

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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Principal's News

If you didn't already know by now, it's **Catholic Schools Week** at St. Paul School and all across the country. Here at St. Paul School we kicked off the week with an **Open House** last Sunday, January 26 after the 9:30 Mass. We had several new families who stopped by to visit and took a tour of the school with student representatives. We're still having families stopping by. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending St. Paul School, please tell them to come in. If that family does come in and signs up their child, you will receive a discount on your tuition as well (please see me on what your discount would be).

For families with children currently enrolled at St. Paul School, please note that **Registration Forms will be going home Monday, February 3**. Please get them in ASAP so that we can begin to see what are needs are in the months & year ahead. We also have to start preparing our 2020-2021 School Budget too which needs to be completed by May 31. The **Registration Fee of \$150** which is used to purchase books and other school supplies can come in later on in February.

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It's also that time for families who are looking for Financial Assistance for the 2020-2021 school year to begin applying for aid. Go to **www.factsmgt.com** at a fee of \$35 to apply. It only takes 20-25 minutes of your time and depending on your finances, you could receive anywhere from \$600 to \$1,500 worth of assistance towards your child's tuition next year. Even if you don't get any assistance the first time around, because you applied, you could qualify to receive *St. Paul Parish assistance*.

Let me emphasize this once more, if you are looking for St. Paul Parish assistance, you must apply to **www.factsmgt.com** first. Most of our families don't even belong to St. Paul Parish so please don't automatically think that they have plenty of money to give out if you do not attend St. Paul Church/Mass there. Families that do attend, get parish assistance. However, as I mentioned previously, if you applied to *factsmgt* and didn't receive any financial aid from them, you now could qualify for St. Paul Parish Aid. Also, if you do belong to another parish, ask that pastor if he can help you out with the tuition for your child. If they don't have a school at that parish, they pretty much should give you something!

With February upon us, more than likely we will be seeing some snow falling our way. Remember, we will contact the TV stations if we don't have any school or delays along with sending you both a text and recorded message to your cell phone too. As I have stated throughout the years, we don't follow either Cranston or Providence School District schedules. My decision to cancel school or have a delay will rest solely on the safety of our students and their families along with our school faculty & staff attending St. Paul School.



Fill out your registration forms and return them ASAP.



St. Paul School Drama
Presents...

The Jungle Book



May 15, 2020

Pre-K 3 & 4 News



Happy January! It has been nice to get back into our routines after the busy holiday season. The children truly enjoyed our week of The Gingerbread Man, learning all about the classic tale. We also enjoyed learning about mittens and how they keep us warm. We learned about the snow, how it melts and what we can create with it. We finished off our month with a look at winter animals, hibernators and camouflage! We had some fun with hot chocolate too! We are in the middle of Catholic Schools Week, celebrating our school and the teachers and friends who help us learn. Please be sure to complete our quick survey regarding your return to St. Paul School.

We are looking forward to February, where we will learn about keeping our bodies healthy, our teeth healthy and of course, Valentine's Day and God's love for us!

Remember that the Child Outreach program will be here for screening each of the children; if you did not return your consent packet, please do so ASAP!



Kindergarten News



This month in Kindergarten we started our Polar Animal Unit in Science. We learned about polar bears, harp seals, and penguins. We are learned about what they eat, how the look, and where they live. We also discussed what our New Year's Resolutions are and how we would work on new things this year.

In Spanish, we are continuing to learn about the alphabet in Spanish. In Religion, we are learning about the gifts of light and water that God gave to us and how we use these gifts. This month, we talked a lot about Martin Luther King and how he wanted everyone to be treated equally.

On February 3, we will celebrate 100 days of school! Please have your child bring 100 of anything of their choice to school that day. (i.e. pennies, skittles, paper clips, etc.) They can also wear a shirt with 100 things on it. Be creative!

We are more than halfway through filling our buckets with pompoms and we are working very hard towards earning our ice cream party!

First Grade News

Happy New Year! We are more than half way through our marble jar and are working very hard towards earning free recess! We just finished chapter 6 in our sadlier math books, which was about extending addition and subtraction facts to 20. Next, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have been working diligently on our writing skills; making sure we use punctuation, capital letters, and finger spaces. In Reading Street, we are learning about the growth and changes

that occur in our life. Lastly, in religion we are learning about the seven sacraments and how we can become members of the church.

This month we got to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We participated in many fun activities, such as school wide bingo, class color day, souper bowl, and an obstacle course.

Second Grade News

We are officially halfway through Second Grade! I have seen so much growth from the class and I couldn't be a prouder teacher. They are working so hard and we are having lots of fun along the way! This past week we were able to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Along with doing many fun activities over the week with the whole school, we were able to have discussions as a class about why we attend a Catholic school and why we love St Paul School. Additionally, over the past month, we have learned all about arctic animals in science and in social studies, we did many activities to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

In Reading, we have been continuing to work through our Reading Street curriculum. We have been learning to draw conclusions about characters in a story and pull evidence from the text to answer a question. We have also started learning about different types of verbs and have started incorporating them into our writing.

