



ST. PAUL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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1st COMMUNION: This coming Sunday is a very special day for many of our second graders as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Please join us at St. Paul Church for the 8 a.m. Mass. We ask that any students in attendance sit behind the organ downstairs and make up our choir. This is also our last Stewardship Mass of the school year! **Those that participate will receive a COMFY day on Monday AND Tuesday.** Please keep Reid, Penny, Nevaeh, Lizzy, Weston, & Adaline in your prayers on this blessed day. Thank you to Mrs. Doran for ALL her work and support in preparing her 36th First Communion class!!

AVANTI'S: Order forms for our Avanti's fundraiser went home last week on PURPLE paper. Those are due by next Wednesday, May 1. There will be no hot lunch served on Friday, May 10 (Field Day) so students will have the option to order an Avanti's sack lunch for that day. Those that choose not to order will need to bring a sack lunch on the 10th.

BOOSTER OFFICERS: Elections for the St. Paul School Booster Club Board will be happening in May. Please reach out to current President Amy Turner (815-685-2656) or to the school office if you would like to be on the ballot as President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, or Public Relations officer. Please let us know NO LATER than Friday, May 3 if you'd like to run. The election will be held in mid-May.

NEW IDEAS: Even if you don't want to "run for office," we would still love to hear your fundraising and event ideas for the upcoming school year! The planning process has already begun and events will be put on the calendar after the new board has been elected. Feel free to contact any current board member with your thoughts (Amy Turner, Jessica Mills, Amanda Cleary or Mike Lovell) or you can email the office, send a Remind, or send in a note. We appreciate any and all input!

FUNDRAISING: With your help and support, we will have raised over \$100,000 this school year!! While we'll fall short of our goal of \$125,000 raised, this is an amazing feat for a "small" school. This is another reason your feedback is so important - so we can continue to grow each year and keep our tuition rates one of the lowest in the Diocese. The cost to educate a child at St. Paul is over \$7,000 per student, but with the efforts of many of our families, the Booster Club is able to fill in some of that gap. Again, please reach out with any new ideas you may have. Thank you!

MAY CROWNING: Friday, May 3, we will celebrate May Crowning and Ribbon Mass, which will honor both our Mother Mary and our 8th graders. The Mass will be led by members of the 7th & 8th grade class and include our 1st Communicants as Honor Guard members. The second graders may wear their 1st Communion attire or their uniform. As always, we invite and encourage any and all available family members to attend.

FIELD DAY: Our annual Field Day with St. Mary's School will be Friday, May 10. We host school Mass, the events, and run the concession stand, while St. Mary's is in charge of the activities. We'll send home more details next week. However, please let us know if you would like to be a chaperone in your child's group. Any parent wanting to attend MUST have all their Safe Environment trainings completed at <https://peoria.cmgconnect.org>.

CONCESSIONS: The following people signed up to work the Field Day concession stand waaaaaaay back in September - Kendale Cassady, Missy DeLong, Hannah Abry, Alyssa Muir, and Andrea & Phyllis Scheuer. Please let us know if you're still available that day. Thanks!

GOLF OUTING: The St. Paul golf outing on June 9 will be here before we know it so we ask that all families get involved in some way as this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Get a golf foursome together, donate an item for the raffle that takes place that day, solicit a business for a sponsorship, etc. Please contact chairperson Jessica Mills (815-674-9867) with any questions. Thank you!

YETI: St. Paul School is selling squares for a chance to win a Yeti Tundra Haul cooler! The winner will be drawn at the golf outing. **Each square is \$20, and only 100 will be sold!** If you would like to purchase a square for your chance at the cooler, please send the money in to the office, along with the name for the square. Thank you to the Cassady & Funk families for donating the cooler!

YEARBOOK: There is still time to order your 2023-2024 school yearbook. If you no longer have the paper form, you can order online at <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/> and search under Odell, IL. Please click on "Odell Grade School" to order.

UPDATE FROM MRS. HART'S ROOM: The past two Fridays have been very exciting for PK & K students. On Friday, April 12th, it was lovely to have Grandparents and special people join us for such a delicious lunch and fellowship. On the 19th, we loved going to Gamma Phi Circus at ISU for a field trip! There were lots of oohs!, aahs!, and wows! watching those talented college students! We look forward to flying kites with our friends from grades 3 & 4 this week. God is love.

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- † Friday, April 26..... School Mass - Grades 5/6 leading
- † Friday, April 26..... 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip
- † Sunday, April 28..... First Communion/Stewardship Mass
- † Wednesday, May 1..... Avanti's Orders Due
- † Friday, May 3..... Ribbon Mass & May Crowning
- † Tuesday, May 7..... 7th & 8th Grade Field Trip
- † Wednesday, May 8..... Education Commission @ 5:15 p.m.
- † Friday, May 10..... Field Day
- † Monday, May 13..... Band/Chorus Concert @ OGS
- † Tuesday, May 14..... Kickball Tournament
- † Wednesday, May 15..... 8th Grade Graduation - 6:00 p.m.
- † Monday, May 20..... PreK/K Celebration - 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, May 22..... School Mass - Kindergarten leading
- † Thursday, May 23..... Last Day of School - 11:30 dismissal