



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

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BOOSTER CLUB: There will be a Booster Club parent meeting on Wednesday, September 1 at 6p at St. Paul CHURCH, not the school. All families are booster club members. We weren't able to have this meeting last year so please mark it on your calendars 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. **We will keep this meeting under an hour!** The success of booster club events is **absolutely critical** to the operation of St. Paul School, and we need everyone's help to make them happen! If you attend the meeting, your child(ren) will be rewarded with a **COMFY DAY** the next day and also the following Thursday!

HARVEST DAYS BREAKFAST: Due to rising COVID statistics we are looking at adjusting the originally planned September breakfast. More details will be sent home soon! Please keep the September 19th date on your calendar though!

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>.

VACCINATIONS: For any students that have received the COVID-19 vaccine, we ask that parents please send in verification of vaccination. This will be kept in your child's school records. It's important we have proof of vaccination on file in case there is an exposure in the classroom or to that individual student as they would **not** have to quarantine unless symptoms arose. Anyone that would like more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine can visit the Livingston County Health Department website - <http://lchd.us>

LOCAL STATS: Please remain vigilant as we continue to do our part to stay healthy and stop the spread of the coronavirus and stay in school! The kids have been doing an **AWESOME** job with their masks and following all the safety protocols we have in place. The Delta variant is in our area. OSF Healthcare is posting daily COVID-19 statistics for their facilities on their Facebook page, as well as Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers. The Livingston County Health Department is also posting weekly updates on their website and Facebook page. Please be aware of what is happening in our area. If your child has had a known exposure to someone with COVID-19, please keep them home and alert the school.

OGS BUS: There will be **NO** afternoon Odell Grade School bus next Friday, September 3 as Odell will dismiss early that day. Students will need a ride home in the afternoon. After care is also available until 5:30p.

SAFE JOURNEYS ILLINOIS: Representatives from Safe Journeys Illinois will be coming to speak to individual classrooms once a week beginning September 1. They will provide 30 minute presentations to students over the course of six weeks on topics ranging from bullying (grades 3-8) to safe touch (grades K-2). Please see the attached flyer for more information.

INK: We will no longer be collecting used ink cartridges. The company we sent them to has changed their policies, and the school has been receiving only a small reimbursement fee for the cartridges. We thank everyone that has sent them in over the years!

LUNCH: September's lunch menu is also attached. Bills will be going out next week so any fees your child has accrued for lunch and early/after care, plus tuition and bus will be included. Families may add lunch money to their account at any time by sending in a payment to the office.

STEWARDSHIP DATES: We are so blessed to add Stewardship Masses back to the calendar this year! These Masses are a time we can gather with our school family and our St. Paul & St. Patrick Church families and worship and share in the liturgy together. This is one way the students and their families can give back to the members of our parishes that support us year round. Students will be asked to read and sing in the choir. Please mark these dates on your calendar, which are of course subject to change...but what isn't these days?! :) :)

- ✠ Sunday, September 26 @ St. Paul
- ✠ Sunday, October 31 @ St. Patrick
- ✠ Sunday, November 21 @ St. Paul
- ✠ Friday, December 24 @ St. Paul
- ✠ Sunday, January 30 @ St. Paul (Kick off to Catholic Schools Week)
- ✠ Sunday, February 27 @ St. Paul
- ✠ Saturday, March 12 @ St. Patrick
- ✠ Sunday, April 17 @ St. Paul (Easter Sunday)
- ✠ Sunday, May 22 @ St. Paul

CONCERT: The MJM7 Band will be performing at St. Patrick Church following the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, August 29. There will also be adoration and a Eucharistic procession, which all are welcomed to join! The family band, which has played in Dwight before, consists of a father and some of his children ministering through music. We encourage our families to attend! The band will also be making a special appearance at school Monday morning!

THRESHERMEN'S REUNION: Grades 1-4 will be heading to Pontiac next Friday, September 3 for Education Day at the annual Threshermen's Reunion! Students can "step back in time" and experience steam powered machinery, sheep shearing, a saw mill, and much more! Students will be masked and need to wear their uniforms. Permission slips will be coming home soon.

UPDATE FROM MRS. HART'S ROOM: Welcome Back to School! We started school on August 18th with a 2 1/2 day week. It was a nice start for PreK and Kindergarten. Our classroom theme this year is "Be the Light," and that's exactly what we hope to do. We hope to be more like God-grow in kindness, knowledge, and pray and play together each day. With this theme, we learned a little about sunflowers and had our 1st day of school picture taken by the school sunflower patch. If you have not seen the photos, please check out the school Facebook page. We look forward to a year of being the Light!

Upcoming St. Paul Calendar:

- ✠ Friday, August 27..... 8:30 School Mass - 5th/6th grades leading
- ✠ Wednesday, September 1..... Safe Journeys starts
- ✠ Wednesday, September 1..... Booster Club parent meeting - 6:00p
- ✠ Friday, September 3..... 8:30 School Mass - 3rd/4th grades leading
- ✠ Friday, September 3..... NO OGS p.m. bus
- ✠ Monday, September 6..... NO School - Labor Day