

# ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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## Principal's News



As you can see, the Newsletter is going home earlier this month so that parents can see the schedule for **Catholic Schools Week** starting this **Sunday, January 28th** (see attachment). We will begin the day with **Mass at 9:30 am** followed by our **Open House from 10:30-1 pm**. If you know of anyone who may be interested in coming to our Open House please tell them. And, if that family does come and signs up their child, you will receive a discount on your tuition as well (please see me on what your discount will be).

For families with children currently enrolled at St. Paul School, please note that **Registration Forms** will be **going home on Monday, February 12th**. Please get them in ASAP so that we can begin to see what our needs are in the year ahead. The **Registration Fee of \$150** can come in later the following month if needed to do so.

Before I forget, we have already had two snow days so far. Hopefully the weather will not be as bad in the month ahead, but who knows. Either way, I factored in *four snow days* before school started.

## Continued Principal News...

### Financial Assistance

With Catholic Schools Week beginning, it's also the time for families who are looking for financial assistance for the 2018-2019 school year to begin applying for aid. By the way, as for our tuition for the 2018-2019 school year, Fr. Young and I both agreed on keeping the tuition at the same figure as we have for the last three years-NO increase once again on tuition!

Getting back to financial aid, please apply to [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com) It is extremely important that you begin the process now. **The cut-off date for the financial assistance is March 31st**. It only takes 20-25 minutes of your time and depending on your finances, you could receive anywhere from \$650 to \$1,500 worth of assistance towards your child's tuition. Well worth the time!

Please remember and most importantly, any parents requesting Parish Aid from St. Paul Church MUST go through factsmgt first. Just so you know, they're isn't a lot as it is from the parish, so apply to factsmgt first!

Mr. Corry



### BLOOD DRIVE

St. Paul Church  
Sunday Jan. 28, 2018  
8:00am-Noon  
Canning Hall

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

All presenting donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift card.

### Class Color Day Tuesday

PK3-	Yellow
PK4-	Purple
K-	Pink
1 <sup>st</sup> -	Red
2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Orange
4 <sup>th</sup> -	Red (like our buddies)
5 <sup>th</sup> -	Purple & Blue
6 <sup>th</sup> -	Yellow
7 <sup>th</sup> -	Blue
8 <sup>th</sup> -	Black



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## Pre-K 3 & 4 News

Happy New Year! January has been a very cold and snowy month, but we have had a “flurry” of learning happening in our Pre-K rooms!

Our students were excited to learn about the Gingerbread Man, winter animals, mittens and of course, snow!



We have been able to have lots of opportunity for science and discovery this month, and work on our basic skills as well. The children are continuing to work on developing their fine motor skills, too.

We are looking forward to February, as we celebrate

Groundhog Day, Valentine’s Day and healthy bodies.

## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten started off the new year, talking about New Year’s Resolutions. We even came up with our very own resolutions that we could work on in 2018.



We have been learning a lot about Arctic Animals. We are learning about where they live, what they eat, and how their bodies stay warm. We did the “blubber experiment” where the students stuck their hands in a bucket of ice water, but one hand was inside a “blubber glove” (a glove filled with Crisco to resemble blubber in an animal). They loved seeing how long they could keep their blubber hand in the cold water! We also got our hands dirty making 3D snowmen. We mixed shaving cream and glue to make puffy paint and scooped it onto paper to create really cool snowmen.

We talked about what it means to be a good friend

and how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, that everyone would be kind to one another.

We ended the quarter celebrating the children who have come to school everyday. They were awarded the Perfect Attendance Awards at our award ceremony.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## Grade 1 News

As always, January was a very busy month. The theme of Unit 3 in Reading Street has been change and growth. We’ll read about how we change, how our environment changes and how some things won’t change unless we work to change them. Next week we’ll read Frog and Toad stories - some of our favorites. If your child has a Frog and Toad book that they would like to read to the class, that would be great!

In Science, we continued our weather study by keeping a weather log. We recorded

the weather conditions each day as well as the high and low temperature of the day. We can confirm that it's been a very cold and snowy winter so far. As the winter progresses, we'll be on the lookout for weather changes and hopefully some warmer temperatures. We'll also continue our study of cold weather animals, migration and hibernation.



