



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

8.31.23

THRESHERMEN'S REUNION: Grades 1-4 will be heading to Pontiac tomorrow for Education Day at the annual Threshermen's Reunion! Please pack a sack lunch in a paper bag or ziploc bag and be sure to label it with their name. An extra bottle of water is a good idea as the temperature is supposed to warm up for Friday. This will be a comfy day for grades 1-4. Wear comfortable walking shoes - no flip flops or sandals! If your child will be riding to or from the field trip with someone else, we **MUST** have a signed note giving permission.

NO BUS: There will be NO OGS dismissal bus tomorrow the 1st. Students will need a ride at dismissal or can stay in after care if need be. St. Paul buses will run as scheduled.

LABOR DAY: There is **NO** school this coming Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!

ORIENTATION: The new date for orientation night will be this coming Wednesday, September 6. Below are the times for each room's session:

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

LAHAINA SUPPORT: Several weeks ago, thousands were affected by the devastating wild fires in Hawaii. While their church was seemingly untouched by the flames, Sacred Hearts School in Lahaina was left in ruins and lost everything. The Diocese of Peoria has asked all schools in our Diocese to join together to support Sacred Hearts School in their efforts to rebuild. Therefore students that bring any monetary donation on **Friday, September 8** can have a HAWAIIAN THEMED COMFY DAY that day. However, remember we will be going to Mass that morning so please dress appropriately.

BOOSTER CLUB: Thank you to all the parents and family members that attended the Booster meeting last night. Your support is what keeps St. Paul School going. We look forward to a successful fundraising year!

APPAREL: Spirit Wear order forms went home on Monday. Forms are due by Friday, September 8. **Please make checks payable to The General Store.** They will be donating a portion of the proceeds back to St. Paul! Please let us know if you need another order form.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Our first event of the year is just over a week away! Please get your registration forms turned in for Team Trivia Night happening next Saturday, September 9th. Doors to the KC Hall in Odell open at 6:30, with questions to start at 7:00. The cost is \$10 per player and kids are encouraged to play too.

BILLS: Current balance statements will be coming home soon on GOLD paper. Please keep an eye out in folders and book bags.

"THE BUG": We all know sharing is caring, but not so much when it comes to the back-to-school germs. Teachers and staff continue to encourage frequent and proper hand washing, coughing/sneezing into elbows, and staying out of our neighbors faces. Please keep kids home when they are sick. Thanks!

FAITH'S LAW: Please see the following information from the Diocese of Peoria about a state mandate regarding sexual abuse in schools - On December 3, 2021, Governor Pritzker signed Faith's Law, P.A. 102-0676 (HB 1976) into law. Faith's Law expands the criminal definition of grooming beyond electronic communications to include written communications and acts committed in person or by conduct through a third party. The law also makes it clear that mandated reporters must report suspected grooming to DCFS under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. In addition to expanding the criminal definition of grooming, Faith's Law includes several new requirements for schools and educators intended to prevent sexual abuse and misconduct in schools.

The law specifically provides that any violation of the employee code of professional conduct or failure to report a violation may subject an employee to discipline, up to and including dismissal from employment. As part of this law, a resource and code of conduct guide can be found on the St. Paul website - <http://stpaulodell.weebly.com/school-handbook.html>.

UPDATE FROM MRS. DORAN'S ROOM: The students in first and second grade are off to a great start for the school year! We have settled into our routines and are already working hard. We have started a new math series that challenges us but will help us to have a strong math foundation. We are learning our prayers and are practicing the sign of the cross. We are glad the heat wave is over and are looking forward to going to Education Day at the Threshermen's Reunion on Friday. Thank you for all of your support for our school.

*"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."
1 John 3:18*

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- ✠ Friday, September 1.....5th/6th Grade lead School Mass
Confessions/Adoration
- ✠ Friday, September 1..... Thresherman's Field Trip - 1st-4th grades
- ✠ Friday, September 1..... No OGS Dismissal Bus
- ✠ Monday, September 4.....No School - Labor Day
- ✠ Wednesday, September 6.....Orientation
- ✠ Friday, September 8..... Hawaiian Day Fundraiser
- ✠ Friday, September 8..... Spirit Wear Orders Due
- ✠ Saturday, September 9..... Trivia Night!