



The Wave Watcher



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Mission Statement:

At St. Paul Catholic School we strive for excellence in faith and academics. Our mission is to be a loving and forgiving community that receives our Lord Jesus Christ and reflects his teachings. God is our focus and heaven our goal.

CALENDAR

Sunday-December 18

8:30am-12:30pm
Pancake Breakfast
6th Grade Hosting in
Father K Hall

Monday-December 19

10:00am Concert Dress
Rehearsal

Tuesday-December 20

Student Council Christmas
Party @ lunch

7:00pm Christmas Program

Wednesday-December 21

8:50am Mass
(3rd & 4th Grades)

Father Mike's Birthday

12:00pm School Dismissal

No Latchkey

Christmas Break Begins!

Tuesday-January 3

***There will be No buses
or Hot lunches on
Tuesday-January 3***

Breakfast with Santa-Pancake Breakfast

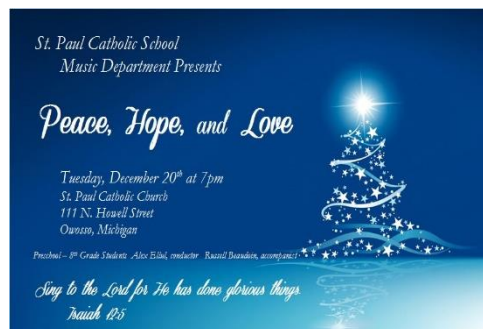


Sunday, December 18, 8:30am-12:30pm

hosted by the St. Paul 6th Grade class in
Father Kolenski Hall.
The menu will be pancakes (with topping bar)
eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee.
The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.
**Santa will be available for pictures
from 9:00am until 12:00pm.**

All proceeds go to the hosting class for their
8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Thank you for your support!



**Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00pm will
be the St. Paul School Christmas Program
held at St. Paul's Church.
Come and enjoy the wonderful performance
by our talented students! **Please see the
attached order form to order a DVD of
the performance.****



Calling all Children!

We are looking for children ages 5-13 who are interested in being part of the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Paul's.

We are looking for greeters, readers, and gift bearers.

Practice will be on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 10:00am in the church.

If interested, please email Mrs. Bushey at

sbushey@spsowosso.org as soon as possible with your information (age of child(ren), parts he/she is interested in doing, etc.)

Thank you!



Just a reminder that during the month of December, gently used or new, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves are being collected in the blue tubs located throughout the school building.

These items will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul and Catholic Charities.

Thank you for your generosity!



Preschool!



Ms. Geppert's Preschool children are busy learning lots of new things! For many of the children this is their first school experience and almost every day brings something new and wonderful, for both the children and myself. The wonderful aspect of preschool is that so many learning domains can be incorporated into one activity, lesson and/or study unit. During the month of December the children have been working on the study units called, *Advent*, *Cookies & Gingerbread Men*, and *Christmas*. We read the book, *Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar*. This is a fun book with a lot of repetition, by the end of the book the children are chanting the words along with me. We are making a class book based on this story, each child will have his or her own page, and it will be bound together and placed in the book center after we have read it during group time. Another class book that we made is called, *Preschool, Preschool Who Do You See?*, this book is patterned after Eric Carle and Bill Martian's book, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do you See?*. The children love to read and look at this book on their own or with a friend. Class books are a great way to promote literacy and the love of reading. We also read several different versions of the *Cookie Jar* book and compared them with each other. The children learned about who the characters are in the books; one book featured school children, another a family, and another animals. So far this year this has been one of the children's favorite stories. Though *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* was a story we read in September and *Goldilocks* has not left our room yet. If something comes up missing in the room, one of the children will invariably say in a very serious and sober tone, "It must have been *Goldilocks*."

In other literacy lessons, the children just finished working on and learning about francy fish, one of our Zoo-phonics animals. While reading books at group time we looked for the letter F, as well as listening for francy's sound. We sponge painted around the outline of two fish and later added a design to the fish. The children each completed this sentence, "Francy fish likes to swim with her friend_____." Each child thought of a name that begins with the "F" sound. Each child was encouraged to write the name of francy's friend in the blank to complete the sentence. (*Please note the names of the zoo phonic animals all begin with a lower case letter. Yikes! This is a hard one for a teacher with a language arts minor to wrap her head around.) The next Zoo-phonics animal the children will learn about is gordo gorilla; he loves to eat bananas and as he peels each one he says his letter sound! The children spend a lot of time working with name recognition, both their own name and the names of their classmates. This is a great way to learn the letters of the alphabet in addition to all the other various alphabet lessons and activities.

Every week the children are introduced to a new finger play, rhyme or song usually relating to the study unit. Last week's song went right along with one of our books, *Who Stole the Cookie From the Cookie Jar*, as this is a song and a book! Each week also includes a new music and movement song. Some of Mrs. Geppert's favorite musical artists for young children are Hap Palmer, Greg & Steve, and Jim Gill. Here is a quote from Hap Palmer from his webpage that sums up the importance of music and movement:

"Music and Movement is a way of teaching the whole child in all domain areas, cognitive, physical, and social emotional. As children improve vocabulary and language comprehension they also improve movement skills, developing coordination, balance, strength and endurance. In this way, children are learning to move and moving to learn at the same time."

Last week's song was from a Greg & Steve CD called, *Freeze*. This week we revisited a Jim Gill song called, *Jump Up*.

