



# The Wave Watcher

St. Paul School 718 W. Main St. 989.725.7766

September 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-September 11

8:30am-11:30am  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
Fr. Kolenski Hall  
\$5.00 per person or  
\$20.00 per family  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade fundraiser for  
Washington, D.C. trip

### Monday-September 12

Regular school day

### Tuesday-September 13

Regular school day

### Wednesday-September 14

**School picture day!**  
6:00pm-PTC Board Meeting  
in Teacher's Lounge

### Thursday-September 15

8:50am-Mass (6)

### Friday-September 16

Casual for a Cause-\$1.00  
Jeans day (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to  
Washington, D.C.)

### **Constitution Day**

2:30pm-Student Council  
Board Speeches

### Saturday-September 17

5:30pm- Mass @ St. Paul  
Catechetical Sunday

### Monday-September 19

NWEA Testing begins for  
Grades 2-8 (through Sept. 30)

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### Tuesday-September 20

NWEA Testing  
Student Council Election Day

### Wednesday-September 21

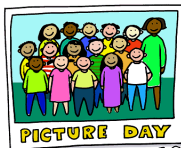
NWEA Testing  
10:00am 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass with  
the Bishop @ the Cathedral  
Choir Begins

### Thursday-September 22

NWEA Testing  
8:50am-Mass (5)  
Student Council Meeting @ lunch

### Friday-September 23

NWEA Testing  
Rural Education Day- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grades



### **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

Don't forget that Wednesday,  
September 14 is school picture  
Day! Students may "Dress  
Your Best" or wear school  
uniform attire.



### **SCHOOL MASS DAYS**

Just a reminder that our  
school Mass days begin  
at 8:50am.



### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

Come and enjoy a wonderful Pancake  
breakfast this Sunday, September 11!  
It will be held in Father Kolenski Hall from  
8:30am until 11:30am.

The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, eggs,  
fruit, juice and coffee, all for just  
\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.  
All proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Washington, D.C. trip.

### **LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Help is needed for subbing in the lunchroom.  
The time frame would be from 11:50am until  
until 1:00pm.

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

Help is also needed for Library aides. The schedule  
is currently being planned.

**Please contact the school office: 725.7766 if  
you would be available to volunteer.**



### **SCRIP**

SCRIP fundraising is a no-selling program that  
enables families to help with tuition. SCRIP is  
just another way to pay for everyday purchases  
using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and  
credit cards. You purchase gift cards at face  
value. Just by using SCRIP to pay for your  
normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise  
\$500 or more per year. If you should have any  
questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Cindy  
Feldpausch @giftcardmom4@gmail.com.  
Mrs. Feldpausch is in the process of being our  
contact person for the program. You may also  
visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

***WELCOME TO ST. PAUL SCHOOL, MR. LUKAS SASSER AND MR. ALEX ELLUL!*****MR. SASSER**

Greetings! I am Mr. Sasser and I am honored to be the physical education teacher for St. Paul this year. I originally hail from Pensacola, FL, and have resided in Michigan for the last three years. At this very early stage of the school year, we have been learning how to properly perform our warm-up stretches and exercises, being sure to stress to all of my classes the importance of stretching before any physical activity. With the older classes, we are focusing on one team sport at a time, and learning how to play that sport and follow the rules. This month, the focus is ultimate frisbee. For the younger classes, I will be introducing a series of "running games" that will help students develop their motor skills. I'm so excited to have begun the school year and am happy to be a part of this great faculty and staff!

**MR. ELLUL**

Greetings from the Music Room! For those families I haven't met yet, my name is Alex Ellul and I am thrilled to be here at St. Paul's. I graduated with my bachelor's degree in K-12 Vocal Music Education with honest honors from Eastern Michigan University. I have been teaching private voice and piano lessons for over six years, directing the Children's Choir, and serving as Assistant Liturgical Music Director at my home parish of St. Joseph's in Ypsilanti. Additionally, I am also the conductor for two choral ensembles at BeckRidge Productions: the Youth Choir (grades 2-5) and Women's Ensemble (grades 6-9). I student taught at two different public schools teaching general/choral music at all grade levels. After my second placement, I accepted a long-term position as K-5 general music teacher at Huron Valley Public Schools.

Over the past two weeks the elementary students have been learning various songs and chants in a variety of tonalities and meters. We have been learning about musical vocabulary words such as resting tone (the home note), major vs. minor tonality, as well as rhythmic words such as syncopation and macrobeat vs. microbeat. Students have been enjoying several different music "games" that incorporate singing, rhythms, and working together! We are also exploring movement with our bodies called "flow" by using scarves and beanbags to bring awareness to how music makes us move. The middle school students are being introduced to a variety of choral singing warm-ups addressing vocal placement, vowels, and singing scales with hand-signs, learning about the elements of music through music theory, and beginning to work on standard repertoire. I am greatly looking forward to continue to work with all the students of St. Paul's as we work together to praise our Savior Jesus Christ through music!

***RETURNING FORMS***

Just a reminder to our St. Paul parents to please return your feedback index cards that you may have picked up from "Meet the Teacher Night", also your Parent/Student handbook receipt, as well as your volunteer sign-up sheet to the school office. Thank you!

***ST. PAUL SCHOOL DIRECTORY***

Our St. Paul School Directory has been completed. If you would not like your address or phone number listed, please contact the school office by Wednesday, September 14.

***GERMAN CLUB AND CHESS CLUB***

There has been some interest expressed to form a German club, as well as a Chess club. If any students may be interested in joining, please contact the school office.

***Our Spanish Club will begin meeting in October and those dates are being finalized.***