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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School

February 9, 2017

Calendar

February

- Mon, February 13
- SAC Mtg 6:30PM
- Tues, February 14
- Valentine's Day
- Thurs, February 16
- Progress Period Ends
- February 17-20
- Mid-Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
- Thurs, February 23
- Progress Reports
- Fri, February 24
- Family Friday
- February 27
- I-STEP+ Testing Window Opens
- Tues, February 28
- Mardi Gras Luncheon
- Spirit Wear Day

March

- Wed, March 1
- Ash Wednesday
- Fri, March 3
- Fish Fry
- Mon, March 6
- Dress Alternative Day
- Wed, March 8
- Talent Show Try-outs
- Mon, March 13
- I-READ Testing Window Opens
- 7th GR Play Performance for Parents

From our Principal

Distinguished Graduate Awarded to Mrs. Patty Taylor—*Jane Scupham*

Each year at the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, we recognize a distinguished graduate of Saint Paul Catholic School. This award, given by the National Catholic Educational Association, is intended to honor graduates of Catholic elementary schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. The recipient must have graduated from the Catholic school at least ten years prior to receiving the award.

This year's recipient of the SPCS's Distinguished Graduate Awards is Mrs. Patricia Maas Taylor. Patty was born in Berwyn, Illinois to John and Alice Maas. She was baptized in Illinois at St. Louis De Marillac Church. She received her First Communion at Saint Paul's in 1966 and a year later she received the sacrament of Confirmation. Patty started at SPCS on August 31, 1965 in second grade. During her middle school years at Saint Paul's, Patty had the distinction of having Perfect Attendance all 3 years. Her permanent file also showed that she was a very good student during her elementary and middle school years. Patty graduated from SPCS in June of 1972 and went on to Valparaiso High School where she graduated in 1976. She is a 1980 graduate of Indiana University graduating with a BS. Two years later, Patty received her MBA from IU Northwest. On November 18th, 2000 Patty married Rob Taylor at Saint Paul Church.

When speaking about her SPCS experience, Patty remembers a feeling of being safe and loved at school. "The nuns and lay teachers were always building up the students and offering encouragement to everyone." Patty said that she always felt a part of the school family. Her third grade was exceptionally fun with Sr. Marie Anthony. When asked on the nomination form to reflect on the characteristics of the education she received at her elementary school, Patty listed her continuing love of education, her leadership ability and her strong Catholic faith which has guided her throughout her life.

Those leadership abilities that she credits SPCS for beginning have obviously served her well in her professional life. Patty works as a contractor at Arcelor Mittal where she is the Team Lead for desktop computers. Patty praised her parents for their strong Catholic faith and passing that onto their children. Patty serves on the Board at Saint Agnes and is a member of the Parish Council. Patty said that the feel of the pew gives comfort to her and that the church is a welcoming community where there is always a place for you.

We are blessed to have Patty Maas Taylor as a graduate of SPCS and as an active member of our church.

Prayers

We often have many SPCS family members and friends in need of your prayers. Please pray for them.

- ◇ **Laura Bacino**
- ◇ **Wendi Balda**
- ◇ **Adrean Campbell**
- ◇ **Diana Huard**
- ◇ **George and Mary K Kepchar**
- ◇ **Anthony Mendez**
- ◇ **Frank Nicksic**, grandfather of Claudia (8), Maggie (7), Frankie (6), and Vivi Nicksic (3)
- ◇ **Elyce Perry**
- ◇ **Kelly Ricciardi**

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the family of **Arlin Meyer**, grandfather of Matthew Meyer (8), who passed away.

Business — *Jane Scupham*

NO News Next Week

There will be NO LINK or White Envelope next week due to the long 4 day weekend.

Part-Time Employment Opportunity

The SPCS After School Care Program is in need of an additional worker to help Ms. Dawn. We are seeking someone who is loving and kind and able to bring their talents to help with After School Care activities. Candidates must have Virtus training and be over 18 years old. The hours are from 2:30 to 6:00pm Monday through Friday during the school year. The position is part-time and the hourly rate is \$12 per hour.

Interested candidates should contact Mrs. Scupham by phone 462-3374 or by e-mail principal@stpaulvalpo.org.

Saint Paul Class of 2013 — *Pat Bengert*

Recently, the Saint Paul Class of 2013 gathered at Mrs. Bengert's home and shared their exciting and impressive future plans.

