



ST. PAUL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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NATIVITY WALK: Please join us this Sunday for St. Paul School's 2nd Annual Nativity Walk, in memory of Msgr. Watson. The school will be open after 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul Church. All are invited to come in and enjoy cookies, hot cocoa, and see all the beautiful nativities set up throughout the gym.

COOKIE DONATIONS: Anyone donating cookies for the Nativity Walk can bring them to school on Friday or drop them off Sunday morning. Thanks to those baking and donating!

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY: Families are invited to bring their Baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity to any St. Paul or St. Patrick Mass this weekend for a special blessing! Please label your figurine with a ribbon or tag and place it in the stable at either church. Bambinelli is Italian for little baby boys. This tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and is celebrated the third Sunday of Advent.

HOT COCOA SALE: The Civics Club will be holding their monthly fundraiser next Tuesday the 19th. Students that bring in \$2 can have their choice of cookie and a cup of hot chocolate!

PEW RAFFLE: Any red raffle tickets for the Christmas program SECOND pew drawing must be in no later than NOON on Tuesday the 19th! The drawing will be held after lunch recess. Chances are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

PROGRAM: Wednesday is the big day! The church doors will open at 5:30. Students need to be at the church NO LATER than 5:50, and the program will start at 6:00. Please dress up, which means no jeans. Parents should keep their child's coat with them in the pew. **Students need to come to the back of the church to line up at 5:50.** Our students and teachers have worked very hard to prepare for the Christmas program, and we look forward to sharing it with all our families.

COMFY DAYS: Monday will be dress rehearsal for the Christmas program. We are giving the students an opportunity to earn RED & GREEN CHRISTMAS COMFY DAYS Tuesday and Wednesday if they have a respectful and well behaved rehearsal! We'll send out a message next week confirming comfy days.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thursday will be a GREEN & RED CHRISTMAS COMFY DAY for our annual Christmas party. Thank you to Missy DeLong for chairing the party and Hannah Abry, Rhiannon Moranville, Kirstin Kumagai, Alyssa Muir, Amanda Cleary, and Jessica Mills for helping!

PIZZA: Order forms for our annual Brew Pub (Lotzza Motzza) pizza sale will be going home next week. Forms and money will be due back on Tuesday, January 16! Thanks to Courtney Tjelle for chairing this fundraiser.

OGS BUS: There will be NO Odell Grade School bus (morning or dismissal) on Thursday, December 21.

AFTER CARE: There will be **NO** after care on Thursday, December 21 after our 11:30 dismissal.

REPORT CARDS: The second quarter of the school year ends next week. Report cards will be coming home after the break on Wednesday, January 10.

MASS SCHEDULE: As is tradition, our December Stewardship Mass will be held on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. with Fr. Carl celebrating the Mass with us. Students should be at St. Paul Church by 3:40 for caroling prior to Mass and sit upstairs in the choir loft. **Please let us know if you plan on attending so Mass parts can be handed out at school.** Other Christmas Masses are as follows: 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at St. Patrick, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve at Sacred Heart in Campus, Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul and 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick.

SERVERS: St. Paul Church is in need of altar servers for the 8:00 a.m. Christmas morning Mass on the 25th. Please let Kelli know if your child would be able to serve Christmas Day. Any student that serves that morning will get TWO comfy days when we return from break!

TEACHER COLLECTION: Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas collection for our school staff may do so by placing your contribution in a marked envelope and sending it to the school office. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly for our students throughout the school year, and this collection is one way to say "thank you" for their dedication. We are grateful to those that donate and show their appreciation both now and throughout the school year.

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.** Thank you to Carolyn & Mark Austin of Austin Farms for donating the pig & processing.

UPDATE FROM MRS. DORAN'S ROOM: December is an exciting time at Saint Paul School! We are learning all about the Advent season and how to have a wonderful Advent Attitude! That means we are thinking of others, being of service, and prayerfully reflecting on the coming of the Baby Jesus. We know the real reason for the season! We have been working so hard on our songs for our Christmas Program. We invite you to join us for our program, which will be held at our beautiful church on Wednesday, Dec. 20 starting at 6:00 pm. Our program is one of the best ways to get into the spirit of the Christmas season. We will also be hosting our 2nd Annual Nativity Walk and Reception in loving memory of Monsignor Watson. It will be held after the 8:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 17. We are so blessed to have your support of our church and school and our daily prayers are offered for you. May God Bless You! Merry Christmas!

"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- ✠ Friday, December 15..... School Mass - grades 1/2 leading
- ✠ Sunday, December 17.....Nativity Walk after 8:00 Mass
- ✠ Monday, December 18..... Jr. High Band & Chorus Concert at OGS
- ✠ Wednesday, December 20..... St. Paul Christmas Program - 6:00 p.m.
- ✠ Thursday, December 21.....No OGS A.M. or P.M. Bus
- ✠ Thursday, December 21.....Christmas Party & 11:30 Dismissal
- ✠ Sunday, December 24.....Stewardship Mass - 4:00 p.m.

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY, JANUARY 9!