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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School February 20, 2014

From one of Our Parents

Calendar

February

- Fri, February 15
- End of Progress Period
- Sat. February 22
- Market Day
- GS Spaghetti Dinner
- February 24-28
- All God's Children Awareness Week
- Mon, February 24
- SAC Meeting 6:30PM
- Tue, February 25
- \$2.00 Dress Down Day for All God's Children
- Thurs, February 27
- Progress Reports
- Fri, February 28
- Family Friday
- Read Across America Day
- Special Guest Readers!
- Choir's Chili Supper

March

- Sat, March 1
- 1st Communion Retreat
- March 3-19
- I-Step+ Testing
- Mon, March 3
- Dress Alternative Day
- 8th gr. Field Trip
Shakespeare Theater
- Tue, March 4
- Mardi Gras Luncheon
- Wed, March 5
- Ash Wednesday
- Fri, March 7
- Men's Club Fish Fry
- Sat, March 8
- 17th Annual 5K Spirit Run

Kindness to All God's Children—*Jorie Moberley*

I've been feeling nostalgic lately about our years at Saint Paul Catholic School. Our oldest is in 8th grade and as I've sifted through old pictures to include in this year's slideshow, fond memories came to mind. From adorable Christmas programs and holding my breath while she calmly and effortlessly breezed through a reading at mass; to Principal's honor roll, Christian Attitude Awards, and first place finishes at speech meets; Lauren has absolutely thrived at Saint Paul's. So, it was only natural that we wanted that same type of experience for our younger children. But would they enjoy the same type of success? Our middle child, Ryan, has a high functioning form of autism. In addition to awkward social skills, he struggles with reading comprehension, short term memory, and analytical skills. After a rough start in kindergarten that made me doubt Ryan's future at our school, we enrolled him in first grade, and quickly realized it was one of the best decisions we've ever made. Mrs. Czapla taught Ryan to enjoy school again. She made him feel capable and worthy of a top notch education. Despite his speech issues she put him on the altar to do a reading during mass and he was flawless! She believed in him and he knew it. In second grade, Mrs. Rowley patiently navigated my neuroses as the work became more challenging; promptly answering innumerable Fast Directs. To date, our biggest challenge has been third grade. But once again Ryan was blessed with a wonderful teacher. Mrs. Halaschak had a seemingly endless supply of patience with Ryan. She provided constant encouragement, never raised her voice (even when she probably should have), and methodically did whatever she could to ensure his success. She even had her husband come in and sit with him during a test when Mrs. Miller was away from school. She firmly believed that every child should have an opportunity to receive a Catholic education regardless of their ability.

That kindness has extended beyond the classroom. Mrs. Czekaj once sent us a Fast Direct just to tell us how impressed she was with Ryan when he used the office phone. She wanted us to know how polite and well-mannered he was on the phone. Recently one of the moms in the lunch room noticed Ryan looked a little sad so she sent me a Fast Direct to let me know and make sure he was doing ok. Finally, Mrs. Knoll made sure Ryan had an opportunity to practice using the combination lock for the gym lockers so he wouldn't get flustered during gym class. These people probably don't even remember doing these things, but they were acts of kindness we'll never forget. These are just a few examples of the type of people who grace the halls of our school. They are people who live their faith and recognize the value of every individual.

All God's Children, the parent support group for children with special needs, also recognizes the value of every individual and believes every child should have an opportunity to receive a Catholic education. My participation in this unique group has provided me with the support and encouragement that parents of special needs children often seek. All God's Children helps parents navigate the unfamiliar world of IEP's, 504b's, and case conferences and seeks to provide information and resources to the teachers in our school. I would encourage any parent with a special needs child to check out All God's Children; it has been a valuable resource in Ryan's educational journey.

Prayers

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

- ◇ John Bacino
- ◇ Barbara Billmeyer
- ◇ Jerry Burke
- ◇ Dale Cobble
- ◇ John Farrall
- ◇ Marie Grisafi
- ◇ Judy Valade

With Our Lord

We ask for prayers for the family of Dan Gorrick, grandfather of John (gr. 6) and Emma Runnion (gr. 8). He has recently gone Home to be with Our Father.

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 — Jane Scupham

Make-up Days for Snow Days

Thus far, the school has used 6 snow days this year. (Hopefully, no more will be needed!) The January 6th and 7th days have been waived by the State of Indiana and do not need to be made up. The January 8th snow day was made up on Friday, **February 14th**. January 27th will be made up with our **April 21st** built-in snow day. January 28th will be made up with our **May 16th** built-in snow day. February 5th will be made up by moving our last day of school to **June 6th**.

