



# St. Paul School

## Newletter

1-25-24

**PURPLE COMFY DAY:** Tomorrow the 26th, we will have a PURPLE COMFY DAY to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This cause means a lot to us here as McKenna L., a St. Paul 7th grader, has been a CF warrior her whole life. We once again rally around her to help raise awareness and money in hopes that one day CF can be cured! If you bring in any monetary donation to go towards CF, you can have a PURPLE comfy day tomorrow! You can also bring your donation in on Monday, January 29 during our Catholic Schools Week celebration.

**FAMILY PROJECTS:** If you have not turned your Catholic Schools Week family project poster in yet, please do so before Sunday. We want to have all our posters displayed for the reception on Sunday after Mass.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** Get those last minute registrations in for Saturday's Team Trivia Night! We're looking forward to a fun evening to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Doors to the KC Hall here in Odell open at 6:30 and questions start at 7:00. The cost is \$10 per player.

**BOOK FAIR:** The Scholastic Book Fair will officially open on Sunday and run through Friday the 2nd. To preview books or to set up an e-wallet account for your child, visit [bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulschool1954](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stpaulschool1954). The e-wallet allows you to load money on an account for your child rather than sending cash or a check to school.

**STEWARDSHIP MASS:** Our next Stewardship Mass is THIS Sunday, January 28 at St. Paul Church at 8:00 a.m. Mass parts have been handed out at school. If your child has been assigned a part, but come Sunday morning, you can't make it, please contact your child's teacher or send a Remind message. Students in grades K-8 are asked to sit together upstairs in the choir loft. Any Kindergarten student that would prefer to stay downstairs with their family may do so. PreK students are also encouraged to attend, but we ask that they sit with their families. We would love to see ALL our families represented at Mass, and we look forward to celebrating St. Paul School with our St. Paul Parish family!

**RECEPTION:** Be sure to stop for coffee, hot cocoa, juice, and donuts at school after Stewardship Mass. Shop the Scholastic Book Fair and check out all the family projects on display! If you know of any families interested in St. Paul, encourage them to join us for Mass or the open house. If you refer a family that ends up enrolling at St. Paul School, your family receives a 10% tuition discount!

**SCHEDULE:** Please follow along with the Catholic School Week schedule so you know all the fun activities on a daily basis. A paper copy went home with the family projects. It's also posted on the St. Paul website at <http://stpaulodell.weebly.com/catholic-schools-week.html>. There are several days that parents, grandparents, etc can join in the festivities -

- Monday - 1:30 - Come watch students participating in the Spelling Bee
- Tuesday - 9:30 - Join us for the Living Rosary here at school
- Wednesday - 10:00 - School Mass has been moved to a special date/time for CSW

**PIE-ING & COMFY DAYS!:** The Mass attendance drawing to pie Mr. Morehouse in the face will take place this coming Tuesday....as will the pie-ing! Please keep up with the great Mass attendance! Students that attend weekend Mass will continue to receive COMFY DAYS the Monday after.

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** Next Friday, February 2 is an **11:30 early dismissal**. There WILL be an OGS bus that day as they also dismiss at 11:30. However, there is no after care.

**BOWLING:** Students in grades **K-8** will be going bowling at Victory Lanes in Dwight next Friday. We ask that you please send **\$5 per student for bowling**. You may also send additional money that day for snacks. Permission slips will be coming home soon so be on the lookout. Parents are welcome to attend! **As always, if your child will be riding home with another adult, we must have a signed note giving permission no later than Friday morning!**

**DWIGHT BUS:** Dwight bus riders may be picked up at Victory Lanes between 11:00-11:10 next Friday instead of riding the bus back to school. If that timing doesn't work for you, students will ride back to school to pick up the PreK students and be back at St. Patrick's parking lot for drop off at approximately 11:45. You **MUST** tell us ahead of time what your plans are. Again, students must have a signed note from a parent if they will be going home with someone else.

**S.O.S. DONATIONS:** Next Wednesday, we'll be collecting items for Operation S.O.S. in Dwight. This community organization mails out care packages to area soldiers serving across the U.S. and abroad. Examples of items that can be sent in for the collection are: granola bars, rice krispie treats, slim jims, beef jerky, power bars, small bags of nuts or trail mix, fruit snacks, gum, other individually wrapped snacks, candy bars, licorice, hot cocoa packs, drink mix packets, etc.

**DANCE:** Forms and money for the February 10 Daddy/Daughter Dance are due back to the office by Friday, February 2.

**AUCTION/RAFFLE:** Parent packets went home last Friday detailing what is expected of families for the upcoming dinner, raffle, and auction on March 2. Please let us know if you have any questions at all or if you are in need of more tickets, posters, or donation letters. Tickets will be out to those on our mailing first thing next week. Please mark your calendar for our next auction meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 here at school.

**THANK YOU:** The teachers and staff at St. Paul would like to thank all those that donated to the teacher Christmas collection. We truly appreciate all the support we receive throughout the year.

**UPDATE FROM MRS. MCDERMOTT'S ROOM:** Third and fourth-grade students are kicking off the new year with enthusiasm! The class is participating in the national reading competition, ReadBowl, for a chance to meet literary advocate and player from the 2017 Patriots Super Bowl champion team, Malcolm Mitchell. Students are diligently reading to accumulate as many minutes as possible, and the competition winner will be announced before the Super Bowl. In math, they've begun one of my favorite units – fractions. In science, the focus is on the scientific method, with students developing their own experiments. In religion, students continue with Saint plays, where they are consistently improving their abilities to collaborate and create.

*“Do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you will be able to discern the will of God and to know what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2*

**UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:**

- \* Friday, January 26.....School Mass – Grades 1/2 leading
- \* Friday, January 26..... Purple Comfy Day for CF
- \* Saturday, January 27.....Team Trivia Night – 7:00 p.m
- \* Sunday, January 28.....Stewardship Mass at St. Paul Church  
Open House at School

**Catholic Schools Week Celebration!**  
Saturday, January 27 - Friday, February 2