Noah Barajas will attend Indiana University, majoring in media production and advertising (Noah has moved to Indianapolis with his family, but he texted his classmates at the gathering!)

Zoe Crim will major in International Affairs. She is undecided about the school, but is leaning toward Indiana University.

Brenden Gerig is planning to attend West Point.

Ryan MacDonald will attend Indiana University, majoring in International Business.

Peyton Mahlmann will major in pre-med, but has not decided on a college.

Sam Malloy will major in film but has not decided on a college.

Jack McQuestion will attend Arizona State, majoring in Computer Science.

Freddy Meccia will attend Xavier University and major in finance.

Chris Newhard will attend Western Michigan but has not decided on a major.

Megan Petre has plans that are undecided at this time.

Zac Sewell will attend Valparaiso University, majoring in history and Special Education.

Jake Sherman will major in Secondary Education but has not decided on a college.

Mary Stazinski will attend Butler, majoring in psychology.

Maggie Vail will attend Marquette University, majoring in engineering.

Tiffany Vedo will attend Purdue, majoring in Forensic Psychology.

Anne Mari West will attend the University of Indianapolis, majoring in Pediatric Occupational Therapy.



Technology Update — *Anna Funk*

As with many things in life, there are things that change we can see, and other things that change which we can't see; a tulip can be seen in full bloom in the spring, but you don't see the preparation that tulip did underground as a bulb. Such is the case with technology. Last summer, we installed a much needed, new server. You can't see the change, but it's there. Further, its expense was a bit more than we had budgeted for, so our WiFi installation was delayed a bit. However, beginning this mid-winter break and continuing through June, we will be installing WiFi points throughout the building, then purchasing our much-awaited tablets/laptops. Barring any unforeseen issues, the WiFi and new tablets/laptops will be up and running as of the beginning of the new school year in August. Although this process was slower than we would have liked, we did it in a very conservative and thorough manner, keeping our school's budget and needs in mind. And so, we look forward to (unseen) changes!



Q2 Honor Roll

Principal's Honor Roll

Grade 5—Angelina Borowiak, John Clements, Sofia Cox, Rianne Murphy, Evan Olson

Grade 7—Patricia Cespedes, Peter Clements, Ian Cox, Clare Frawley, Samantha Guernsey, Alana Jardenil, Jack Kuka, Karli LoDuca, Gabe Lux, Jacob Mar cayda, Caeden Meade, Cameron Meade, Katie Mileusnich, Grace Mulshine, Dan O'Shea, Sophia Sainato-Pinkie, Kailyn Smith, Isabelle Sweet, Isabelle Uthuppan

Grade 8—Will Behrend, Evan Hartman, Claudia Nicksic

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 5—Carolyn Boxum, Lily Braming, Brooke Byvoets, Maggie Kuka, Katelyn Nguyen, Rudra Patel

Grade 6—Connor Bakota, Christen Haas, Abigail Krouse, Katy Levenda

Grade 7—Andrew Boxum, Maddie Braming, Nicole Cespedes, Taylor Powell, Bridget Sherman, Josh West

Grade 8—Jessica Fazekas, Matthew Meyer, Lauren Seymour, Allison Shears

"B" Honor Roll

Grade 5—Jasmine Burkett, Becca Cavanaugh, Justin Clark, Grace Cutean, Charlie Dauterman, Molly Herren, Ava Jaime, Christos Loukataris, Alex Wasilak

Grade 6—Damilola Anjorin, Maeve Kaye, Ethan Kost, Max Leckrone, Frank Nicksic, Grace Thomas, Katie Woodburn

Grade 7—Abby Alex, Curtis Baum, Amelia Benjamin, Brady Byvoets, Mary Clark, Luke Costica, Ellie McQuestion, Cori O'Connor, Eric Page, Ethan Schlyer, Michael Seymour

Grade 8—Allison Drenth, Bella Grisafi, Matt Levenda, Robert Pruzin, Maddie Rowley, Will Ruiz, Ryan Schlyer, Michael Zajac

Q2 Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten—John Bramfeld, Dalton Collins, Caleb Rossman

Grade 1—Hank Calhoun, Matthew Lam, Emma Sularski

Grade 2—Chase Auten, Moira Kuka, Dominic Muryasz, Andrew Schmaltz

Grade 3—Sara Breckenridge, Kayla Rossman, Mitchell Sterling

Grade 4—Ethan Fagen, Emmie Rowley

Grade 5—Brooke Byvoets, Charlie Dauterman, Maggie Kuka, Christos Loukataris, Connor Lux, Carter MacLennan, Austin Olsen, Gabe Sterling

