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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School

October 9, 2014

## Calendar

### October

Sat, October 11

- Market Day

Wed, October 15

- Hearing Testing (K, 1, 4, 7)

October 20-23

- Red Ribbon Week

Thurs, October 23

- End of 1st Quarter

October 24-27

- Fall Break NO SCHOOL

Thurs, October 30

- Report Cards

Fri, October 31

- Spirit Wear Day
- Last day for shorts
- Halloween Parties  
1:30-2:15PM

### November

Sat, November 1

- All Saints' Day

Sun, November 2

- Daylight Savings Time  
Ends

Mon, November 3

- Dress Alternative Day
- Picture Retake Day
- SAC Mtg 6:30PM

Tues, November 4

- Bailey Homestead trip (gr. 4)

Fri, November 7

- Parent/Teacher Confer  
ences
- NO SCHOOL

*From one of our new teachers*

## Student as Teacher—Jenna Pecenka

My name is Jenna Pecenka and I am finishing up my fourth year at Valparaiso University. This semester I am teaching the Kindergarten class here at Saint Paul, and I could not be any happier! Becoming a teacher became apparent when I was just a little girl, and I am finally going to follow through with that dream in May when I graduate and get my teaching license. I will be obtaining a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a concentration in Spanish. I have worked with children of all ages, from nannying in the summer, to working in a daycare, to running an after school program for under-privileged children in Valparaiso Public Schools, to tutoring high school students. My life is most complete when I get to teach children. They shed a special light on my world that I wish everyone would get to experience at least one time in their lives.



I am from Darien, Illinois, which is a southwest suburb of Chicago. I live with my parents, Michele and John, my two younger siblings, Gabriela and Richie, and my Airedale terrier Benny. My sister is in her second year at Valparaiso University (we don't like to be apart). My little brother is in sixth grade and his life revolves around school, hockey, football, and baseball. When I am not at school, I work two jobs and I also tutor. I love cooking and experimenting with new recipes. I also love spending time outdoors working, fishing, boating, and exploring. When I am at home in Darien, my dad and I do odd jobs around the community. We cut trees down; we build decks, or put up fences to name a few. I also love to garden during the summer.

Throughout my teaching experience thus far, I have taught in only public schools. Saint Paul is my first Catholic school and I am happy to say that teaching here makes me a lot better-rounded as a teacher. I am gaining insights from Mrs. Shane that I haven't come across before. It is also very enlightening to see how much Kindergarteners grow from the first day of school to the current days. They have grown so much already and it is so rewarding to know that I was a part of their learning.

I know that this experience will better prepare me for my future education jobs. In kindergarten, there are routines that are being established. It is the most important to create these routines so that they will be on track for their coming years of schooling. Their foundational skills are also being built up so they can become an independent student in all subjects. I focus on creating a classroom that fosters students' learning in every way possible. All students have a different way of learning as well, so differentiation in every lesson is a key factor in helping each student, as an individual, succeed. Creating lessons that allow students to apply multiple learning styles is also important to me because some students like to learn by playing games, singing songs, seeing an example, or having something read to them and you need to be able to incorporate many styles into the classroom.

I look forward to the rest of the school year I get to spend at Saint Paul. I am very thankful for Mrs. Scupham and Mrs. Shane. Their graciousness and guidance has allowed me to teach at Saint Paul with a group of wonderful students as well as grow as an educator myself.

## 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](#)
- ◇ [Valerie Hawes](#)
- ◇ [Dave Richardson](#)

## Rest in Peace

Please remember the families of [Bob Gresser](#), cousin of Betty Franz (Office), and [Greg Olen](#), uncle of Emily (Gr. 2), Michael (Gr. 5) and Lauren Seymour (Gr. 6). Both recently passed away.

## Business— *Jane Scupham*

### Fever Free

With the cold and cough season just beginning to appear here at school, we would like to remind you that your child must be fever-free to come to school. Fever-free means that they no longer have a fever, and haven't had one for 24 hours; NOT that they were given fever-reducing medicine that has just suppressed the fever. It is vital to the health of all students that this rule is followed.

