



The Wave Watcher



St. Paul School 718 W. Main St. 989.725.7766

December 9, 2016

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 11

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

Monday-December 12

3:30pm-4:30pm Chess Club

Tuesday-December 13

Nick Shop Opens

6:30pm Communal Penance
Service @ St. Joseph Church

Wednesday-December 14

St. Nick Shop Closes end of
school day

9:00am Reconciliation
(5th & 6th Grade)

10:00am Concert Rehearsal

Student Council Mtg. @ lunch

3:30pm Youth Choir
Rehearsal

6:00pm Boys' Basketball
away game @ St. Thomas

Thursday-December 15

8:50am Mass (6th Grade)
Reconciliation after Mass
(Grades 3,4,7,8)

Friday-December 16

Pizza Day
\$1.00 Casual for a Cause
Proceeds for Robotics Team

continued:

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!

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

Breakfast with Santa-Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, December 11, 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!



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.
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.)



Student Council Giving Tree

Extravaganza Day Results

A big thank you! to the St. Paul Student
Council, the leadership of Mrs. Smith,
St. Paul School students and staff, for the
generosity of raising **\$389.00** for the
St. Paul Parish Giving Tree! (helping those
in need during this Christmas season).
Also, Congratulations to Rachel C., the
winner of the goody basket!



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.

Virtue

Virtue of the Week: Sincerity

What it means: Trustfulness in words and actions; honesty and enthusiasm towards others.

What it looks:

- Talking to others and letting them get to know you
- Enjoying the company of others
- Sharing details of your life with someone you trust
- Doing your best on a job, schoolwork, etc.
- Not trying to appear perfect; being at peace with your faults

What it sounds like:

- Let me be honest with you...This is what I like...
- All of you are so much fun to be with.
- This is how I really feel. Let me be honest with you...
- I gave it my best effort.
- I want to be the person God created me to be.

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 the virtues in the hallway outside the office!



BRRRRRRRR! 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!



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 5:30PM with dinner being served at 7:00PM. 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!



KINDERGARTEN

In Mrs. Dixon's Kindergarten classroom, the children are learning, discovering, and exploring many new things. In Social Studies, the Kindergartners have been learning about the very First Thanksgiving. They have been learning in many different ways such as singing songs, reading books, illustrating stories and learning and acting out plays. By doing this, we discussed life as a Pilgrim and the long journey the Pilgrims had as they came over to America on the Mayflower. We discussed how many Pilgrims became ill and did not make the long journey. We also talked about how important Religion was to the Pilgrims and how they wanted a new land to be free. Lastly, we discussed how the Native Americans and Pilgrims learned from one another and eventually shared a very special feast we still celebrate today called Thanksgiving. This month of December in Social Studies, we will be focusing on Mexico as we learn and discover traditions from *Christmas' All Around the World*.

In Reading, we have been reading and studying many variations of the story *Stone Soup* and the children are learning about the importance of giving, sharing, and working together. As tradition in the past, the Kindergartners made *Stone Soup* for their 8th grade buddies, singing a few songs to them and performing a little play. The 8th graders brought pies and rolls. It was a great way to be thankful for all of our blessings from God and celebrate a wonderful feast before Thanksgiving with our big friends. Now we are focusing on characters, settings, and plots of books and how we can personally relate to the characters to the books we are reading.

In Religion we have been discussing how we are children of God and how we are so very special. We also discussed how to keep ourselves safe. We just finished up a Unit called *Safe Sheep*. This past week, as we began Advent, we made Advent wreaths and are learning how to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Each day as we lead up to Advent, we will meet in the Library to deepen our understanding by praying and singing songs to prepare our hearts with our 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade friends.

In Math the children are working hard on counting, writing, and identifying numbers. They will be finishing up their unit on *Numbers 0 to 10* and taking their test so they can begin larger numbers and work towards mastery to 100. We are also continuing to work toward learning addition and subtraction facts.

In Language Arts, we will focus on letters Tt and Uu as we near the end of the alphabet. Our new zoo phonics friends will be Timmy Tiger and Umber Umbrella. The Letter People are Mr. T, Tall Teeth and Ms. U, Unusual Umbrella. Our take home book will be *Fly Away* and our sight words of focus will be *will* and *fly*. Our rhyming word family of study will be from the -ap family. We will work on the rhyming words cap, gap, lap, map, nap, rap, sap, tap, and trap. It is exciting to see the children begin to master their sounds and stretch out words to begin to make that connection with reading and writing.

Pancake Breakfast

Washington, D.C. Fundraiser

Breakfast with Santa!

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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!





ST. NICK'S GIFT SHOP
December 13 - December 14

It's time for our annual St. Paul Parent Teacher Council St. Nick's Gift Shop.

St. Nick's Gift Shop will be located in the Activities Room in the basement of the school on **Tuesday December 13 and Wednesday December 14.**

Students can shop for parents, siblings, grandparents, pets, etc. They really enjoy picking out gifts for their family members and friends!

No items will be priced over \$5.

Please send money (cash or checks made to St. Paul School accepted) with your child so that they may shop. If you send a check and your child doesn't spend the full amount the check is written for, we can send change home with him/her.

THANK YOU!!!

*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!