



# St. Paul Catholic School

## Newsletter

### 8.17.23

**WELCOME BACK!** We are excited to kick off another school year at St. Paul! There are 14 new students joining us this year! We are so glad you've joined the St. Paul family. Thank you for entrusting your children's educational and spiritual needs to the faculty and staff here. Please ask any questions you may have!

**NEW STAFF:** We'd also like to welcome Fr. John Bosco, Carolyn Austin, and Daniela Frauli to our school staff. Mrs. Austin is a paraprofessional in grades 1-4, while Miss Dani will be with the PreK students. We look forward to school Masses and many other celebrations with Fr. John Bosco!

**ORIENTATION:** Back-to-school orientation night will be held next Wednesday, August 23. This night is for parents to meet your child(ren)'s teacher and get an overview of what they will be learning throughout this school year, as well as classroom policies. We strongly encourage at least one parent to attend. Students that have a parent or family member attend will get a **COMFY DAY** (non-uniform day) on Thursday the 24th!

The format for the evening will be as follows:

- 5:00 pm – Parents of **PreK & Kindergarten** students with Mrs. Hart & Miss Dani
- 5:30 pm – Parents of **First & Second** grade students with Mrs. Doran
- 6:00 pm – Parents of **Third & Fourth** grade students with Mrs. McDermott
- 6:30 pm – Parents of **Fifth - Eighth** grade students with Mrs. Josefik & Mrs. Lovell

**SCHOOL MASS DAY:** School Masses will be held at 8:30 a.m. Friday mornings at St. Paul Church, with different classes leading the liturgy each week. First Friday devotions and adoration will also be held on the first Friday of each month following 8:30 Mass. We encourage family members to join us if they're able!

**BOOSTER CLUB:** There will be a Booster Club parent meeting on Wednesday, August 30 at 6 p.m. here at school. All parents are booster club members. Again, we **strongly encourage** at least one parent to attend. We will be going over the calendar for the year, new credit hours structure, and introducing our new booster board. Sign-up sheets will also be available. **The success of our school fundraisers is absolutely crucial to the operation of St. Paul School, and participation in these events is what keeps us going.** If you attend the meeting, your child(ren) will be rewarded with a **COMFY DAY** on Thursday, August 31.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** Any parent that will be working at an event this year or in the school needs to complete the Diocesan "Safe Environment" online training. This entails creating an online account, watching videos, and completing an online background check. Trainings need to be completed prior to volunteering. Visit <https://Peoria.cmgconnect.org> to complete your trainings. For those who have previously completed the training, please log into your account to see if you have any new requirements. Reminders about what parents might be missing were sent out on the August statements.

**KITCHEN:** Thank you for your patience as we finish the kitchen remodel. We are beyond grateful for the hours and hours....and hours of work put in by Jason & Rhiannon Moranville, Brandon Burke, Adam McDermott, and Mike Lovell, as well as all that donated to make this project possible. No hot lunch yet on Friday. The plan is still to serve hot lunch this coming Monday, but we will keep you up-to-date if anything changes.

**P.E CLOTHES.:** P.E. starts next week for all grades. Mrs. Oswald does bring students outside as the weather allows. Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd grade do not need P.E. uniforms, however, we do ask you send an extra pair of shoes and socks as the grass is quite wet early in the morning. **Grades 3-8 will go over to Odell Grade School** for P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Students can wear their P.E. clothes (t-shirts, shorts, sweats, joggers) to school those days, but they **MUST** remember to bring their school uniforms to change into afterwards. Students in those grades are welcome to have an extra set of clothes at school as back up. **\*\*This is a different schedule for 3rd & 4th grade so please be mindful of the change.\*\***

**HANDBOOK:** Please take time to familiarize yourself with the school handbook. It's available online at <http://stpaulodell.weebly.com/school-handbook.html>

**BLESSING:** There will be a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during all Masses at St. Paul and St. Patrick Churches this weekend. Fr. will be blessing all students and teachers in attendance, and **students are encouraged to bring their backpacks.**

**UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:**

- ✠ Thursday, August 17..... Education Commission - 5:15
- ✠ Friday, August 18..... School Mass
- ✠ Wednesday, August 23..... Orientation Night
- ✠ Friday, August 25..... 7th/8th Grade lead School Mass
- ✠ Wednesday, August 30..... Booster Club Meeting - 6:00
- ✠ Friday, September 1..... 5th/6th Grade lead School Mass
- ✠ Friday, September 1..... Thresherman's Field Trip - 1st-4th grades
- ✠ Friday, September 1..... No OGS Dismissal Bus