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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School

December 4, 2014

Calendar

December

Fri, December 5

- Progress Period Ends
- Saint Nicholas Day
- Rittenhouse Visit (1st gr.)

Sat, December 6

- Market Day
- First Reconciliation Day

Wed, December 10

- Christmas Program
6:30PM

Thurs, December 11

- Progress Reports

Fri, December 12

- Saint Lucy's Day
- First Reconciliation
Breakfast
- Caroling (3rd gr.)

Sat, December 13

- Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

Sun, December 14

- Speech Team Open House

Fri, December 19

- Spirit Wear Day
- Christmas Parties
1:30-2:15

December 20-January 4

- Christmas Vacation

January

Mon, January 5

- School Back in Session
- Dress Alternative Day

Tues, January 6

- Bishop Hying's Mass of
Installation

From our school Principal

In Preparation—Jane Scupham

In Advent we cry out, "Come, O come Emmanuel! Come, visit us and bring your peace to hearts filled with the cares and troubles of our lives. Let us become a holding place for you as we begin this blessed season."

-from [*Let Us Adore Him*](#)

Cleaning

It's a word that can strike dread in the hearts of some and pleasure in others. I'm someone who has to be in the mood for it and once whatever it is that needed cleaning is sparkling, I wonder why I didn't do it sooner. Once when I was on an antiquing outing with friends, we came across some sets of vintage dishtowels embroidered with a sweet puppy performing a household task for each day of the week. After we all marveled over the cute design and the shame of someone's beautifully executed stitchery ending up for sale in a shop, I couldn't help but feel that the puppy looked way too happy on the cleaning day towel, but maybe he likes the end results too.

Cleaning

Tidy up those items in disarray, straighten those pictures, polish the furniture, and bring new life and light to the space that was once dark and disorderly. This is what we as Christians are called to do during Advent—a spiritual cleaning—a cleaning of the heart to make room for our Savior to reside within. A spiritual cleaning checklist, although not embroidered on towels, might look like this:

- Sweep away those thoughts that keep you from building relationships
- Polish your language so your words bring happiness and hope
- Spritz the room you're in with a joyful attitude
- Rub away your imperfections first before looking to find others'
- Shine your e-mails so they spread the Good News
- Prepare your heart to be receive God's unbounded love

Cleaning--it's worth it!



Prayers

We often have many SPCS family members and friends in need of your prayers as they battle serious illnesses. Please pray for them.

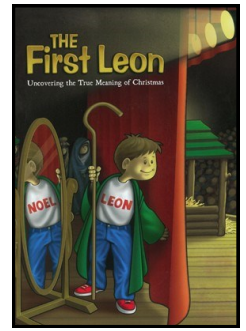
- ◇ Wendi Balda
- ◇ Laura Bernardini
- ◇ Judy Bretz
- ◇ Melissa Buynak
- ◇ Tommy Folan
- ◇ Valerie Hawes
- ◇ Lothar Klumpp
- ◇ Steve O'Shea, son of Mr. Michael O'Shea and father of Lilly (7) and Miles O'Shea (3)

Note: If you would like to request prayers for someone, please send a note to the office marked "Link" or simply send an email to <Link@stpaulvalpo.org>. Thanks!

Business— *Sally Calland*

Our Christmas Program: The First Leon

This Wednesday, December 11th is our annual Christmas Program. Held in the Church, the doors will open at 6:00pm. Students are expected to be in the Social Hall by 6:15pm and dressed in their Christmas finery. Please NO JEANS and NO TENNIS SHOES. The Program will start promptly at 6:30pm.



Great Job Saint Paul Speech Team!!! — *Coach Sherman*

Because of our great group effort we came in 1st Place at the Stanley Clark Speech Meet last week !!! We are so proud of our team !!!

We are headed to our last and biggest meet at Brebeuf in Indy - Get psyched!!!

Here are the team's individual results:

Drama

Steven Mileusnich - 1st
Alecia Wichlinski - 2nd
Ashley Graegin - 4th

Impromptu Speaking

Jack Barone - 3rd

Original Oratory

Alyssa Graegin - 1st

Poetry

Eileen Uthuppan - 1st
Anastasia Sweet - 2nd
Gracie Farrall - 6th
Jack Keimig - 6th
Grace Bonczyk - 8th

Radio/Broadcasting

Genna Ruiz - 3rd

Discussion

Grace Healy - 3rd
Steven Leshner - 2nd

Oratorical Declamation

Seyi Ogundipe - 1st
William Bogan - 1st
A.K. Flude - 3rd
Lilly O'Shea - 4th

Humor

Annie Sherman - 1st
Finn Galvin - 1st
Jak Krouse - 1st
John Runnion - 2nd
Eli Sewell - 3rd
Bobby Woodburn - 5th
Andrew Borowiak - 5th

Memorized Duo

Annie Sherman and John Runnion - 1st

Scripted Duo

Paige Knight and Sammie Farrall - 3rd
Kaitlyn Sayers and Anastasia Sweet - 2nd
Eli Sewell and Steven Drenth - 1st

Prose

Jake Tarnow - 6th
Garrett Mroz - 3rd
Rachael Moore - 3rd
Kaitlyn Sayers - 1st



Santa is Coming! Sunday! — *Helen Flude*

Kids, here's the chance to personally tell Santa why you deserve the new XBOX or Taylor Swift tickets. Santa has cleared his busy schedule for the afternoon, and will sleigh on over to Martin Binder Jeweler! On Sunday, December 7th, come on over to Martin Binder's on US 30 from 12 pm to 4 pm (that means you have three days to be good!) Digital photos with the man in red will be available. And register to win our famous "World's Largest Toy-Filled Christmas Stocking." For more information visit martinbinders.com and click on the News and Events tab.



