

# ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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## Principal's News

We had a great day for our Walk-A-Thon last week. The weather couldn't have been better. Hopefully it will continue in the weeks ahead as we plan for our Field Day on Thursday, June 13. We'll have plenty of games to play and a nice lunch of pizza, drinks and dessert for everyone. As a matter of fact, any families who would like to donate water, juices or dessert would be appreciated. I'll take care of the pizza.

Please make a point of checking the school calendar for dress-down days for those students who have earned them from the Walk-A-Thon. These dates are only for those students who received dress-down day passes.

I was hoping I didn't have to keep reminding parents on this but we still have some parents who have not registered their child for the 2019-2020 school year. They've even told some of the teachers that they are coming back but haven't filled out their registration forms. With only days left now before school ends (last day is Friday, June 14), and our School Budget for next year only weeks away from being completed, we must know what our enrollment will be as we prepare for another school year.

Be it having to hire or not to hire extra teacher assistants to hours needed for staffing After-School Care, we need for those families who have not registered their child to get their forms in NOW. The Registration Fee of \$150 can be paid next month as I have been stating for the last few months.

## Continued Principal News...

Speaking of next year, FACTS financial awards have already been sent home to families who applied for them. As mentioned in every Newsletter and emails sent home since January, families who were looking for financial assistance for their child for the next school year had up to May 15 to apply. That window has now closed on applying for next year. Any financial aid parents were looking for now will only be from what funds I have from the St. Paul Parish. However, it is not a huge amount so what I do have will be gone by the time school gets out. Another reason to get your registration form in NOW!

A list of the following graduation dates and ceremonies are included in this months Newsletter.

### Graduation Dates & Ceremonies

Graduation Mass for the Class of 2019 will be held on Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 pm in St. Paul Church. An Awards Ceremony and refreshments for the graduates and their families will be held in the school auditorium immediately after Mass.

The Closing Ceremony for Pre-K and Formal Graduation Ceremony for Kindergarten will be on Wednesday, June 12 beginning at 9:00 for Pre-K and Kindergarten immediately following at 11:00 am. Children will be dismissed after each ceremony with their parents.

Our Annual Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, June 13. Students will walk to Fay Field in the morning returning by noon for Pizza and refreshments in the school cafeteria along with plenty of other desserts and drinks.

And as for our last day of school, it will be on Friday, June 14 with dismissal at 11:30 am. We will be having Mass that morning at 9:00 followed by the Award Ceremony at 10:45 in the school auditorium. Buses will be available.



**Eighth Grade Graduation**  
**Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30pm**

**PK3 & PK4**  
**Celebration**  
**Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am**

**Kindergarten**  
**Graduation**  
**Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am**



**Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:30am**

**HAPPY**  
**SUMMER**  
**VACATION!**



### Pre-K 3 & 4 News

May has passed so very quickly! We had so many adventures in our classes, with camping and our trip to Russia, we were so busy! We have really enjoyed our school year and we are amazed that it is coming to a close. The children have all grown in so many ways, and we are so proud of all of the progress they have made.

Remember that our classes will be walking to Rhodes School Playground on Tuesday, June 4th in the afternoon.

We will also have our end of the year celebration on Wednesday, June 12th at 9:00 a.m. Please have your child arrive to school at their normal time, so we have time to talk with them before their performance. The children will then be dismissed immediately following the ceremony. They do not need their lunchboxes or backpacks on this day! We can't wait to show you all of the wonderful things we have learned this year!



### Kindergarten News

May has been an exciting month in kindergarten. We got our chick eggs the first day of May and have been learning all about how they grow and live. We watched them for three weeks in the incubator and even got to take a peek at them with a flashlight and saw them moving around in the egg! When they finally hatched on May 22nd it was the most exciting day!! We have been watching them eat and grow and eat and grow and have even gotten to hold them! It'll be sad to see them go but I'm sure they are ready to head back to the farm with their friends.

In religion we learned all about Mother Mary and how special she is. We also learned how to pray the rosary.

In Spanish we learned about opposites and began learning about the letter names.

In math we started subtraction and in science we learned about plants, insects, and our senses.

We celebrated Mother's Day and made our moms cards and gifts to show them how much they mean to us.

### First Grade News

First grade has been very busy this month with the end of the year approaching! We wrapped up our religion series and began making prayer books for us to use as practice over the summer.

In math, we are beginning to review all the skills we have learned this year, such as ordinal numbers, addition and subtraction, problem-solving strategies, and much more.

We are almost done with unit 5 in our reading street series which includes stories that are about great ideas. The children loved reading the story, 'Tippy-toe, Chick go' and had

the opportunity to create a sequencing arts and crafts activity during their reading street wrap up.

We had writing workshop for a week and practiced all of the writing skills we have learned so far, such as capitalization, punctuation, and finger spaces.

In Spanish, Ms. Pena is teaching us how to say the letters of the alphabet. Aside from all the work we have accomplished this month, we also participated in many fun activities! We watched the drama club perform The Lion King, we walked to Roger Williams Park with third grade, we participated in the school walk-a-thon, and we also learned about Tide Pools at the Audubon Society with second and third grade!



### Second Grade News

Second grade really enjoyed their trip to the Audubon Society this month. They learned some wonderful facts about tide pools. The Audubon Society offers a wonderful variety of activities for the summer too.

We also had a great time on the Walkathon with 100% participation.

In Reading, we are finishing Unit 6 and reviewing grammar skills.

