



The Wave Watcher

St. Paul School 718 W. Main St. 989.725.7766 stpaulschool@spsowosso.org March 10, 2017

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

Saturday-March 11

9:00am-9:00pm SPS Scrapbooking Day @ St. Paul Church-basement

9:30am-12:30pm Virtus training in Father Whelan room @ St. Paul's

11:05am-8th Grade Symphonic Band Concert District Band Festival @ Perry HS

5:30pm Youth Mass @ St. Paul's



Sunday-March 12

Daylight savings Time Begins- Spring ahead 1 hour

Monday-March 13

3:30pm-4:30pm Chess Club
6:00pm Auction Mtg.

Tuesday-March 14

2:15pm MSP Human Trafficking presentation for St. Paul Middle School students

Wednesday-March 15

Student Council Mtg. @ lunch
2:45pm Pep Assembly
3:30pm-5:30pm Choir practice

Thursday-March 16

Yearbook pictures taken
8:50am Mass (6th Grade)
3:30pm-4:40pm Spanish Club
6:30pm MSP Human Trafficking presentation in Father K Hall

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Friday-March 17

Pop can drive to benefit 7th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.-2018
\$1.00 Casual for a Cause- Shiawassee Humane Society Pizza Day
2:30pm Stations of the Cross

Monday-March 20

6:00pm Auction Mtg.

Tuesday-March 21

Regular school day

Wednesday-March 22

Student Council Mtg. @ lunch
Dr. Marcia McEvoy mean behavior seminar
3:30pm-5:00pm Choir practice

Thursday-March 23

8:50am Mass (Kindergarten) Grades K, 1,2 attending puppet show @ Owosso Middle School

Friday-March 24

End of 3rd Quarter
12:00pm School dismissal
No afternoon bus
No Latchkey
Teacher workday PM

Saturday-March 25

St. Paul School Roaring 20's Dinner/Auction at D'Mar Banquet Center



Doors open @ 5:30pm
Dinner @ 7:00pm



VIRTUS TRAINING

There will be a Virtus Training (Protecting God's Children) course to be held on Saturday, March 11, from 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Father Whelan room located in the lower level of St. Paul's Church. This is required for anyone who works with youth (under 18 years of age) in any capacity in a parish/parish school setting. (This would apply to any parent or grandparent who would like to volunteer in the student's classroom, field trips). If you or someone you know needs to register, please go to www.virtusonline.org and create an account to register. The training class is free.



AUCTION UPDATE

A huge THANK YOU to those who have donated items for the auction!! Your contributions are crucial to the success of this important fundraiser for our school! There are so many fun things! An awesome firepit, a fun bike, some unique furniture, wine, spa accessories, and so much more. If you were not able to make a donation yet but would still like to, we will be happy to accept. Please get your donation in as soon as possible, though, as the clock is ticking and the basket committee is quickly putting together some beautiful baskets! Please prayerfully consider helping out as we finalize preparations for this event. There are many things that can be done, from selling tickets after Mass, making phone calls, assembling baskets, making signs, etc. We greatly appreciate your support! Please contact Cindy Feldpausch at feldpausch@owosso.k12.mi.us or Laura Heatwole at principal@spsowosso.org.

Virtue of the Week: Meekness

What it means: Serenity of spirit while focusing on the needs of others.

What it looks like:

- Remaining calm and counting to 10 when you are upset.
- Asking the Holy Spirit to help you see things differently.
- Taking a break when you are upset.
- Waiting without complaining
- Walk away when you are angry instead of fighting.

What it sounds like:

- One, two, three...
- Come, Holy Spirit, and show me what I should do.
- Give me a minute, please.
- Silence.

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!



March is Reading Month

March is Reading Month, and our Book Fair was a huge success! **Thank you** so much to all who helped support our library and your child's literacy by purchasing books! We were able to purchase almost \$500.00 in books for our school! **Thank you** also to Margie Charters who was our Book Fair Coordinator, as well as all of our volunteers, Mary Jo Calkins, Kim Sprague, Tammy Migan and Margaret Starr.

Urgent Human Trafficking Information

Please make every effort to join us on **March 16 at 6:30 PM** in Fr. Kolenski Hall for a presentation for all parents, regardless of their child's age, as well as for anyone who works with children or who has children in their lives. This is a very real and dangerous threat to our children, and we believe the best way to keep our children safe is to work to ensure all are educated about this issue. Trooper Steve Kramer from the Michigan State Police will be here to share some very important information with us about what we can do to protect our children. A St. Paul parent, who attended the same presentation held at the Owosso Middle School, had this to say:

"The presentation on Human Trafficking was such an eye-opener for me. There were things I thought I knew about this troubling danger that just weren't accurate. I learned a great deal about how this happens and what to look for in an effort to keep my children safe. I really feel this is a must-see presentation for anyone who has children or works with children."

Additionally, all St. Paul middle school students will be given an informational presentation on Tuesday, **March 14 at 2:15 PM**. The boys will be given their presentation by Trooper Kramer, while the girls will have their information presented by his female partner. Please help your child process this information so that we can help to stop this danger. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.



Preschool!



The preschool children are busy learning many things! The month of March is reading month! Each week the preschool class will have a featured author whose books we will be reading. This week's author is Ezra Jack Keats. We read *Peter's Chair*, a book about a little boy who has a brand new baby sister. The book turned out to be especially appropriate as one of the preschoolers just welcomed a new baby brother into her family this week. We have also spent some time with Dr. Seuss books in honor of reading month and his birthday! Next week we will focus on Eric Litwin and his series of *Pete the Cat* books he authored. The next two weeks will feature my favorite, Eric Carle!

Part of the preschool curriculum is called Zoo-Phonics. Zoo-Phonics is a language arts program that is a kinesthetic, multi-modal approach to learning vocabulary development and articulation, based on phonics and phonemic awareness. Each week the children focus on a different Zoo-Phonic animal. This week was Pee Wee Penguin, Pee Wee's letter is P. Next we will be focusing on Queeny Quail. Queeny Quail always has her baby quails with as her and has a crown on her head as she wobbles around saying her name, the "q" sound.

The Preschool is currently enrolling for next year. We still have a few spaces left. If you missed the Open House we had on March 4th, please call the school office at 989.725.7766 to schedule a tour!



ST. PAUL BLUEWAVES TALENT SHOW

A big thank you to our wonderfully talented St. Paul Bluewaves students and staff who made this year's talent show a very enjoyable evening! **A big thank you** to Mr. Ellul for directing and organizing the show! **A big thank you** to Mrs. Bushey for getting our stage lighting effects, and **a big thank you** to Miss Schueller for being a judge at the talent show tryouts.



March Blue Tub Collection

Student Council is collecting spring cleaning supplies in our blue tubs for the whole month of March! Please put donations in the blue tubs in the school hallways or church entryways to donate. We appreciate your generosity!