In math, we have been working with the numbers 0 through 10. Ms. Geppert has number puppets for each number that visit the children at group time. One of the favorite number puppet activities is the number tray. This is a guessing game that involves covering the tray and removing items and making a guess to what is different. There are several different variations and the children love it!

In Religion, the children have been learning about Advent and the Nativity. They each made paper Advent wreaths and have been adding a "flame" to each candle each week. This year we will be in school for each of the four weeks of Advent, this doesn't always happen, so they will take their wreath home before Christmas break, all lit up in anticipation of baby Jesus.

Virtue of the Week: Kindness

Meaning: Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs.

Looks like:

- Carrying bags for someone
- Talking to someone who seems sad
- Giving a glass of water to someone who is thirsty
- Sharing your jacket with someone who is cold
- Helping someone clean up a spill

Sounds like:

- Do you need any help?
- You seem upset, is there anything I can do for you?
- I can get you some water.
- “I have an extra coat you can borrow.”
- I can clean that up for you.

Please help your child build their virtue vocabulary by recognizing behaviors that demonstrate the virtues. Check out how our hearts are overflowing with the love of God through virtues in the hallway outside the office!



BRRRRRRR!!! Winter has finally arrived! Please make sure your child has coats, hats, mittens or gloves to stay warm in the winter weather. We will go out for recess every day unless the temperature or wind chill is **BELOW ZERO**. Hoodies is not an appropriate “coat” or “jacket.” Thank you so much for your cooperation with this!



As has always been the protocol, when Owosso Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we will close as well. You will be able to stay informed about these closings through many resources. It will be posted on all of the local TV stations, posted on the school website, as well as the school facebook page. You will also receive an email, although I apologize that this did not get sent on Tuesday. In the future this will be done as well. At this time we do not have the capability for you to receive an automated phone call, although we are investigating what this entails. Please be sure to check these places to be aware of any closings.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS, CAMPBELL’S LABEL FOR EDUCATION AND VG’S RECEIPTS

Just a reminder that St. Paul School is still collecting General Mills Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels, and VG’s receipts! The rebates are used towards school supplies.

You may turn them at any time to the school office.

Thank you for your support!



Mark your calendars!! The 7th Annual Saint Paul School Auction is Saturday, March 25 at D'Mars in Owosso. Our theme this year is The Roaring '20's! The doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner being served at 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now! For a limited time, you can purchase a ticket at the discounted price of \$40.00. **After January 6 the price per ticket is \$50.00.** The ticket price includes appetizer, dinner, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine and an evening of entertainment! Tickets are available in the school office, the St. Paul parish office or the St. Joe parish office. Thank you in advance from all of the Bluewaves for your support of this important fundraising event!

Dear St. Paul Families,

There is so much excitement in the air! As we approach the 4th and final week of Advent, the children have been busy working on special projects of the season! They have been busy preparing for the concert next week, making special gifts, and learning about the many different ways Our Lord's Birth is celebrated throughout the world. Next week will be short but packed! The entire staff here at St. Paul's is also excited to share this joyous time of year with your wonderful children. We look forward to seeing you at one of the special events taking place and wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas! Enjoy your holidays! See you next year!

***Peace,
Laura H***

*St. Paul Catholic School
Music Department Presents*

Peace, Hope, and Love

*Tuesday, December 20th at 7pm
St. Paul Catholic Church
111 N. Howell Street
Owosso, Michigan*

Preschool – 8th Grade Students Alex Ellul, conductor Russell Beaudoin, accompanist

*Sing to the Lord for He has done glorious things.
Isaiah 12:5*



Following the evening performance, we will celebrate a job well done by the students with cookies and beverages.

We are asking our St. Paul School families if they could bring one dozen cookies the morning of the performance at 8:30am to the Activities room.

Thank you very much!

DVD ORDER FORM

Christmas Concert - December 20th at 7PM

DVDs are available for purchase and are \$10.00 each. If you would like to order a copy, please complete this form and send it to school with your payment in a sealed envelope. You may pay by cash or check. Checks should be made out to "Mike Crawford." Please write "Christmas Concert DVD" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please enclose the **exact** amount. **DVD's are available on through pre-orders!**

All order forms and payment must be returned to the St. Paul School main office by Tuesday, December 20th.

Student: _____

Parent: _____

of DVDs _____ x \$10.00

_____ **Total Payment**

Pancake Breakfast

Washington, D.C. Fundraiser

Breakfast with Santa!

St. Paul Church (Fr. Kolenski Hall), Owosso

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Hosts: Our 6th Grade Class

\$5/person

\$20/family*

** (immediate family members)



Pancakes
(with topping bar)

Eggs

Sausage

Fruit

Juice

Coffee

Santa will be
available for
pictures from
9:00-12:00pm!

All proceeds go to the hosting
class for their 8th Grade 2019

D.C. Trip.

Thank you for your support!



Michigan State University's 2nd Annual **Introduce a Girl to Engineering**



- Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017
Who: 4th - 8th graders
What: Hands-on Engineering activities
Where: MSU Engineering Building and Anthony Hall
Time: 1:00-4:00pm (Check-In 12:30-1:00pm)
Cost: FREE

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company

Registration is required and participants must be chaperoned.
Registration deadline is Feb 1, 2017 or until maximum capacity is reached.

REGISTER at <http://www.egr.msu.edu/wie/k-12/programs-outreach>

Questions? Contact MSU Women in Engineering Recruitment and K-12 Outreach Office at WIE-Outreach@egr.msu.edu or 517-432-1273