



# The Wave Watcher

St. Paul School 718 W. Main St. 989.725.7766

March 3, 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 4

9:30am-Girls' BB-4/5<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Away @ St. Gerard's

### 10:00am-12:00 noon

**St. Paul Preschool Open House**

The Book Fair will be open  
10:45am-Girls' BB-6<sup>th</sup> Grade-  
**Away game-St. Joe's in  
St. Johns**

### Monday-March 6

6:00pm Auction Mtg.

### Tuesday-March 7

Book Fair opens  
**6:30pm Bluewave Talent Show**

### Wednesday-March 8

No hot lunches  
No afternoon buses  
Book Fair Open  
Student Council mtg. @ lunch  
3:30pm-5:00pm Choir practice  
**5:30pm-Kindergarten Round-up**

### Thursday-March 9

8:50am Mass-(2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
8:50am-6<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip-LCHS  
Book Fair ends  
5:00pm-Girls' BB-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
6:15pm-Girls' BB-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
7:30pm-Girls' BB 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
**All Home Games**

### Friday-March 10

Pizza Day  
2:30pm Stations of the Cross  
7:40pm-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band  
District Band Festival @  
Perry HS

continued:

### 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-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Symphonic Band  
Concert District Band Festival @  
Perry HS

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

### 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
3:30pm-4:40pm Spanish Club  
6:30pm MSP Human Trafficking  
presentation in Father K Hall

### Friday-March 17

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



### Kindergarten Round Up

Calling all Kindergarten aged students! Come to the informational meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30pm. Meet the teacher and principal, tour the school, enjoy a pizza supper and explore many activities in the kindergarten classroom! Find out why St. Paul's is the place to be next fall! Hope to see you there!



### BLUE WAVE TALENT SHOW

The St. Paul Bluewaves will display their wide array of talent in a Talent Show on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm in the school gym. Come enjoy the impressive talents of our wonderful students! (Rumor has it there may also be staff act!) We are so excited to share some of the many gifts that God has given us.



### Preschool Open House

Please spread the news! We will be hosting a preschool open house on Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. If you have a child who will be preschool age in the fall, or if you know someone who will, come out and Visit the classroom and explore many activities. Meet the teacher, the principal, and tour the school. St. Paul is a very special place so come on out and check it out! You won't want to miss it!

**Virtue of the Week:** Moderation

**What it means:** Attention to balance in one's life.

**What it looks like:**

- Taking the time each day to pray.
- Taking the time each day to rest.
- Taking the time each day to eat.
- Taking the time to do your homework.
- Not spending too much time on the computer or watching TV.

**What it sounds like:**

- I have spent time praying today.
- I have to go to bed on time.
- It's time to eat.
- I spent some time doing my homework today.
- I did not spend too much time on the computer or watching TV.

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!

**The Book Fair is Here!!**

March is Reading Month, so what better time to celebrate with a book fair?! The St. Paul School Book Fair has arrived! The fair will be here through March 9. This is an economical way to get books into kids' hands and help raise funds for our school library. Teachers have chosen times for their class to visit the book fair next week. Please look for information from your child's teacher to know when your child will go. Thank you, as always, for your support and valuable time!



**March is Reading Month**

We kicked off March is Reading Month with an all school DEAR time in the gym, “under the stars,” which coincided with our “Blast Off Into Reading” theme! Each teacher has set individual reading goals for their students. I have challenged the students to reach the “SON” by promising to let them duct tape me to the wall if 80% of the school gets there! (That’s 88 kids!) The month will also include a book walk on March 8, a scavenger hunt, reading goal challenges and an amazing conclusion on March 31 of a visiting space dome. We are looking forward to a fun month ahead! Thank you to the committee for your time and work in planning this exciting month!



**Our Kindergarten Round Up is this Wednesday at 5:30 pm please spread the word!**

In the Kindergarten classroom, the children have been very busy. They started this month of March reading the morning prayer at our all school gathering. They also will be preparing to do their first Kindergarten mass this month as well. It is great to see their excitement about reading, their courage to be brave and read in front of others, and their improved reading skills to articulate and read larger words. They amaze me every day!

In Religion, the Kindergartners have been listening to Jesus' journey about how he was crucified, died and rose for our salvation. We have been working hard on making Lenten Promises to become closer to God by praying, fasting, and alms-giving. Each Kindergartner also came up with ideas of how they would do this. They wrote them out and illustrated them beautifully. This week the Kindergartners took turns looking inside of our *Resurrection Eggs* in class to remind us of Jesus' journey as well as experiencing this through the Stations of the Cross on Friday.