Grade 6—Elle Stone

Grade 7—Peter Clements, Gabe Lux, Jacob Mar cayda, Caeden Meade, Eric Page, Josh West

Grade 8—Jessica Fazekas, Maddie Rowley

Q2 100% Homework

Grade 1—Quentin Alvarado, Olivia Artis, Hank Calhoun, Ivory Campbell, Jose Cespedes, Sophie Clements, Julia Clond, Santi Cox, Christian Cuadra, Carson Dalton, Gabe Gary, Lilly Hoffman, Jonny Kacena, Tilly Kacena, Cole Kovanda, Matthew Lam, Lexy Marshall, Lilly Meeks, Kaylie Nguyen, Arturo Ochoa, Elan Orrico, Ashka Patel, Charlie Ramsey, Amy Rowe, Allison Ruiz, Emma Sularski

Grade 2—Chase Auten, Catherine Barber, Emma Cochran, Layla Jaime, Moira Kuka, Dominic Muryasz, Molly Page, Samantha Schenzel

Grade 3—Nate Bakota, Sara Breckenridge, Alex Burkett, Desmond Calhoun, Asher Collins, Joshua Costica, Nicholas Dedelow, Ryder Druso, Colin Kaleth, Grace Lindsey, Vivi Nicksic, Dina Nguyen, Evan Olsen, Lucas O'Shea-Gore, Katerina Siatras, Owen Thomas, David Woodburn

Grade 4—Nick Bravo, Marissa Clements, Madison Cole, Caden Crowell, Aubrie Graegin, Kori Ladd, Laney Mario, Meg Moberley, Amelia Murphy, Tessa Powell, Emmie Rowley, Nicole Schenzel, Emily Seymour, JJ Welch, Connor Yankauskas

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 Saint Paul sporting events to put in the yearbook. Any photo will be greatly appreciated. We need digital photo files. Please send the disk to Natalia Cox or you can email them to me at nataliacox74@yahoo.com. The "deadline" for photo submission is Friday, February 24. Thank you for your help! Call Natalia Cox (707-7253) with any questions.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Gala Update! — *The Gala Committee*

Congrats to February's VIP Parking spot winner the Welch Family!! This year's 150th Birthday Gala will feature live music from "Hooked on Sonics". They received such great reviews after Oktoberfest that we invited them back to party with us at the Gala! A Special Thank You to all of those who have already contributed as Sponsors for this year's event! **Family Express, 1st Source Bank, Beef Mart, and the M.E. Simpson Company!**

If you are willing and able to donate items to the Auction or Sponsor part of the evening please see the White Envelope for a Donor & Sponsorship packet. Please also share it with any business or person you know that may be willing to help support our school! Thank you so much!

Weekend Schedule

Girls' Basketball



February 11th

5th (C) - 11:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. Mary GR
 5th (K) - 1:00PM @ St. Thomas More vs. St. Thomas More
 7th (#23) - Bye
 7th (#26) - 10:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Bosco

February 12th

5th (C) - 2:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Casimir
 5th (K) - 3:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. John Bosco
 7th (#23) - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Michael
 7th (#26) - 4:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. John Baptist

February 15th

7th (#23) - TBA PM @ SPCS vs. Ben Franklin
 7th (#26) - TBA PM @ SPCS vs. Ben Franklin

SAVE THE DATE.

All alumni of St. Paul School are invited to come help us celebrate the 150 Year Anniversary of Catholic Education in Valparaiso, IN. The date is Saturday, June 17, 2017. We will have a tour of the school at 3:00 PM follow by Mass at 5:30 PM and a social gathering with light refreshments, a cash bar and class pictures. Please share this information with as many classmates as possible and contact us at alumni@stpaulvalpo.org

Thank you,
 Mary Knarr, Pat Bengert, Dee Gruska and Peggy McGuckin

Ordinary Purchases... *Extraordinary Results*

Scrip Scoop — Ann Marie Delinsky

Magic Sports is having a Valentine's Day special for Saint Paul Spirit Wear. **25% off** any 1-in stock item. Please use the coupon in your white envelope. It expires 2/28/17.



Dauterman Runner Up

Charlie Dauterman was the 5th grade boys runner up in the CYO free throw contest held Sunday 2/5 with a total of 7 free throws made out of 10. There were a total of seven 5th grade competitors this year. The winner made 8/10.

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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