Registration

Just a reminder to send in your registration forms and deposit for next school year, 2014-2015. We have received 80% of current family registrations, thank you! Our registration is now open to those outside the SPCS community. Your registration holds your student's spot for the upcoming school year.

Uniform Check

Please check your child's uniform to make sure that it is proper fitting. As Spring approaches many of our students will have a growth spurt. It is important to make sure that their school and gym uniforms are appropriate for school. Please be sure to make the proper accommodations.



Chili Supper — Anna Funk

The Saint Paul Church Adult Choir will hold their annual all-you-can-eat Chili Supper on Friday, February 28th from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Church Social Hall. Tickets are \$5 per person and children under 3 are free. Hot dogs will be available for \$1.00. Additionally, a special bake sale featuring the baking expertise of select choir members will be offered for an additional charge. (Hint: Mrs. Funk's special Polish Nut Roll will be available!)

Tickets will be on sale after Masses during the weekend of Feb. 22 and 23. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We hope you can attend our dinner that will warm you during this cold and relentless winter. We thank you for supporting our ministry.

Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner

— *Domenica Hartman*

Saturday, February 22 from 4:00-7:00pm in the School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door.



Middle School *May Think* the Bible is Boring. *But It Doesn't Have to Be!* — Cathie Dull

Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday is the new Bible study for middle-school-age youth by Mark Hart. Through fun & engaging video and discussion sessions, middle schoolers will experience God as a loving father with a great plan for them. They will also learn about the Biblical roots of the Sacraments and the Mass.

Join us for *Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday* at the St. Paul School Library (1755 W. Harrison). This four-week Bible study is on Thursdays beginning February 27- March 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Cost is \$12.00 for materials. Snacks are provided. All middle schoolers are WELCOME!

For more information or to register for the study, call Cathie Dull at 508-5606 or via email: stpaulvalpoedge@gmail.com.



Exploring the Frozen Tundra—*Kathy Olson*

The fourth graders read the story "Antarctic Journal," so what better way to study the Antarctic, than to explore the frozen tundra in our own backyard. Under the supervision of Mrs. Bogan and Mrs. Olson, we headed out to the snow covered Saint Paul School playground. Here the teachers observed our scientists, explorers and building engineers as they worked together to build snow slides, snow sculptures and even make a few discoveries. A group of students who were trying to pack snow into bricks to build an igloo, found that the snow was too dry to pack, much like the snow in Antarctica. However, while gathering the snow, the students discovered a thick sheet of ice under the snow. If we had ice skates, we could have gone ice skating on our own field.



Read Across America Week is Next Week (*Elementary Level Only*)

Monday, February 24, 2014 - "Door Decorating Monday"

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 (\$2 Dress Down Day for All God's Children) - "Buddy Up and Read Tuesday"

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 - "Fox in Socks Wednesday"

Thursday, February 27, 2014 - "Lunchtime Lemonade Wars"

Friday, February 28, 2014 - "Celebrity Guest Reader Day"

Outstanding Q2 Perfect Attendance

1st Grade—David Feria, Laney Mario, Meg Moberley, Emmie Rowley, Charlie Sur

2nd Grade—John Clements, Charlie Dauterman, Jorie Irving, Maggie Kuka, Connor Lux

3rd Grade—Lauren Colon, Christen Haas

4th Grade—Curtis Baum, Jack Behnke, Andrew Buxom, Patrick Brogan, Peter Clements, Grayson Collins, Sam Dull, Clare Frawley, Ethan Hutton, Trevor Knight, Jake Long, Gabe Lux, Jacob Mar cayda, Cori O'Connor, Sophia Pinkie, Ethan Schlyer, Isabelle Sweet, Isabelle Uthuppan

5th Grade—Jessica Fazekas, Evan Hartman, Claudia Nicksic, Maddie Rowley, Ryan Schlyer, Abby Sur

6th Grade—Sarah Cavanaugh, Hannah Cunningham, Hannah Dauterman, Jak Krouse, Bridget Meccia, Dylan Radinsky

7th Grade—Erin Arzich, Maddie Clements, Mary Horn, Sarah Huth, William Kopp, Kayla Mar cayda, Katie Sullivan, Jamee West

8th Grade—Evan Mroz

Awesome Q2 100% Homework

1st Grade—Brie Alex, Gabriella Artis, Jacob Barajas, Thomas Barajas, Jeff Behnke, Nick Bravo, Marissa Clements, Madison Cole, Jackie Conroy, Caden Crowell, Mark Dietz, Ethan Fagen, David Feria, Thomas Flynn, Aubrie Graegin, Michael Hammett, Charles Kopp, Laney Mario, Anthony Mendez, Emily Mistina, Meg Moberley, Avery Mroz, Tessa Powell, Emmie Rowley, Emily Seymour, Bryn Solmos, Charlie Sur, Christian Sutliff, Anthony Vedo, JJ Welch, Ryan Wiktor