In Writing, we are working on making a second grade prayer book. This activity is a great way to review the 4 kinds of prayer.

In Math, we will be finishing up our review on Place Value and Adding/Subtracting Three Digit

Numbers. We have been reviewing time and money skills.

I know my class is looking forward to hosting the school liturgy on the last day of school Friday, June 14 at 9am. Please note that all are welcome to attend.

During the summer, please have your child review their reading and math skills ( especially their math facts). It will be helpful in their transition to third grade. Also, your child should continue writing in their class journal about their experiences during the summer.

Thanks again for all you do especially all the support and donations throughout the school year! Have a wonderful summer! God bless!



### Third Grade News



What a lovely month with so much to celebrate! We honored the Blessed Mary with prayers and activities.

We prepared for First Communion for those who received this sacrament on May 11th. Congratulations and

God Bless Arianna, Grady, Charlie and Ethan!!

In Science, we finished our Plant Unit and began to learn all about the ocean and sea life. When we went on our field trip to the Audubon Society we had lots of knowledge and tons of fun!

In Math, we worked with fractions and made flowers and posters. We just started multiplying two-digit numbers. We also achieved success in knowing our multiplication facts (0 – 10) and celebrated with an ice cream sandwich treat!

In Social Studies, we learned all about the country of Egypt. We wrote our names in hieroglyphics and walked to William Hall Library to do some research. We each chose a book about Egypt and wrote a report.

We had a great time when we walked to Roger Williams Park with our First Grade friends. We played, ate lunch and had relay races. The walk-a-thon was lots of fun too.

In writing, we were paired up and interviewed each other. Then we wrote biographies and shared them with the class.

We are looking forward to the next few weeks in June to wrap up our year as 3rd graders, and prepare for 4th grade.

Wishing a happy and safe summer to all!!



### Fourth Grade News

I can't believe the end of the school year is upon us! We've had a wonderful first year of our looping experience. The fourth grade is truly a

pleasure to teach and their love of learning is infectious. I want to say a big thank you to our Drama Club cast and families. We had the best year bringing Lion King to life, I'm so proud of all that we accomplished!

On Friday, June 7th we will be going on our field trip to Sturbridge Village. The class is beyond excited to explore this New England colony after completing their history pockets based on Colonial Life. We've had three incredible field trips this school year, and even more exciting that this field trip is FREE for our students! Great job Grades 4 and 5! Our last month of school is still extremely busy. The class is completing a unit on the Solar System and finishing their google slides based on research of the Solar System. They will be presenting the slides in the upcoming weeks.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe Summer!

### Fifth Grade News

Congratulations to all the actors and crew for participating in our Drama Club production of the Lion King. You did an amazing job! Thanks again to all the parents for your support, especially Mrs. O'Donoghue and Mrs. Mestre for your help with the snack table.

As we continue to learn what life was like in the British controlled colonies of the 18th century, we look forward to our field trip to Old Sturbridge Village. It promises to help us better understand about the colonists' daily lives and struggles.

We can't believe that we are almost done with 5th grade. We will be participating in a STEM activity with grades three and four in the last two week of school. It promises to be a fun and science-filled couple of weeks!



## Middle School News

### Sixth Grade News

**Grade 6 Social Studies** has been covering the medieval world from feudalism, to vikings, to church architecture. We even had a scavenger hunt in Saint Paul's Church to better learn about gothic architecture. Ask your child about buttresses.

**In Literature** has been looking at short, non-fiction stories. We read about the process of identifying a museum mummy as well as the voyage of the Titanic.

**In Science** the students are working on their final project. Each student was assigned a part of the brain that they are researching. With their assigned brain part they are to create a cereal box. For all the requirements have your child log into Google Classroom.

**In Skills** the students recently took their unit 15. They are now preparing for their final exam, which is on all the units. A study guide was posted on Google Classroom. You can check your child's progress by logging into their Sadlier Connect account.

The sixth and seventh grade **Math** and **Religion** classes are preparing for their exams which begin on June 7th. Please encourage them to review the material on a daily basis to perform at their best.

### Seventh Grade News

**Grade 7 Social Studies** will focus on preparing for the final exam from now until test day. Students should be reviewing their notes and flashcards on everything from the Renaissance up to the election of 1800.

**In Literature** has finished its poetry unit, and students should be preparing for their final exam. The literature final will ask them to read passages and write short essays based on the passages. Students can prep by reviewing how to best take active reading notes.

**In Science** the students have been working on their final project. For their final project they are required to create a 3D model of our solar system. They also need to research information about each planet. All the requirements are on Google Classroom.

**In Skills** the students recently took their unit 15. They are now preparing for their final exam, which is on all the units. A study guide was posted on Google Classroom. You can check your child's progress by logging into their Sadlier Connect account.

### Eight Grade News

**Grade 8 Social Studies** and Literature have completed their final exams, and students have received their portfolios. Please ask your child to show you their portfolio! They have done a lot of hard work this year, and I am so proud of each and every one of them for their accomplishments!

Congratulations to the eighth graders! They have worked so hard on both their skills and science final. Their skills final test grade will be on their Sadlier Connect Account. For the science final, it will be upload on their Google Classroom.

The eighth grade class is currently completing their exams and have been preparing for their Graduation Mass

followed by the awarding of diplomas on June 6th. The Mass will be followed by an awards ceremony to held in the Jean R. Patterson Auditorium.

Have a wonderful summer.

