

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 22, 2019

WELCOME: Welcome back to school to all our St. Paul families! We have welcomed **23 new students** to St. Paul School this year. Thank you for entrusting your children's educational and spiritual needs to St. Paul. Parents should feel free to ask any questions they may have.

We also welcome **Jessica Lovell** as our new, full-time aide for pre-K, joining Mrs. Hart & Miss Sarah. Miss Jess has an associate's degree in early childhood education and most recently worked for Heaven on Humiston daycare. She also holds the title of "Mom" to McKenna, who is in the third grade here at St. Paul.

PARENTS' BACK-TO-SCHOOL ORIENTATION: St. Paul School will be holding a Back-to-School Orientation Night on **Wednesday, August 28**. 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 encourage you to attend this informational presentation.

The format for the evening will be as follows:

5:00 PM – Parents of **Pre School** students with Mrs. Hart

5:30 PM – Parents of **Kindergarten** students with Mrs. Hart

6:00 PM – Parents of **First & Second** grade students with Mrs. Doran

6:30 PM – Parents of **Third & Fourth** grade students with Mrs. Harback

7:00 PM – Parents of **Fifth - Eighth** grade students with Mrs. Josefik & Mrs. Lovell

NEW EMAILS: The school will be transitioning to new email accounts this year. The new office email is **schooloffice@saintpaulodell.com**. The Frontier accounts will be phased out over the next several months. Teacher emails are last name and first initial @saintpaulodell.com. They are hartl, doranp, harbackj, josefikt, and lovellc.

MASS DAY & TIME CHANGE: Please note that our school mass will now be moving to **WEDNESDAY'S at 10 A.M.** Confession time will be offered to our students each Tuesday. Classrooms will take turns each week with Father Haake hearing reconciliations. Students who are not Catholic can't receive reconciliation. However if they would still like to talk to Father individually, they are welcome to do so. It is not considered a Sacrament in that case.

STEWARDSHIP MASS: The first stewardship mass of the school year will be Sunday, September 8 at 8 a.m. at St. Paul Church. Students will have mass parts assigned to them and will also make up the choir for that day. Please make every effort to have your child at this mass so we can give back to the parishes who support our school!

STUDENT PICK UP: With so many new parents this year, we want to go over the guidelines for student pick up. **Please DO NOT park or pull up in front of the school.** This is for the busses only. Even if you think the busses have already left, there is a chance they are just running late. Please park in the lot to the north of the school. Parents and others picking up students must stay outside of the building at dismissal time. The teachers will walk the students out of the building to meet you at the end of the sidewalk or in the parking lot. This is for their safety in keeping the building closed and also to not clog the front entrance as we have MANY walkers and riders this year. Also, do not assume your child can ride a bus if they don't normally do so as busses are full. **If there are any transportation changes for your child, you must contact the office as soon as possible!**

NEWSLETTER: Each week, you will receive a newsletter like this from the school. The newsletter also will be sent out to our parent email list. *If for some reason you have not been getting school emails, please contact the office to make sure we have your correct information.* This newsletter usually will come home on **Thursdays**. Please take time to read it for important updates! Each month, you will receive a calendar with an up-to-date listing of happenings at our school and a monthly lunch menu. We publish our newsletter and calendar on the school website at www.stpaulodell.com.

LUNCH MENU: The lunch menu will go home with the student newsletter the last Thursday of each month. It will also be emailed and posted at www.stpaulodell.com. As a reminder, lunch prices for K-8 are \$2.25 and \$1.75 a day for Pre-K. Extra cartons of milk are \$.30.

FEE BALANCES & STATEMENTS: Your child or children's "bill" will go home with them at the beginning of each month, so please check book bags and folders. It will include anything your child has accrued on their lunch bill as well as your tuition and bus balances. If you feel there is an error on your statement or it doesn't find its way home, please contact the office.

HEALTH RECORDS REQUIRED: If you have not already done so, please make sure you turn in your child's required health records. **All children entering Preschool, Kindergarten and Sixth Grade need a health examination. A sports physical does not take the place of a health examination. It does not contain all the information needed on a health examination. All students entering sixth grade will be required to provide proof of Tdap vaccination. If a child does not submit proof of having had the school physical by October 15, then that child can be excluded from school until the child presents proof of having had the physical.**

In addition, **all children entering Kindergarten are required to have an eye examination by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. Dental exams are required for children entering Kindergarten, Second Grade and Sixth Grade.**

ATHLETIC FEES DUE: If you have not done so already, please pay an athletic fee of \$25 for any student who plans to participate in OGS sports. The check can be made payable to Odell Grade School.

CROSS COUNTRY: There is still time for any 5-8 grade students to sign up for cross country, but you must do so by Monday the 26th. The first meet is Wednesday, August 28. Your physicals **MUST** be in before participating!

THE FIRST BOOSTER CLUB MEETING will be held **Wednesday, September 4** at 6 pm at St. Paul for all parents to attend. Booster Club dues are \$20 if paid at or before the meeting or \$25 if paid after. Thanks to those of you who already paid their dues. Students who are represented by a parent at the Booster meeting will receive a comfy clothes day on Thursday! Sign-up sheets will be available again for all Booster Club events. Remember, if you complete 20 service hours, you earn **\$250 off your tuition!** Please bring any new ideas you may have as well!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE: If you are in need of additional uniforms, please check our supply at the school before buying new. Also, feel free to turn in uniforms your child has outgrown or pass them on to a smaller student.

THANK YOU: We thank all our families and parishioners who helped out at our school over the summer from installing air conditioners, to moving and building furniture, to wiping down chairs, walls, and the like. We also want to thank those that helped with our summer time events - the car show concession stand, golf outing, Odell Days, and especially the Ag Fair. To the over 50 volunteers that helped take tickets and park cars through a heat wave, we give you our thanks!! We are always looking for more volunteers to help at St. Paul with things like carpentry, plumbing, painting, etc. Please let us know if you have the skills to help!