

# Welcome!



Dear Second Grade Parents:

Welcome to St. Paul Catholic School! I am so excited to welcome you and your child to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and that you're ready to begin the school year. My name is Mrs. Jenny Dixon and I will be teaching Second Grade at St. Paul Catholic School this year. This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching, my 5<sup>th</sup> year at St. Paul School. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Reading Literacy Specialization Grades K-12. I am very excited about beginning the new school year and working with your children. I am a practicing Catholic and I love teaching about God. I am married and I am a mother to two wonderful children who also attend St. Paul Catholic School.

I love children and have a passion for teaching. I believe that your child's first school experience is the foundation for learning. My goal for this school year is to help your child grow spiritually, socially, and academically. I am looking forward to getting to know your beautiful children, assessing them, and helping them grow in a classroom where they will learn, have fun, feel safe and successful. Communication and supportive teamwork is essential within my classroom. I have an open door policy so please come to me whenever thoughts, questions, or concerns may arise. I will be happy to meet with you by appointment or when a free moment allots before or after school. I will send home bi-weekly newsletters to keep you informed of upcoming weekly themes or curriculum we will be focusing on. I will also be sending home homework for your children to do each week. Together we will continue reviewing, practicing, and working on preparing your child for success. A great way for us to communicate this year will be through binders we will call our "Blue Wave Binders". I will place all homework, class work, newsletters, etc. inside of the binders called Blue Wave Folders. Therefore, it will be essential that your child brings this folder to and from school every day inside of their backpacks.

I have included a Second Grade school supply list on our St. Paul Owosso School web page. If possible, please **bring all of your school supply items on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to the Open House**, thank-you. I appreciate your help with this. Also, if you could please label your child's school supplies that would be greatly

appreciated. Having these supplies ahead of time will alleviate a great deal of congestion on the first day of school.

In order to get to know your child better and gain some insight to help guide my teaching, I am asking for your help. I will have a student information form and a star student form available at the Open House inside of the Second Grade classroom. Please complete and return or take home, complete and **return all forms by August 28<sup>th</sup>, our first day of school.** Be sure to include anything that you feel is important. I will also have a signup sheet for important dates and method of transportation to ensure your child's safety. Please fill these out this day as well. The first day of school we meet as a school at the flagpole for a prayer service at 9:00 am. Parents are welcome to join us. 😊

**SNACK:** In Second Grade we will have a snack in the morning. **Each child is to bring in a snack daily because of many food allergies. These should be brought in everyday starting the first day of school which includes half days.** It must be a **HEALTHY** snack (such as fruit, vegetables, yogurt, canned fruit, cheese crackers, goldfish, etc.) Please do not send in chips, chocolate covered snacks, or sweets. These are not healthy choices but please keep in mind healthy foods your child does enjoy so they enjoy what they bring in and actually eat it. Please also send in one packaged snack a month for the classroom snack box. This will be used only when the children forget their daily snack. We will be a **TREE-NUT FREE** classroom and no foods produced in a factory where tree nuts are present. We also have gluten allergies, seafood, and eggs eaten in raw form like hard boiled so we will need to work together and check labels carefully and get creative for birthday celebrations and holiday parties to ensure that all of our children are safe. Thank you all in advance for your help so we keep all God's children safe.

**Blue Wave Binders** The 2nd grade students will begin using daily organizational books very soon. These are to be used as a tool for communication tool between you and me as well as your children. They will learn about it and they will teach you about how it works. **IT IS TO GO HOME EVERY NIGHT AND COME BACK EACH AND EVERYDAY.**

**HOT LUNCH** Please discuss choices before Tuesday so this is clearer for them. Milk is also available to purchase. Please send in money in an envelope or baggie labeled with your child's name. This can be placed inside of the Blue Wave Binder.

**MASS DAYS** 😊  
Wednesday will be our mass days this year. Fridays we have Adoration and Benediction the first Friday of the month. Dress code is required these days. No Jeans are allowed on these days because we will be in church.

I know this is lengthy but hope these important details help your family to adjust to the new school year. Again I am excited to get to know you and your child and I am looking forward to a wonderful school year. May God bless us all for a successful school year; see you at our Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jenny Dixon