MARTIN BINDER
JEWELER



Coaches' Pride— *Coach Ruiz*

Going into the Thanksgiving Break our sixth grade Panther boys basketball team is the only undefeated 6th grade CYO team at 7-0. "We have really come together as a team" says Coach Fred Ruiz. "Each player is contributing and making a difference on the court. Our starters Sam Ruiz at point, Patrick Sayers at guard, Michael Zajac at center and forwards Will Ruiz and Jason Isley are doing a great job moving the ball around, but it's our improving bench players Amol Verma and Robert Pruzin and Evan Hartman that are helping to keep us ahead for the whole game".

Coach Zajac agrees, "Through seven games I could not be more proud this season. Each boy has shown improvement and done what their coaches have needed them to do."

"It's our ability to adapt that has really impressed me," says Coach Mario Ruiz. "The St. Casimir team was really huge, but we worked the ball around and used our speed to get buckets. We just have so many different capabilities." So please give a fist bump to your 6th grade Panthers, and let's cheer them on to keep the great season going through the tournament.



Good Competition — *Coach Cavanaugh*

The 7th grade boys (Cavanaugh Team) played their best competition of the season this weekend and defeated St. Michael's on Saturday 24-18 and lost to St. John Baptist 30-9. In the win on Saturday, Jack Barone scored 11 points, Tommy Cavanaugh 9 points and Dylan Radinsky scored 4 points. William Bogan, Bobby Woodburn and Eli Sewell made the difference on defense in the first half holding St. Mike's to only 7 points. In the loss on Saturday, the Panthers struggled offensively but were led in scoring with a great effort by Carlo Barone with 5 points. The Panthers are now 6-1 on the season!

Tarnow Report— *Coach Tarnow*

The 7th grade Tarnow basketball team defeated St. Mary Griffith last Saturday, November 22nd. 47-18. The boys played great defense as everyone scored. Brandon Mack led the way with 25.

The Panthers defeated St Mary CP on Sunday 57-11. Everyone on the team scored at least 4 points in a total team victory! The team is at 8-0.



Great Overtime Victory!!— *Caeden Meade*

Saturday, November 22nd, the St. Paul 5th grade boys' basketball team (Meade/Boxum) beat St. Michael's in overtime with a score of 18-13! Our scorers were Michael Seymour with 2, Jacob Marcyda with 2, Cameron Meade with 1, Caeden Meade with 3 and Brady Byvoets with 10 points!!! The whole team helped out with strong defense, advancing the Panthers' record to 5 and 2. Way to go Panthers!! Let's have a great rest of the season!

An Undefeated Team— *Jason Isley*

Over the weekend of November 22nd and 23rd, the 6th grade boys' basketball team played two terrific games. The first was against Nativity with 19 points scored in all. Sam Ruiz contributed 7 points, Will Ruiz added 10 points, and Jason Isley added 2 points.

Then, on Sunday, the team played an amazing game against St. Casimir. The Panthers won with 39 points. Sam Ruiz scored 18 points, and Will Ruiz chipped in 9 points. Michael Zajac added 6 points to the win. Both games were wonderful and the coaching was amazing.

Boys' Basketball



December 4th

7th (T) - 4:30PM @ SPCS vs. Thomas Jefferson

December 6th

5th (K) - 11:00AM @ St. Michael vs. St. Michael #2
5th (M) - 11:00AM @ Lincoln vs. Jane Ball
6th - 11:00AM @ St. Thomas More vs. St. Thomas More #1
7th (C) - Bye
7th (T) - Bye
8th - **schedule not available at time of publication**

December 7th

5th (K) - 5:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Thomas More
5th (M) - 4:00PM @ SPCS vs. Nativity
6th - 3:00PM @ SPCS vs. Aquinas
7th (C) - 2:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist #2
7th (T) - 1:00PM @ St. Stanislaus vs. St. Stanislaus
8th - **schedule not available at time of publication**

December 11th

7th (T) - 6:00PM @ SPCS vs. Immanuel Lutheran

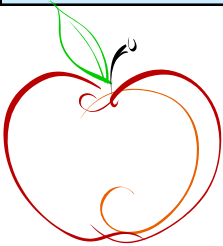
Weekend Schedule

It's a great day to be a Panther!



Alumni News

Do you keep in touch with SPCS alumni? Drop us an email at <Link@stpaulvalpo.org> to share their news. Thank you!



A fundraiser like no other!

Market Day— *Chris Mileusnich*

Market Day pickup is this Saturday the 6th between 9-10am in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Mileusnich at 464-2829 or via Fast Direct. Thank you for supporting our school!

Mission Statement

At Saint Paul Catholic School, teachers, parents, and students work together to create a safe, caring environment, based on Christian values and service to others, that enables students to learn and develop spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically.

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