In Math, we began our chapter on graphing. We'll be working with tally charts, picture graphs, bar graphs, surveys and Venn graphs. We'll also begin working with place value to 100 to coincide with 100th day of school. Please check folders soon for details about our 100th day superhero capes.

Finally, Catholic Schools Week begins next week with Mass and open house on Sunday. We have some fun things planned for the week including school wide Bingo on Monday, class color day on Tuesday ( red for Grade 1 ) , an obstacle

course for Thursday and on Friday we are making Birthday Bags to donate. We will be asking first graders to donate birthday plates and napkins. Sounds exciting.



## Grade 2 News

Second grade has been working hard in math. We also have been reviewing two-digit addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. During the week of February 5th, we will be celebrating our 100th Day of School. There will be information going home to explain what our class will be doing to celebrate the number 100. We will be collecting canned goods during that week and our goal is to bring 100 canned goods or more!!!



## **RECONCILIATION**

In Religion, we have started our preparation for the Sacrament of

Reconciliation. The students are aware that everyday they make choices (good and bad) and when they don't make a good choice they can ask Jesus for forgiveness. We also have been talking about how we show the Light of Christ to others. The students have been learning the "Prayer of Sorrow".

Our Reading stories in Unit 3 have tied in nicely with our religion lessons. The stories taught us about kindness. The story of Rosa and Blanca talked about the big idea that if you are generous to others, they will be generous to you. Next week the students will get their new reading book which has the last three units we will use for the year.

As part of a writing project, my students wrote letters to family that lived out of state. When the students receive a response letter, they are able to share it with the class. We also talk a little about where their family member lives. Hopefully my students will continue to write letters to their family. It is very exciting when someone receives mail!

Thanks again for all the help and support our families show in second grade! Your kindness is appreciated!





### Grade 3 News

It has been a very Happy New Year in grade 3 so far! We started the year by writing down some resolutions and goals we have for the remainder of third grade. This month, we also began working in our vocabulary books and started reviewing cursive handwriting. We are getting really good at it!

For Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, we read several books about him and wrote our own "I have a dream" stories. In Math, everyone recently received their orange belt in our "Kickin' it" multiplication program! We are introducing division this month, as well. In Science, we are studying forces in motion and how things move. We will end the month with a special visit from Mad Science to celebrate Sam's birthday!

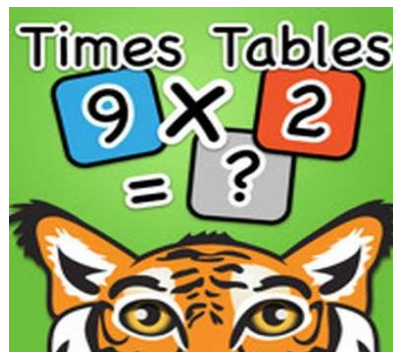
In February, we are looking forward to Catholic School's Week and hosting Ash Wednesday Mass on February, 14th!

### Grade 4 News

Grade Four is excited to conclude our Global Fun Day efforts with our celebration on Friday, February 2nd at 1:00PM in the school auditorium. All families are invited to come see and learn a little bit about the countries we, along with Grade Five, have been studying. This will be a fitting way to wrap up Catholic Schools Week.

This week we finished our read-a-loud book, Maniac Magee. We enjoyed sampling Butterscotch Krimpets, one of Maniac's favorite treats. This book reminded us of our religion studies and the importance to "Love One Another."

We have begun our work in the Vocabulary Workshop Series. We will not only focus on the spelling of the words, but more importantly the definition and proper use for each term.



In math, students should continue to study their

multiplication tables each night. This will truly benefit them as we continue to learn how to solve larger problems.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our opening mass for Catholic Schools Week this Sunday at 9:30AM. Thank you for all you do and all your support of Saint Paul School.



### Grade 5 News

Grade 5 just finished a wonderful and productive second quarter. We are now focusing on the conclusion of Global Fun Day which will be held during Catholic Schools Week. Grades 4 and 5 have been hard at work completing their research in preparation for the big day. In Social Studies we've also just finished a long unit on the Thirteen Colonies and now entered the beginning of the American Revolution. We are starting our new set of

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history pockets that go along with the Revolution. They love working on their pockets along with the art activities that go with it.

