



# The Wave Watcher



St. Paul School 718 W. Main St. 989.725.7766

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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

### Monday-January 23

No Buses

No Band

No Hot Lunches

NWEA Testing

### Tuesday-January 24

NWEA Testing

### Wednesday-January 25

NWEA Testing

Student Council Mtg. @ lunch

Report Cards go home

6:00pm Marketing Mtg.

### Thursday-January 26

8:50am Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

NWEA Testing

### Friday-January 27

Pizza Day

NWEA Testing

### Saturday-January 28

Dueling Pianos @ Knights of Columbus

### Sunday-January 29

11:00am Mass @ St. Paul

Catholic Schools Week Begins

St. Paul School Open House  
9:00am-1:00pm

### Monday-January 30

Spirit Day & Blue Waves Games

Student Council Heart Grams

Sale begins

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### Tuesday-January 31

Color Day

Mix-up Teacher Day

### Wednesday-February 1

Team Day

8<sup>th</sup> Graders-lead fun exercises

### Thursday-February 2

Dress Your Best for God!

8:50am Mass (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Vocation Awareness following Mass

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat

### Friday-February 3

Dress as a Saint! No jeans!

Pizza Day

Popcorn Day

Adoration

2:30pm Benediction

6:00pm St. Paul School

Carnival

*Money collected through the month of January for our \$1.00 Casual for a Cause will be donated to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.*



The St. Paul School Reading Committee is looking for donations of new or gently used children's books. These books will be used in our preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Thank you for your generosity!



### Dueling Pianos

**Mark your calendar, dueling pianos are back and January 28 is the date!**

It will be held at the Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 6:00pm and the dueling begins at 7:00pm.

Tickets are now on sale for \$25.00 per person.

Please contact Troy Crowe at 989.666.6339 for tickets and any other questions you may have.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools week begins Sunday, January 29 with a school 11:00am School Mass at St. Paul Church. Please join us before or after the 11:00am Mass in the school gym for donuts, coffee, and milk. There will be a scavenger hunt around the school! Students may bring a friend or two to enjoy the scavenger hunt and to show them around St. Paul School. This may give our guests to St. Paul School a reason to say Yes to SPS!



### **Just a reminder:**

During the month of January, our school will be collecting paper products. These will include toilet paper, tissue, paper toweling, paper plates, and napkins.

Blue tubs have been placed throughout the school for collections.

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

**Virtue of the Week:** Gratitude

**What it means:** Thankful disposition of mind and heart

**What it looks like:**

- Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner
- The Blesses Mother singing the Magnificat
- Receiving the legos with a smile
- Appreciating friends
- Praying after I receive Jesus in Holy Communion

**What it sounds like:**

- Thank you, mom, for this delicious dinner.
- The Almighty has done great things for me!
- Thank you for letting me use your legos.
- Thank you for being my friend.
- Silence. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart.

Please help your child build their virtues and practice modeling these important foundations of our faith. Our hearts are bursting with examples in the hall outside the office. Check it out on your next visit!

**NWEA**

We have completed our first week of NWEA testing. The students are working very hard and we are so excited with the growth they are showing! Thank you for your support in helping to ensure they are ready to do their best by keeping them rested and fueled with a healthy breakfast. Each child will earn one raffle ticket for each area of improvement. The winner of the raffle will receive a Red Wing backpack filled with fun surprises!

**7 TH GRADE NEWS**

The seventh grade students have been busy this year! Along with fostering their friendships with their 1<sup>st</sup> grade buddies, they have begun their preparation for Confirmation next year. It has been amazing to see the Holy Spirit at work in this great bunch of students.

In the classroom, they have continued to work on projects, book reports and daily assignments. They took cumulative semester exams for the first time in some of their classes: Math, Social Studies and Theology. This opportunity helped the students learn how to prepare for exams. The seventh grade have been busy working on projects in Art, completing a Christmas Around the World project in computers and did a wonderful job singing in the Christmas Program.

The seventh grade class is looking forward to participating in the Friendship Games at Powers Catholic High School as they will work with other students from the Catholic schools in Genesee County in a variety of teamwork type of competitions. They will also visit Lansing Catholic High School with students from the Catholic schools in the Lansing area for a retreat put on by high school students.