In Math, we finished our chapter on addition and subtraction methods and have moved onto 2-digit place value. We have learned about the tens place and the ones place and the value of each digit depending on where it is placed. This chapter is preparing us for the next chapter on 2 digit and 2-digit addition!

Just a reminder we are closed for February vacation from 2/17-2/21. I am excited to see what the next month brings in Second Grade!

A cartoon character of a spiral-bound notepad with a face, arms, and legs. It is holding a white rectangular sign with a red 'X' and a green division symbol. The notepad has a yellow star on its cover and is giving a thumbs-up.

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We can't believe how fast January flew by! We began the new year discussing resolutions and made some of our own, for school and at home. In writing, we were very creative with all our different stories about winter. The classroom is decorated with lots of different kinds of snowmen. Many of us can't wait for a big snowstorm! This month in Math we continued to learn our multiplication and division facts, all the way to the 10 table. We will soon also know the 11 and 12 tables. In Social Studies, we began learning all about different types of communities. In Science, we finished our Water Cycle unit. Next, we will learn about energy.

A group of four students are sitting on a wooden floor, engaged in a card game. They are all looking at their cards and smiling. The student on the right is wearing glasses and a grey sweater. The student on the left is wearing a light blue shirt. The student in the top left is wearing a dark blue shirt. The student in the bottom right is wearing a light blue shirt. There are several cards scattered on the floor around them.

We have begun reading *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. This story of a young boy who doesn't seem to fit anywhere has captured the hearts of the fourth graders.

We are discussing and learning about the first commandment, “I am the Lord your God; you shall not have any strange gods before me.”

Catholic Schools Week has just finished. What a fun week we had celebrating our great school. Thank you for all your support of Catholic education!



Grade 5 is flying by! The class is doing a beautiful job and working very hard. I'm so proud of their overall progress as we enter the third quarter. We are focused in Science on the ecosystems. They're learning and researching information about land and water biomes. They seem highly engaged in this unit which makes it very exciting to teach and learn about our organisms that live and occupy these biomes.

Our drama program of **The Jungle Book**, is going to be held on May 15th at 6:00PM, the cast is doing an excellent job. We hope to see you all in May!

With the beginning of the third quarter, the sixth grade Math class is preparing for a Chapter test on the topics of patterns and variables. The test will be administered on Friday,

Jan. 24th. In Religion, the sixth grade has finished their first test of the quarter on the Israelites' entry into the Promised Land and their capturing of the city of Jericho by extraordinary means.

The seventh grade Math is presently focusing on the means by which two-step equations are employed to solve word problems. In their Religion class, they have started a chapter discussing Jesus Christ as the Good New and what Good News it is!

The eighth grade Math class is finishing a unit on equations and inequalities learning that while both are solved by similar methods, inequalities bring true joy to a Middle School student's heart. In their Religion class, they have begun a story of the Crusades with its impact on Europe, the Middle East, and Christianity to this day

Grade 6 Science: This past month in science the students started to prepare for the science fair. So far, the students picked their topics and started to write their research papers that are due on Friday January 31, 2020. All due dates related to the science fair is posted on Google Classroom. The science fair will be on Friday March 20 from 1-2pm at the school. In addition to the science fair, the students will be starting a unit on clouds in the month of February.
Grade 6 Skills: This past week the students just took their unit 7 vocabulary test. The grade for that test is posted on their Sadler Connect accounts. The unit 8 vocabulary test is scheduled for Thursday February 13, 2020.

Grade 7 Science: This past month in science the students started to prepare for the science fair. So far, the students picked their topics and started to write their research papers that are due on Friday January 31. All due dates related to the science fair is posted on Google Classroom. The

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Grade 8 Literature: Our class had a great visit to the movie theater to see Little Women. We are currently reading Mark Twain's classic novel, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Our focus has been on realism, defining literary motifs, grammatical rules in various dialects, and race relations in the antebellum south.
Grade 8 Social Studies: The relationship between the Northern and Southern states has turned from one of economic comradery to hostility after planters and abolitionists argued over the future of slavery. This week, we saw how the rising tension hit a boiling point at Fort Sumter, thus igniting the Civil War.

Grade 7 Literature: We have read a non-fiction book, Puritan Girl/Mohawk Girl, by John Demos, as

a supplement to our unit on the French and Indian War. Our literary focus was on defining cultural differences.
Grade 7 Social Studies: When tension between the French and the British is quelled by the Proclamation of 1763, American Colonists feel constrained by the rule in Britain. Next, we are going to look at the relationship between People and Government, as we see the start of the Revolutionary War.

Grade 6 Literature: We are reading The Runaway King, by Jennifer Neilson. Students should have started working on their book reports!
Grade 6 Social Studies: We have been exploring Ancient China. We have learned about the geography, ancient forms of government, major achievements, arts, and culture of Ancient China.