



# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**COVID:** As some of you know firsthand and as others may have guessed, COVID has hit many members of our St. Paul family. While the CDC has changed some of their isolation and quarantine guidelines, **the school guidance remains the same per the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education.** We've been told the guidance is being reviewed, and we will have new information to you whenever we have it. In the meantime, if your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to be out ten calendar days. If your child is a close contact of a positive person, they will need to be out ten calendar days from the date of their last exposure. We know this can get complicated if there are cases in the same household so please contact Kelli in the office for your child's return date.

**BACKUP PLAN:** While we are doing everything we can to keep our students safe and our school open, there is a limit to what we can do in order to safely staff our building and buses. With that in mind, please have a backup plan in case we have to temporarily close. This is not meant to scare anyone, but rather make sure you are prepared in the event we must make that decision. While we are unfortunately entering year three of this pandemic, we are still in unprecedented times as cases are still surging after the holidays. We continue to ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate this ever changing terrain.

**SYMPTOMS:** This new variant is presenting with much milder symptoms for most people so it is **crucial** to keep kids home even if it seems like just a cold, sore throat, or a headache. According to the health department, the home test kits may not be as sensitive to this variant either. If your child develops any symptoms and you are using a home test kit, please keep them home and test on day three of their symptoms.

**CARDS:** If your child has been vaccinated, please send a copy of their vaccination card to the office if you've not already done so. Anyone that is fully vaccinated does NOT need to quarantine due to a COVID exposure unless they would happen to develop symptoms.

**MASKS:** Please send an extra mask or two to school with your child, and make sure your child is wearing a mask into the building or on the buses. While we do have extra masks at school, we seem to be going through them rather rapidly. Thank you!

**PIZZA!:** Forms and money for our annual pizza fundraiser are due to the office on Monday, January 10!

**REPORT CARDS:** The second quarter wraps up this Friday. Report cards will go home on Wednesday the 12th.

**WINTER WEAR:** Please be mindful of the weather forecast. If the temperature is above freezing, students will go outside for recess and/or "fresh air" breaks. Please send boots, hats, gloves, snow pants, or other heavier clothes (label them if you can!) so kids keep warm outside.

**COOKBOOKS:** We are in the process of making another run of cookbooks so we will start selling to the general public soon. Thank you to all that purchased so far!

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

**TEACHER COLLECTION:** Thank you to all that donated to the teacher Christmas collection. We are truly grateful for your generosity!

**STEWARDSHIP MASS:** Those that participated in the Christmas Eve stewardship Mass at St. Paul or served at the St. Patrick or Sacred Heart Christmas Masses can have a COMFY DAY on Monday the 10th.

**UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:**

- \* Friday, January 7.....End of the 2nd Quarter
- \* Monday, January 10..... Pizza Forms Due
- \* Wednesday, January 12..... Report Cards Go Home
- \* 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