pizza orders again this year! We'll announce our top sellers next week, and we'll keep you up-to-date as soon as we have a delivery date.

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Due to the current surge at school and in the area, we will be postponing several upcoming events. Both the Trivia Night and Daddy/Daughter Dance that were scheduled for January/February will be pushed back to a yet-to-be-determined date in the spring.

CSW: Catholic Schools Week kicks off on Sunday, January 30 with Stewardship Mass at St. Paul Church! Keep an eye out for the full schedule coming home soon!

SPRING RAFFLE: Tickets (and more details) for the March 5 spring raffle will be coming home next week. Mark your calendars for the online auction and \$20,000 grand prize drawing! This has become our largest fundraiser of the year, and we are looking forward to another successful raffle and auction!

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- ✠ Monday, January 17..... No School - MLK Day
- ✠ Thursday, January 20..... Education Commission
- ✠ Wednesday, January 26..... 11:30 Early Dismissal
- ✠ Sunday, January 30..... Stewardship Mass @ St. Paul
- ✠ Monday, January 31..... Vision & Hearing Screenings