In Math the children are finishing up their unit on Geometry. They are working hard on identifying shapes of flat surfaces as well as and recognizing cubes, cylinders, cones, and rectangular prisms. They have been good detectives in math centers by experimenting and then deciding what objects roll, stack, and slide. We will be beginning our unit on Money next week.

In Science we have begun our Unit on Space. We are focusing on learning about our planets, our solar system, the sun, and the moon. It is exciting to work on this science unit now as it fits beautifully with our March's Reading Month theme *Blue Waves Blast Off Into Space!* The children are also working hard on reaching each planet within our solar system by earning a star to represent their reading goal reached each week.

In Language Arts, the children are making connections to sentence structure by focusing on complete thoughts, punctuation, and capitalization. They are making their own sentences in their journals and giving more complex thoughts with their illustrations. This is great to see! In Reading, the children are also focusing on Dr. Seuss' books this month of March as well. We read many great stories, including *Green Eggs and Ham* and they celebrated by eating green eggs and ham for snack on Thursday for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Another fun activity was making *The Cat in the Hat* hats, and writing rhyming word families.

The Kindergartners will begin to decorate our Auction Project this upcoming week. They will be putting their beautiful artwork on a lovely wooden bench my husband has made. It is going to be a beautiful masterpiece at the auction once they are finished and it could be yours to bid on. Hope to see you there at the Roaring 20's Dinner Dance Auction the evening of March 25th. If you know anyone interested, please spread the word.

God Bless Sincerely, Mrs. Dixon

## **Financial Aid for Tuition/Early Registration**

In order to be considered for tuition assistance from St. Paul, you first will need to complete the tuition assistance forms online for the diocese. Please go to this link to complete the forms:

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

**PLEASE NOTE! The deadline of March 1 has been extended by the diocese to March 6!!!**

If you were unable to complete this step, but are interested in tuition assistance, please do so by Monday! Even if the diocese does not grant you tuition assistance, completion of these forms is necessary to be considered for tuition assistance from St. Paul.



## **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! If you were not able to make a donation by Tuesday, 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 we are working on getting baskets put together.

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](mailto:feldpausch@owosso.k12.mi.us).

## **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](http://www.virtusonline.org) and create an account to register. The training class is free.



**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!



# St. Paul Preschool Open House

Join us on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

St. Paul Preschool is a developmentally appropriate school that prepares your child for kindergarten and builds a spiritual foundation in the love of Christ. Come meet the teacher, learn about our curriculum, tour the school, and the classroom.

We will have fun activities, and refreshments.  
Enrolling now for ages 3 & 4 years old



Contact for  
more info:  
989-725-7766  
728 W. Main  
Owosso, MI







## St. Paul Catholic School Kindergarten Round-Up



***Please join us for our Kindergarten Open House. Take a school tour and see what St. Paul has to offer. Meet the principal and Kindergarten teacher, explore the Kindergarten classroom, and enjoy dinner with us.***

***\*Must be 5 years of age by September 1st***

***\*Save the date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017***

***\*St. Paul Catholic School 718 W. Main Street***

***\*Time: 5:30 pm -6:30 pm***

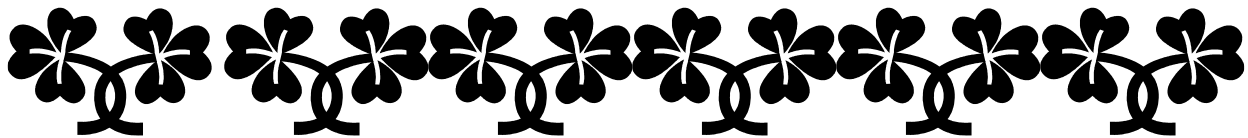
***\*Please R.S.V.P: [1-989-725-7766](tel:1-989-725-7766)***

# St. Paul 12 Hour Scrapbook & Craft

Saturday, March 11, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Paul Catholic Church Basement



*\$40.00 per person*

*Meals, Snacks, & Dessert included*

*Seating is limited!!!!*

**Vendors will be present**

*♣ Raffle ♣ 50/50 ♣ Door Prizes ♣*

To register, send the form below with check payable to: **ST. PAUL SCHOOL** & mail to St. Paul School, Attn. Char Richardson, 718 W. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867. For more information, call Char Richardson @ 989-413-8838.

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