



# St. Paul Catholic School

## Newsletter

### 8.18.22

**WELCOME BACK!** We are excited to kick off another school year at St. Paul! There are 6 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!

**ORIENTATION:** We WILL be having a back-to-school orientation night this year in the same way we had prior to the pandemic. It will be held next Wednesday, August 24. This night is for parents to meet your child(ren)'s teacher in their classroom and get an overview of what they will be learning throughout this school year. We strongly encourage at least one parent to attend.

The format for the evening will be as follows:

- 5:00 pm – Parents of **PreK & Kindergarten** students with Mrs. Hart & Miss Jess
- 5:30 pm – Parents of **First & Second** grade students with Mrs. Doran
- 6:00 pm – Parents of **Third & Fourth** grade students with Mrs. Kinate & 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 8:30a Friday mornings at St. Paul Church. We encourage family members to join us if they're able!

**BOOSTER CLUB:** There will be a Booster Club parent meeting on Wednesday, August 31 at 6p here at school. All families are booster club members. Again, we **strongly encourage** at least one parent to attend. We will be going over the calendar for the year, which includes new and old events. 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 **comfy days** September 1 and 2.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** Any parent that will be working at an event this year needs to complete the Diocesan "Safe Environment" online training. This entails creating an online account, watching a video, and completing an online background check. Trainings need to be completed prior to volunteering. To get a jump start, go to <https://Peoria.cmgconnect.org>. For those who have previously completed the training, please log into your account to see if you have any new requirements.

**APPAREL:** Attached are two sheets regarding St. Paul apparel. One order form is for uniform approved gear. The other is for spirit wear that can be worn on comfy days, to school events, or promoting St. Paul when you're out and about! We are happy to get our gear locally. The navy uniform items come from the General Store in Pontiac and the spirit wear is created by St. Paul mom Kendale Cassady!

**KITCHEN:** We are still looking for help in the kitchen one or two days a week with lunch preparation and serving....or even five days a week if anyone would really like! Please prayerfully consider helping out if you're able or recommending anyone that may be available.

**P.E CLOTHES.:** P.E. starts next week for all grades. Mrs. Oswald does bring students outside as the weather allows. Grades 1-4 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 5-8 can wear their P.E. clothes to school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but they **MUST** remember to bring their school uniforms to change into. Students in those grades are welcome to have an extra set at school as back up.

**COVID:** While close contacts to a positive case no longer have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms, the CDC recommends wearing a mask for ten days after any known exposure. If there are positive cases at school, we will continue to let close contacts know so parents can monitor their children for any symptoms. While we are getting "back to normal" we also want to make sure everyone in the building stays as safe and healthy as possible. Again, please use your best judgment regarding testing if your child is displaying any COVID related symptoms so we can avoid any outbreaks at school. **Free** tests are available at [www.covid.gov/tests](http://www.covid.gov/tests). **Please keep kids home when they are sick. Students that have a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea MUST be free of those symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.**

**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:**

- ✠ Friday, August 19.....7th/8th Grade School Mass
- ✠ Wednesday, August 24.....Grades 1-4 Trip to the Library
- ✠ Wednesday, August 24.....Orientation Night
- ✠ Friday, August 26.....5th/6th Grade Liturgy of the Word Service
- ✠ Monday, August 29.....PreK/K Trip to the Library
- ✠ Wednesday, August 31.....Booster Club Meeting