In Language Arts, we are reading a new story based on the Everglades. The class is also working on a research project focusing on the plant and animal life in the Everglades. This is a project that crosses curriculum, as it's important for both LA and Science. We are spending a great deal of time on the writing process and the importance of the five steps in creating a well thought out essay. I'm working with them on peer editing and revising before handing in the finished product. I look forward to reading their research!



## Middle School News



## Sixth Grade News

As we begin the third Quarter, the sixth grade **Math** class is finishing a section on estimating quotients using compatible numbers and rounding.

The sixth grade **Religion** class continues its' study of the division of Israel into the Northern and Southern Kingdom, following the death of Solomon.

In sixth grade **Science**, the students are in the middle of chapter 16 which deals with fish, amphibians and reptiles. We will be finished with the chapter in a few days and will have a chapter test next week.

In **Vocabulary**, the students finished unit 9 and had the test for this unit on Thursday 1/25. The unit review for chapters 7, 8, and 9 will be next week. All unit tests and reviews are on line along with their scores for each quiz. Simply log onto [sadlier.com](http://sadlier.com) and punch

in your child's user name and password.

In grade 6 **Social Studies**, we have been immersed in the culture, traditions and histories of Ancient India. We have been paying close attention to the role of religions, and have been discussing the backgrounds and beliefs of Hinduism and Buddhism.

In grade 6 **Literature**, we have started reading Jennifer Nielson's "The False Prince," which is a fantasy novel sure to keep the sixth graders on their toes. Filled with sword fights, treason, and deception, my hope for this quarter is to help students continue to develop a love for reading while we work on comprehension.

## Seventh Grade News

In **Math**, the seventh grade has started a unit on Inequalities, focusing on what they are and how they are graphed.

In **Religion** class, the seventh grade has finished a chapter giving an overview of the Seven Sacraments, which leads to a more detail study of each sacrament.

In seventh grade Science, the students are still working on chapter 11, which deals

with the Earth's oceans and fresh water systems.

In **Vocabulary**, the students have finished chapter 9 and will be taking the unit review test for chapters, 7.8.and 9 on Friday 1/26. All unit tests and reviews are on line along with their scores for each quiz. Simply log onto [sadlier.com](http://sadlier.com) and punch in your child's user name and password.

In grade 7 **Social Studies**, we are focusing on the growing tensions between the colonies, Britain, and France in the decades leading up to the American Revolution. Additionally, we have explored the cause and effects of the Great Awakening and the Enlightenment.

In grade 7 **Literature**, after working on Literature relative to the Great Awakening (in conjunction with Social Studies), students are trying their hands at persuasive writing, in which they need to hold an opinion and defend it using various types of evidence. After essays are complete, we will be reading a historical thriller in the form of a ghost story.

### **Eighth Grade News**

The eighth grade **Math** class is finishing a chapter related to the Real Number System,

Properties of Real Numbers, and the Pythagorean Theorem.

In **Religion**, the eighth grade class continues its' study of Church History, focusing on the Crusades and the Inquisition, during the period known as the High Middle Ages.

In eighth grade **Science**, the students have started chapter 13 which deals with work and energy. Their first quiz in this chapter was Wednesday 1/24.

In **Vocabulary**, the students are starting unit 10. All unit tests and reviews are on line along with their scores for each quiz. Simply log onto [sadlier.com](http://sadlier.com) and punch in your child's user name and password.

In grade 8 **Social Studies**, we have just concluded the American Civil War, and are entering the period of reconstruction. Students will be having their chapter 7 test in early February, and may opt out of the test if they instead choose to write a well researched essay on a topic related to the Civil War or Reconstruction.

In grade 8 **Literature**, as an expansion on our Studies of the Civil War, we have been reading "Which Way to Freedom?" This book is a

well researched work of historical fiction detailing the role of African Americans in the Civil War. After we complete this book, we will be reading Lynn Joseph's "The Color of my Words," which is a story set in the Dominican Republic.