## **TICKET REMINDER**

This is a reminder that all tickets/monies to the Annual St. Paul School Auction (Saturday, March 25) that were distributed to our St. Paul School Families must be **returned to the school office by January 31**. We hope that you can attend, however, if you are unable to purchase or sell your tickets we do need to have those tickets back for accounting/planning purposes. **If tickets and/or monies are not received back by January 31, charges for those tickets will be added on to school tuitions.**

## **Tuition Assistance for 2017-2018 School Year**

If you are interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2017-2018 school year, please note the information below.

Any family who will be seeking tuition assistance for the 2017-2018 school year **MUST** go through the diocesan application process for tuition assistance. Though you may not qualify for assistance through the diocese, your application will assist in obtaining assistance from the Parish.

Click here for the application and for further information:

<http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/tuition-assistance>

If the fee for the application is a problem, please contact Colleen Tinsey at 989.723.4277

If you do not have access to a computer to fill out the application, please call to schedule an appointment and assistance will be provided.

***Please see that attached Carnival Sign-up Sheet. There are some corrections to dates from the previous forms that were sent home. Thank you!***



## It's Carnival Time!!



Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

6-8pm School Gym

Pizza, chips, dessert, and drinks in Activities Room

Saint Paul School Families,

Come and enjoy a fun filled night with your St. Paul School families. Enjoy playing games of chance and skill, face painting, a bounce house, kids craft table, and cake walk! Each activity will cost 1-2 tickets. Tickets will be sold at the door for 25 cents each or 5 for a dollar.

Please look over the attached sign -up sheet on the back of this form. It takes several volunteers to make this a successful evening! In addition, several Dads are needed to help serve food.

If you are unable to help the day of the carnival, there are several opportunities to help out ahead of time. Please call Missy Bruckman, 989-666-2894 /email [bruckman5@gmail.com](mailto:bruckman5@gmail.com) ,

**Please return the attached sign-up sheet by Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your help,

Missy Bruckman  
Carnival Chair

# Carnival Sign Up Sheet

YES, I would like to help the St. Paul School Carnival on **Friday, February 3rd, 2017.**

Please return this form to the school office by **Wednesday, January 25** so I can finalize the details!

Please put a check and sign your name where you are willing to help along with a preferred time slot.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Work at a game** \_\_\_\_\_(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-7 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 7-8 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Work in kitchen (Dads)** \_\_\_\_\_(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-7 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 7-8 pm & Clean Up

\_\_\_\_\_ **Set up Carnival games (1pm or after)** \_\_\_\_\_(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clean-up (Immediately after carnival 8pm)** \_\_\_\_\_(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Make a cake for the cake walk (30 needed)** \_\_\_\_\_(name)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Interested in being chair for carnival next year.**

Thank you in advance for your time and help in making this a great event for all!!!



# Catholic Schools Week 2017

## Sunday, January 29

### **11:00 Mass at St. Paul**

Kick off Catholic Schools Week with Mass!

### **9:00-1:00pm - School Open House**

Join us before or after 11:00am Mass in the school for donuts, coffee and a scavenger hunt around the school! Bring a friend or two and let's give them reasons why they should "Say YES to SPS!"

## Monday, January 30 – Spirit Day

**Dress:** Spirit Day/Jeans/SPS Gear/Blue & White

**Activity:** Blue Wave Games

**Cost:** \$.01 / penny



## Tuesday, January 31 - Color Day



**Dress:** - Each class will be assigned a shirt color - Dress Code bottoms.

**Activity:** Mix-Up Teacher Day

**Cost:** \$.05 / nickel

## Wednesday, February 1 – Team Day

**Dress:** Dress as a Coach/Ref/Fan/Player to your favorite team. Dress Code bottom if not a part of a "uniform."

**Activities:** 8th Graders will lead fun exercises all day long.

**Cost:** \$.10 / dime



## Thursday, February 2 – Dress Your Best for God!



**Dress:** Dress code or better - no jeans!

**Activities:** 8:50am Mass

Vocation Awareness following Mass

**Cost:** \$.25 / quarter

## Friday, February 3 – Saint Day

**Dress:** Dress as a Saint! No jeans!

**Activities:** Adoration/Benediction (2:30pm)

**6pm** Carnival to conclude the fun week!

**Cost:** \$1.00 / dollar



*Money collected goes to our January Cause - Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.*