### More Scrub-a-Dub Dubbing!

We ask you to encourage your children to get into the habit of washing their hands with soap and water before they eat and after using the restroom, or if they have coughed or sneezed into their hands. We are using more soap and water here and less hand sanitizer since soap and water is much more effective against germs. We want to help keep our students safe from all kinds of bad things, even those at the micro-bacterial level!

Here are some guidelines from the Indiana Department of Health for helping to contain/prevent Enterovirus D68:

#### **Strategies to help prevent respiratory illnesses include:**

- Students and staff should stay home if they are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Use standard disinfection procedures using a hospital-grade disinfectant that is EPA-approved for norovirus and rhinovirus, or a 1:10 bleach solution for surfaces, such as toys and other objects, and on surfaces that are touched often, which can include desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, and phones.

**Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are NOT effective against EV-D68, which is why hand washing with soap and water is so important.**

## Oktoberfest Middle School Games — *Penny Schlyer*

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all participants of the 2nd annual Middle School Games. Each winner was very excited to receive a No Uniform Today (NUT) card in addition to various gift cards for food and entertainment. Riley Lindsey raced neck and neck with 5 other brave contestants (Martin Flude, Claudia Nicksic, Sam Ruiz, Lauren Seymour, Allison Shears) in the pie eating contest and nabbed a generous gift from Inman's for a bowling party for 10 of her friends! The first place team in the Root Beer Stein Relay included Jordan Brys, Lauren Behnke, Hannah Flynn and Isabel LoDuca. Riley Lindsey and Martin Flude swept the rest of the games by taking first and second place in the Pumpkin Seed Spitting and Pierogi Toss. Congratulations to Grace Mroz for taking 3rd place in the Pumpkin Seed Spitting contest. Many thanks to our sponsors which included Inman's, Subway, Cinemark, Mrs. Scupham and the Schlyers. We look forward to carrying the games forward to next year. We need some additional competitors next year!





## Team 33—Undefeated— *Evan Hartman*

The Team 33 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team continued their undefeated season with two victories this past weekend. The Panthers won their Saturday game against Nativity 4-1. Joey Meccia and Ryan Schlyer each scored a goal, and Ethan Schlyer added two goals to the total. Joey and Ryan also had great games in goal. The only goal scored against them was a PK. On Sunday the Panthers beat Hanover 4-2. Joey Meccia and Robert Pruzin made some big saves in goal, and R.J. Delinsky, Ryan Schlyer, Patrick Sayers, Caeden Meade, and Evan Hartman all helped out with the strong Panther defense. Ethan Schlyer scored all the Panther goals, and Cameron Meade helped out up front. The Panthers won the game playing with just one sub. Good work, Panthers!

## Team 24 News— *Matt Levenda*

The Saint Paul Panthers defeated St. Thomas Moore 8-2 on a cold, wet Saturday. Leading in goals was Brady Byvoets with 4 and one amazing header. Will Halsey, Andrew Boxum, Eric Page, and Luke McQuestion all added a goal each. Will “The Bear” Behrend and Grayson Collins each had a great assist. Eric Page did a great job as goalie in the first half, with Andrew Boxum taking over in the second half. Matthew Levenda and Luke McQuestion were amazing defenders. Amol Verma and Martin Flude were great team players and help contribute to this win. This team remains undefeated this season!



## Team 38 on a Roll— *Lucas Herren*

On Saturday the 4th of October Saint Paul won against St. John Bosco 9-1. The amazing goals were shot by Maggie Nicksic with 4, Sam Ruiz with 2, Will Ruiz with 2 and Alex Borowiak with 1. The assists of the game were made by Sam Ruiz, Abby Alex and Alex Borowiak with 2. Great job panthers, keep it up and I hope to see this all next week.

## An Undefeated Team! — *Jason Isley*

Saint Paul's 5th/6th grade soccer team beat St. Mary's 7-4. The game was played Sunday at the Valparaiso University recreational field. With amazing coaching by Coaches McQuestion and Nicksic, Abby Alex and Jason Isley scored one goal each, Sam Ruiz scored two goals and Maggie Nicksic scored three! Luke McQuestion, playing sweeper, did a great job of keeping stopping the ball from reaching goal. Team 38 is undefeated and pushing up.

