

STATE BOUND!: If you hadn't heard, the Odell Rams 8th Grade Boys Basketball team is headed to the IESA State Basketball Tournament for the first time in nearly 40 years! We are so proud of Joe Duffy, Luke Josefik, Hunter Paulsen, Coe Peters, and Evan Wolf for all their hard work and determination over the course of the season! The boys will play the first round this Saturday in Assumption, IL (south of Decatur) at 2:30 against Bloomington Cornerstone. Please follow the St. Paul Facebook page for updates!

PEP RALLY: OGS will hold a pep rally Friday afternoon at 2:00 in the Odell gym for the basketball team. Grades K-8 will be attending, and parents can attend if they'd like. Friday will also be a **GREEN & GOLD SPIRIT/COMFY DAY** to show our support for the team. We do have Mass Friday morning, but since this is indeed a special occasion, we will be able to have a comfy day. Please dress respectfully for Mass.

PIZZAS: If you had any issues with your pizza orders (not enough or too many), please let us know as soon as possible if you haven't already. We'll contact the company and get the missing pizzas taken care of. We appreciate those who came in to help sort and all that bought and sold! Thanks to Courtney Tjelle for chairing this fundraiser!

DANCE: The Daddy/Daughter Dance is THIS Saturday at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Dwight. Doors open at 5:45, and dinner will start right around 6:00. The dance runs until 9:00. There will be flowers available to purchase for \$2 at the door as well. We look forward to a fun night!

BAKERS: If you volunteered to bake for the dance, you can bring or send your goodies to school on Friday. They can also be dropped off at the Parish Hall on Saturday morning between 9-11.

AUCTION MEETING: Our next Booster Club meeting is this **Monday, February 13 at 6:00** here at school to go over updates for the March 4 dinner, raffle, and auction. A list of items donated so far will be emailed out with the newsletter. Please attend if you can make it. <u>Students that have a parent in attendance get a comfy day next Tuesday the 21st.</u>

UPDATE FROM MRS. MCDERMOTT'S ROOM: The first part of 2023 has flown by with tremendous speed! The 3rd and 4th grade students enjoyed Catholic Schools Week. We had a special highlight for our classroom when 4th grader, Caleb F. placed second in the school wide spelling bee. During science we are wrapping up our galactical voyages with the solar system. In reading groups students are finishing novels, *The Indian and The Cupboard and The Jungle Book.* Meanwhile in math students have been diligently working with fractions. In social studies students have been making the most creative and informative presentations to share with the class. Special thank you to the Peoria Diocese for providing us with a weeklong glimpse into vocations to round out our religious curriculum.

"Study hard and prove yourself." 2 Timothy 2:15

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

Ť	Friday, February 10	School Mass @ 8:30 - grades 7/8 leading
脊	Saturday, February 11	Daddy/Daughter Dance
脊	Monday, February 13	Booster Club/Auction Meeting @ 6p
Ť	Monday, February 20	No School - Presidents' Day
Ť	Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday Mass - time TBD
	Sunday, February 26	
籵	Friday, March 3	No OGS Dismissal Bus
	Saturday, March 4	