



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

11.16.23

FALL RAFFLE: What a wonderful night! Thank you to all who made the Fall Raffle and Steak Dinner possible - the Odell Knights of Columbus, the Dwight Knights of Columbus, the Odell Fire Department, the Austin Family, Weller Agency, the Civics Club, Mike at GFS, Chenoa Meat Locker, Chris King, Wolf Creek Golf Course, all those that baked and brought in goodies, and ALL our dedicated workers. We especially want to thank all of our families who helped make this a SELL OUT! We are incredibly grateful to our chairs Carrie & Mike Lovell for all their hard work in organizing one of our biggest events of the year!

A NOTE FROM MRS. LOVELL: Thank you to everyone that helped us to make the 2023 Fall Raffle a success. Mike and I could not have asked for a better group of people to work with who gave of their time and talents on Saturday night! We were able to serve over 800 people in under 3 hours!! The Knights of Columbus grilled and ran a bar, parents ran the kitchen, served food, greeted people, sold 50/50 tickets and tip-boards, and we were able to get a great jump start on the whole hog raffle. The generosity of our school, church, and community is overwhelming! - Mike and Carrie Lovell

“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.” -Eleanor Roosevelt

WINNERS: Congratulations to all our winners! - Joe Schmitz (who won twice!!), Iris Thorne, LuAnn Trainor, Diana Green, Jay & Tammy Richie, Maureen Drach, Tom Cahill, Randy Bradbury, Sydney Benning, Elaine Roberts, Dale Qualls, and Brenda Strachan. Thank you for your support of St. Paul School!

STEAKS: St. Paul is selling leftover steaks from the dinner for \$10 each. If you would like to purchase any, please send money in with your child, and we'll send them home. Thanks!

SQUARES: There are still squares available for a chance to win a whole hog, including processing! Squares are \$20 each and only 200 will be sold. Don't have room for a whole hog in your freezer? Split the ticket with family or friends! Thank you to Carolyn & Mark Austin of Austin Farms for donating the pig & processing.

CHEESE: Chuck's Cheese will be delivered this coming Monday, November 20 and be ready for pick up at dismissal!

SPIRIT WEEK: Tomorrow is that last day of the Civics Club Spirit Week, and we'll close it out with a PURPLE & GOLD comfy day! Remember, we do have Mass tomorrow so please make sure your clothes are appropriate. Thank you to all our families that donated items to the Odell Food Pantry this week. The giving spirit is alive and well at St. Paul!

NO SCHOOL: There is no school next Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving break. We wish all our families a blessed holiday! See you back Monday the 27th.

FEEDBACK: The next few days are the last to get your feedback in regarding the Diocesan proposed parish models! Testimonial letters need to be in by **Monday, November 20**, and online feedback needs to be submitted at www.growingdisciplescdop.org by **Wednesday, November 22!** This is the **last chance** to let our voices be heard! The Bishop and his team will review all the information and announce **final decisions on parishes** in May. The future of St. Paul Church is vital to the future of St. Paul School. Please join in the fight to keep our church doors open!

VISION/HEARING: SCREENINGS: A representative from the Livingston County Health Department will be in on Wednesday, November 29 to perform annual vision and hearing screenings. Vision screenings will be done, as mandated, for the following children: Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd, and 8th grades. In addition, special needs students, teacher referrals, and transfer students during the 2023/2024 school year will also be screened. Vision screenings are not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months and is on file at the school. Vision screening is not an option. If a vision examination report is not on file at school for your child, your child in the mandated age, grade, or group will be screened. Hearing screenings will be performed on students in Pre-K through 3rd grades.

BELL RINGING: The parishes of St. Paul and St. Patrick will once again have their own weekend to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, and they are in need of volunteers the weekend of December 1st - December 3rd. Please contact coordinator Virginia Malone to fill one of the one hour time slots. She can be reached at 815-584-9670. This is also a great way for our Confirmation students to get an hour of service as well.

UPDATE FROM MRS. JOSEFIK'S ROOM: As Thanksgiving approaches, we have a lot to be thankful for. We are thankful to our Veterans. We are thankful for a successful fall raffle and all of our kind and generous benefactors. We are thankful for Father John Bosco and all of his support. We are thankful for our school and church family. We are thankful for you!

This year is flying by. We have finished talking about the patriarchs in religion class and will be moving from the book of Genesis to Exodus. In math the fifth grade is dividing decimals, the sixth grade will begin integers, seventh will be working with percentages, and eighth will begin working on equations after finishing geometry. The fifth/sixth and been studying heredity in science and the seventh/eighth are learning about mass and density. This fits in well with just finishing volume in math.

"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?" John 14:2

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- † Friday, November 17.....School Mass - grades 7/8 leading
- † Monday, November 20.....Chuck's Cheese Delivery
- † Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Nov. 24..... No School - Thanksgiving Break
- † Wednesday, November 29..... Vision & Hearing Screenings
- † Friday, December 1.....No OGS Afternoon Bus