## Team 24 Perseveres— *Martin Flude*

On a very rainy Sunday afternoon, the 5th and 6th grade soccer team, Team 24, persevered to beat Portage Nativity 4-1 at the Valparaiso University practice soccer field. Four players scored goals including Will Behrend, Cam Milroy, Will Halsey, and Andrew Boxum. Brady Byvoets and Will Halsey each had an assist. Team 24 thanks their coaches, Mr. McQuestion and Mr. Milroy for leading them into an undefeated season, and is looking forward to their next game this weekend. The whole team showed great coordination, teamwork, and Panther Spirit out on the field. Go Panthers!



## SPCS Christmas Wreath Sale— *Athletics*

Our Athletics Department is hosting a Wreath Sale for this Christmas season. We are proud to offer these fresh Frazier Fir wreaths from northern Michigan again. Each Frazier Fir wreath includes pine cones, holly berries and a bow. Order forms are being sent home in today's white envelope. Please send those back to the school with your pre-paid order. For your convenience, you may also order online by visiting <https://www.valpowreaths.com/shop/>. Order deadline is October 13th. These are great and offer many choices in sizes. The money raised will help us with our soccer field drainage issues. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!



Thank you for your generous sponsorships Fagen Pharmacy and Apehus Web Design.

**Soccer**October 11th

5th/6th (B/H) - 2:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Thomas More  
 5th/6th (M-1) - 12:30PM @ St. John Evangelist vs. Hanover  
 5th/6th (M-3) - 3:30PM @ SPCS vs. Nativity  
 7th/8th (K) - 11:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. Thomas More  
 7th/8th (R) - 9:30AM @ SPCS vs. St. Thomas More

October 12th

5th/6th (B/H) - 12:30PM @ SPCS vs. Saint Paul #3  
 5th/6th (M-1) - Bye  
 5th/6th (M-3) - 12:30PM @ SPCS vs. Saint Paul #2  
 7th/8th (K) - Bye  
 7th/8th (R) - Bye

October 16th

5th/6th (B/H) - 4:30PM @ SPCS vs. Immanuel Lutheran  
 7th/8th (K/R) - 5:30PM @ SPCS vs. Immanuel Lutheran

# Weekend Schedule

It's a great day  
to be a Panther!

**Cross Country**October 9th

4:30PM @ Sunset Hill Park vs. VCA

October 13th

4:15-5:15PM @ SPCS Cafeteria for a Pizza Party

**Girls' Volleyball**October 11th

5th (C) - **information not available at time of press**  
 5th (P) - 12:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Mary Griffith  
 6th - 11:00AM @ St. Stanislaus vs. St. Stanislaus #2  
 7th - 10:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Bosco  
 8th - 11:00AM @ St. Mary CP vs. St. Mary CP

October 12th

5th (C) - **information not available at time of press**  
 5th (P) - Bye  
 6th - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. Nativity  
 7th - 2:00PM @ St. John Evangelist vs. St. John Evangelist  
 8th - Bye

October 16th

6th - 5:00PM @ SPCS vs. Immanuel Lutheran  
 8th - 6:00PM @ SPCS vs. Immanuel Lutheran

**Soccer Challenge** — Ray Tarnow

Saint Paul hosted the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Sunday September 28th. The following Saint Paul students won their age division and will compete in Lowell to see who goes to state!

Great showing by the Panthers!! Congrats to the following winners:

G9 Division: Abigail Krouse, B9 Division: Adam Tarnow, G10: Katy Levenda, B10: Ian Cox, G11: Patricia Cespedes, B11: Matthew Levenda, B12: Jake Tarnow, B13: Nolan Gerig.

*A fundraiser like no other!*

**Market Day**— Chris Mileusnich

Market Day pick up is this Saturday, October 11th in the school cafeteria from 9-10:00am. Thank you for your continued support of our school through this fundraiser.

**BBall Mini Camp**— Ray Tarnow

The Wheeler Boys' Basketball Program will be holding a fall mini-camp for *current kindergartners through sixth graders October 27-29*. Contact Ray Tarnow, SPCS Athletic Director, via Fast Direct for forms and additional information.

**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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