



St. Paul Catholic School

Newsletter

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HARVEST DAYS BREAKFAST: Due to several different factors including rising COVID cases and supply chain issues, we will **NOT** be holding the breakfast fundraiser on September 19. Information for our next fundraisers (Avanti's lunch forms and Fall Raffle tickets) will be coming home in the near future.

ALTAR SERVERS: We will once again be putting together a schedule for altar servers at Sunday Masses for St. Paul Church. We understand that some students have not served in over a year and half, and some have not been trained at all. While we continue to try and schedule a date for official training, our "rookie" servers will be paired with "veteran" servers during school Masses to guide them through what to do. We will start a rotation on Sundays so the same servers are not serving every week. If you cannot make your scheduled Mass, you will be responsible for finding someone to take your place. For those students preparing for Confirmation, serving at Sunday Masses counts toward your service hours. October schedules will be coming home soon.

BILLS: Current balance statements went home last Friday on GOLD paper. Please let the office know if you did not receive yours.

MASKS: Please make sure that the masks you are sending your child to school in fit properly and stay snug around the nose. We are seeing improperly sized masks and certain materials that continually slip off students' noses. Properly fitting masks, along with our other protocols, are crucial in helping to ensure the safety of everyone in the building, which in turn will keep us in school.

SYMPTOMS/EXPOSURES: If your child displays **ANY** symptoms that could be associated with COVID-19, **DO NOT** send them to school. **ALL** siblings must also stay home until COVID is ruled out. Symptoms can include (but are not limited to): fever, cough, sore throat, running nose, new onset of moderate to severe headache, fatigue, body aches, vomiting & diarrhea. Please consult with your child's doctor about any symptoms they may be having. **In order to return to school, per the Illinois Department of Public Health, you would need a negative COVID test, a note from your doctor with an alternative diagnosis/release to return, or students would have to stay out for ten days.** If you have any symptoms, please alert the school and contact your doctor. If your child has a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 or someone experiencing symptoms, do not send them to school.

BUS: We are looking for substitute bus drivers to have on call. If you or someone you know may be interested, please have them contact the school office. They would need to complete "Safe Environment" online training and complete an online background check.

UPDATE FROM MRS. HARBACK'S ROOM: *Last week at St. Paul:* Third and fourth grade is off to a great start. We are learning how to use Google Classroom on our Chromebooks. Students are also getting extra practice in math and language arts by using IXL, Xtramath, and Prodigy websites. We are learning how to read a map in social studies. In science we finished a chapter on animal adaptations. We ended our week with an outing to the Threshermen's Reunion. The students enjoyed watching the sheep shearing, the sawmill, and picking potatoes! They also enjoyed seeing all the steam engines and tractors. In Religion class we are discussing how God reveals himself to us through Jesus, creation, and the Church. We are thankful for all our blessings and to the generous benefactors of St. Paul School.

Upcoming St. Paul Calendar:

- ✠ Sunday, September 26.....Stewardship Mass at St. Paul - 8a
- ✠ Friday, October 1.....No OGS Afternoon Bus
- ✠ Saturday, October 2..... Confirmation Retreat
- ✠ Tuesday, October 5.....Picture Day
- ✠ Thursday, October 7..... No School - Teacher In-Service
- ✠ Friday, October 8.....No School - Teacher In-Service