



ST. PAUL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



THE FLU: As many of you know all too well, this latest bug is downright nasty. Symptoms have included high fevers that keep coming back, cough/congestion, sore throat, and headaches. Please continue to keep children home when they are sick. We'll continue to talk to the kids at school about proper hand washing, covering their coughs, not sharing supplies, etc. Again, kids need to be fever free without fever reducing medicine for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

COOKIE DONATIONS: We are still in need of additional volunteers to bring in cookies for the Nativity Walk as we will be serving refreshments after Mass on Sunday the 18th. Please let Kelli know if you can donate a dozen or two. They can be homemade or store bought. Thanks!

PEW RAFFLE: Included with the newsletter are raffle tickets for a chance to win guaranteed seats at the front of the church for the Christmas program. Please see the attached note for additional details.

CHEESE: Just a few more days to sell the Ropp Jersey Cheese! Money and order forms are due on Monday, December 12. Orders will be in before we go on Christmas break.

HOT COCOA SALE: The Civics Club will be holding their monthly fundraiser next Thursday the 15th. Students that bring in \$2 can have their choice of cookie and a cup of hot chocolate!

FISH: Need a gift for that special someone this Christmas season? How about a fish from the Civics Club! :) The 7th & 8th grade class have an abundance of little molly fish swimming about in the classroom tank. Contact the school to arrange to pick a few up. There is no charge for the fish.

DANCE: Odell Grade School is hosting a dance for 6-8 grade students tomorrow the 9th from 5-7 p.m. Admission is \$5 and includes a hot dog, chips, and a drink.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!: Stop by the Odell Library this coming Monday the 12th from 5-6 p.m. to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! They'll read a story and take pictures with the kids too.

TRAINING: The last scheduled altar server training for Catholic students in grades 3-6 will be this Saturday the 10th at St. Patrick Church in Dwight at 10a

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. This tradition was started by Pope Paul VI in 1969 and is celebrated the third Sunday of Advent.

AUCTION/SPRING RAFFLE: Please let us know if you would like to be on the committee for the upcoming auction, dinner, and raffle. We will be meeting after the break to discuss the March 4 event and assign tasks! Thank you!

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.

OGS BUS: There is NO Odell Grade School bus the afternoon of Friday the 16th. There is also NO morning OR afternoon bus Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th.

MASS SCHEDULE: As is tradition, our December Stewardship Mass will be held on Christmas Eve. This year, due to the church rotations at Christmas time, it will be held at **St. Patrick Church in Dwight at 4:00p** on the 24th. Students should be at church by 3:40 for caroling prior to Mass. Please sit on the right side of the church in the pews next to the organ. **Please let us know if you plan on attending so Mass parts can be handed out at school.** Christmas Day Masses are as follows: Midnight at St. Patrick, 9:00a at Sacred Heart in Campus, and 10:30a at St. Paul Church.

UPDATE FROM MRS. LOVELL'S ROOM: This week in the 7/8th grade, we ended our study of Western Europe in Geography and are moving onto Eastern Europe. In Reading, we continued to read Hunger Games, concentrating on making meaningful connections to the text. Our Civics Club is organizing a Hot Chocolate and Cookie sale to be held on December 15th. In 5/6th grade, we ended the novel study of The Call of the Wild, continued reading Dear Mr. Henshaw, and started reading interventions that concentrate on text concepts. This week we will start the VIP writing process, starting with an interview of Mr. Morehouse! Lastly, the group will be starting Christmas Around the World digital study prior to Christmas.

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

✝ Saturday, December 10.....	Server Training - 10 a.m. @ St. Pat's
✝ Tuesday, December 13.....	Vision/Hearing Rescreens
✝ Wednesday, December 14.....	School Mass @ 10 a.m. - 3/4 leading
✝ Thursday, December 15.....	Civics Club Hot Cocoa Sale
✝ Friday, December 16.....	No Afternoon OGS Bus
✝ Friday, December 16.....	Nativity Walk - 3:30-6 p.m.
✝ Sunday, December 18.....	Nativity Walk - after 8 a.m. Mass
✝ Monday, December 19.....	No OGS Bus - AM or PM
✝ Monday, December 19.....	Christmas Program @ 6 p.m.
✝ Tuesday, December 20.....	No OGS Bus - AM or PM
✝ Tuesday, December 20.....	School Mass @ 8:30 a.m. - 5/6 leading
✝ Tuesday, December 20.....	11:30 Dismissal
✝ Saturday, December 24.....	Stewardship Mass - 4 p.m. @ St. Pat's

Christmas Break
December 21 - January 2