2nd Grade—Isabella Beach, David Behnke, Carolyn Boxum, Lily Braming, Brooke Byvoets, Brady Cavanaugh, Sophia Cavanaugh, John Clements, Sofia Cox, Grace Cutean, Hunter Dado, Charlie Dauterman, Katrina Drenth, Drew Ebersberger, Andres Guzman, Ben Hernandez, Jorie Irving, Ava Jaime, Bradley Kaminski, Maggie Kuka, Connor Lux, Carter MacLennan, Rianne Murphy, Katelyn Nguyen, Charlie Orthman, Samantha Osborne, Miles O'Shea, Ava Pruzin, Anne Schmaltz

3rd Grade—Lorlelai Hunter, Nicole Ivers, Abby Krouse, Katy Levenda, Emma Malloy, Matt Plys, Elle Stone, Avery Thompson, Kate Wiktor

4th Grade—Abby Alex, Curtis Baum, Jack Behnke, Alex Borowiak, Andrew Boxum, Patrick Brogan, Brady Byvoets, Nicole Cespedes, Patricia Cespedes, Mary Clark, Peter Clements, Ian Cox, Ciara Dalton, Kristin Downey, Michael Flynn, Clare Frawley, Samantha Guernsey, Will Halsey, Alana Jardenil, Jack Kuka, Karli LoDuca, Jake Long, Gabe Lux, Lily Malloy, Jacob Mar cayda, Ellie McQuestion, Caeden Meade, Cameron Meade, Miranda Miller, Cameron Milroy, Ryan Moberley, Grace Mulshine, Eric Page, Shannon Pidrak, Joe Pinho, Sophia Pinkie, Taylor Powell, Bridget Sherman, Kailyn Smith, Isabelle Sweet, Isabelle Uthuppan

Weekend Schedule

Girls' Basketball



February 22th

5th - 1:00PM @ St. Thomas More vs. St. Thomas More #2
 6th (L) - 12:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist #2
 6th (S) - 11:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist #1
 7th - 10:00AM @ St. Michael vs. St. Michael
 8th - 10:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Baptist

February 23rd

5th - 4:00PM @ St. Michael vs. St. Michael
 6th (L) - Bye
 6th (S) - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Thomas More
 7th - 2:00PM @ SPCS vs. Our Lady of Grace
 8th - 1:00PM @ St. Michael vs. St. Michael

A fundraiser like no other!

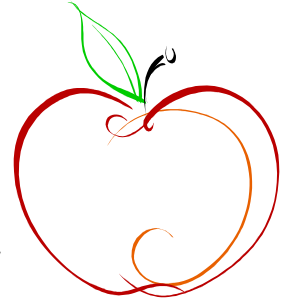
Market Day— *Chris Mileusnich*

Market Day pick up is this Saturday the 22nd from 9-10am in the school cafeteria. Thank you for supporting our school!

Help Fill the Yearbook!— *Natalia Cox*

Please help us fill the yearbook. We are looking for photos that you may have taken at school, on field trips, or at St. Paul sporting events to put in the yearbook. Any photo will be greatly appreciated, but we really need photos from athletic events and middle school dances. We prefer digital photo files, but any format is acceptable. Please send the disk or photos to Natalia Cox or you can email them to me at nataliacox74@yahoo.com. The “deadline” for photo submission is Friday, Feb. 28.

Thank you for your help! Call Natalia Cox (707-7253) with any questions.



Alumni News

Andrean High School Honors

Andrean Society—**Jake Sherman** 9 (SPCS '13), **Mary Stazinski** 9 (SPCS '13), **Lauren Stazinski** 12 (SPCS '10)

“A” Honor Roll—**Katie Buynak** 10 (SPCS '12), **Madeline Buynak** 12 (SPCS '10), **Nina Hartman** 11 (SPCS '11), **Haley Hrosik** 11 (SPCS '11), **Sara Hutton** 11 (SPCS '11), **Emily Kopp** 12 (SPCS '10), **Maddi Lesch** 12 (SPCS '10), **Marija Nicksic** 12 (SPCS '10), **Allie Satoski** 9 (SPCS '13), **Tiffany Vedo** 9 (SPCS '13)

“B” Honor Roll—**Matthew Anjorin** 11 (SPCS '11), **Evan Fogel** 12 (SPCS '10), **Katie Kras** 12 (SPCS '10), **Kate Meccia** 12 (SPCS '10), **Patrick Meccia** 11 (SPCS '11), **Jaiden Satoski** 10 (SPCS '12), **Anne Mari West** 9 (SPCS '13).

Congratulations to our distinguished alumni!

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



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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