



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

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STEWARDSHIP: Our next Stewardship Mass of the year is this Sunday the 15th at St. Paul Church. 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. Those that participate in the Mass can have a COMFY day on Monday! **Please help us continue to grow our Mass attendance at St. Paul Church as it is more crucial than ever before!**

PARISH MEETINGS: Please make sure you read the letter regarding possible church closings that went home yesterday. There are two upcoming meetings to let your voices be heard - Wednesday the 18th at 7:00 pm at the KC Hall in Odell and Tuesday the 24th at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick Parish Hall. For more information on the proposed parish models and to see the decision timeline, please visit www.growingdisciplescdop.org/. **Please get informed!** For those that have watched the online videos already, please do not be worried when it says "school" in parenthesis after "St. Paul Odell - not in use." All parishes in the Diocese with a school associated with them are listed in that manner. **Again, schools are being evaluated separately at a later time.** We have received a strong and extremely encouraging statement of support from Dr. Susan Miller, our new superintendent. Dr. Miller visited several weeks ago and was very impressed with St. Paul School. Her statement will be read at the meeting Wednesday night.

EMPOWER IL: Another letter went home yesterday regarding the Empower Illinois Scholarship, made possible by the Invest in Kids Act. This scholarship has been extremely beneficial to several families at St. Paul School, and there is a chance the program won't be renewed. Again, let your voices be heard! Follow the link in the letter that went out via Remind to contact our state representatives, and let them know we want the program extended.

FALL RAFFLE: Cue Bon Jovi because we're half way there!! Keep pushing those tickets until we hit our sell out number of 500! We have four weeks to sell just under 250 tickets.

REPORT CARDS: The first quarter of the school year ends tomorrow the 13th. Report cards will be coming home on Wednesday the 18th. We ask that you please sign and date the back of the manila report card envelope and return to your child's teacher at conferences.

CONFERENCES: Please use the link that was sent via Remind to sign up for a parent/teacher conference timeslot. If for some reason you are unable to make it Thursday the 19th, please contact your child's teacher to arrange another time.

NO BUS: There will be NO OGS dismissal bus Wednesday, October 18. Students will need a ride at dismissal or can stay in after care if need be. St. Paul buses will run as scheduled.

CHUCK'S CHEESE: Order forms are due in two weeks on Monday, October 30. Please let us know if you need additional forms.

CROSS COUNTRY: Congratulations to all our student athletes on a great season! All had new "personal records" this year. Great job Addyson, Stella, Mike, Ruby, and Max!

HUMISTON WOODS: Thank you to all that attended and chaperoned our field trip! We also want to thank the Josefik family for providing s'mores again this year. We had a great day!

UPDATE FROM MRS. MCDERMOTT'S ROOM: Students in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom have been very busy this first quarter! Last Friday, our third-grade students showcased their outstanding leadership skills during Mass. Following Mass, we embarked on an exciting field trip to Humiston Woods, where we marveled at God's creations through the beauty of nature.

This year, our third and fourth-grade students have taken on an exciting year-long project centered around the Saints. Each student has chosen a Saint, written a report, and is now in the process of creating plays. These plays will be performed in front of the entire school, with the other classes to guess which Saint is being portrayed.

In this creative endeavor, every student is actively involved, serving as both playwright and director while their classmates take on the roles of actors. Collaboration is key as they work together to craft props and design costumes. I am very proud of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by all our students in producing these exceptional plays.

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.'" Mark 16: 15

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- ✠ Friday, October 13..... End of 1st Quarter
- ✠ Friday, October 13..... School Mass @ 8:30 - Grades 5/6 leading
- ✠ Sunday, October 15..... Stewardship Mass @ St. Paul Church
- ✠ Wednesday, October 18..... Report Cards Home
- ✠ Wednesday, October 18..... No OGS Dismissal Bus
- ✠ Wednesday, October 18..... St. Paul Parish Meeting @ KC Hall - 7:00
- ✠ Thursday, October 19..... No School - P/T Conferences
- ✠ Friday, October 20..... No School
- ✠ Friday, October 27..... School Mass @ 8:30 - Grades 1/2 leading
- ✠ Saturday, October 28..... IESA Speech Contest