



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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PROTOCOLS: Due to recent statewide legal developments, some of our COVID-19 safety guidance and protocols have been updated per the Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Peoria.

Changes:

- Close contacts no longer have to quarantine due to an exposure UNLESS they develop symptoms
- Schools are no longer required to do contact tracing
- Siblings of positive COVID cases no longer need to stay home UNLESS they develop symptoms
- If a student is sent home with COVID like symptoms, siblings may remain at school as long as they are symptom free

Remains in Place:

- Social distancing
- Masks are optional as long as the proper social distancing can be maintained
- Students displaying symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and have a negative test or doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis in order to return to school
- Students displaying COVID symptoms at school will be sent home
- Students that test POSITIVE must -
 - Isolate for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms. The symptom start date is "Day 0". If a student was asymptomatic, "Day 0" is the day the positive sample was taken.
 - May return to school if symptoms have resolved after **7 calendar days** OR after 5 calendar days with a negative rapid test or doctor's note
 - MUST wear a well fitting mask from days 6-10 at school
- A notice will still be sent out if there is a positive case in the building

RAFFLE/AUCTION: We are just ONE WEEK from the spring raffle and online auction, and **we need to make a big final push as we are behind in our ticket sales!** Touch base with those that purchased from you last year or perhaps see if anyone would be interested in a second ticket. Thank you to ALL that have bought and sold thus far, but we need everyone's help in sales leading up to the raffle!

STEWARDSHIP MASS: Our next Stewardship Mass is THIS Sunday, February 27 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Paul Church. Mass parts are being 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 that attend are asked to sit on the left side of the church in the pews behind the organ to make up the choir - only two students per pew. PreK students are also encouraged to attend, but we ask that they sit with their families.

PIZZA: Pizzas will be delivered this coming Monday the 28th and will be ready for pick up at dismissal. If you have a big order, please wait until the student pick up line has cycled through or pull into the side parking lot. We will have carts you can use to haul the boxes of pizzas to your vehicle.

MENTAL HEALTH DAYS: After further discussion, mental health days will be taken individually on an "as needed" basis rather than as a whole school. Parents will need to call their children in the same way they would if they were sick. When a second mental health day is used, the family will be referred to a mental health professional.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins this coming Wednesday, March 2. We encourage our families to attend the 10 a.m. service at St. Paul Church if you can. Mass will be led by the 7th & 8th grade class.

NO BUS: There will be **NO OGS** dismissal bus next Friday the 4th. Students will need to have a ride at dismissal or can stay in after care if need be.

RETAKES: Anyone that missed the fall pictures has one more opportunity for school photos on Thursday, March 10. Any student needing pictures will be taken to Odell Grade School during their morning photo session. Please let Kelli know as soon as possible if you'll need pictures taken so names can be added to the roster.

SCHOLARSHIPS: We strongly encourage families to take advantage of the scholarship programs the Diocese of Peoria has to offer - the John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship and the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are open now! Please visit www.cdop.org for more information and to apply.

UPDATE FROM MRS. LOVELL'S ROOM: After a long weekend filled with snow, we are ready to begin our studies again in the 7th and 8th grades. We are in the middle of studying the novel, *The Giver*. We are ending our unit on prepositions in English, and we will end our study of World War 1. Finally, in Religion, the 7th and 8th graders will continue their in-depth study of the 7 Deadly Sins. In 5th and 6th grade English, we will continue our paper writing process; drafts, peer edits, final edits, etc. The kids have also begun to study poetry, so we will keep producing our own poems this week. Lastly, we will continue studying Brazil in Geography.

"But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength." - Isaiah 40:31

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

✠ Sunday, February 27.....	Stewardship Mass at St. Paul
✠ Monday, February 28.....	Pizza Delivery
✠ Wednesday, March 2.....	Ash Wed. Mass @ 10 a.m.
✠ Friday, March 4.....	No OGS dismissal bus
✠ Friday, March 4.....	Online Auction starts @ 5 p.m.
✠ Saturday, March 5.....	Spring Raffle Drawing @ 7 p.m.
✠ Saturday, March 5.....	Online Auction ends @ 8 p.m.
✠ Saturday, March 12.....	Stewardship Mass @ St. Patrick