

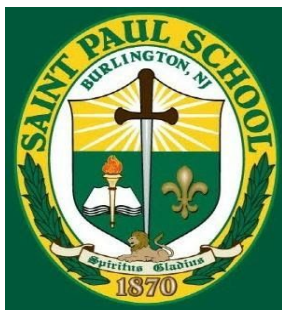
# Saint Paul School

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October 7, 2020



## From the Principal

Dear St. Paul School Families:

Happy October! I have many items about which I would like to alert you:

**High School Fair:** Mrs. Tomczynski, one of our 8th grade parents, has arranged a High School Fair for our 5-8th grade students. Families need to register in advance on **Sign up Genius** for a 20 minute visit. There will be eight area high schools attending. In particular, the 7th & 8th grade students are encouraged to attend. The sign up link has been emailed to the invited families.

**School Mass:** We will celebrate our first school mass for this school year on Friday, October 9 at 8:30am. Mr. Krupa will live stream the mass from the Chapel as Father Jerome celebrates. Mrs. Kathy McDonough and Mrs. Justine Bifano will distribute communion to grades 3-8 immediately after mass.

**Progress Reports:** Progress reports will be sent home this Friday, October 9 for grades K-2. All grades (for every student) will be updated by the teachers in *Genesis* by Friday so that parents will be able to review their student's mid-marking period averages.

**Parent/ Teacher Conferences:** Conferences will be held virtually on Wednesday and Thursday October 21 and 22nd. Each teacher will set up a **Sign-up Genius** to schedule their own conferences. These conferences will be available for scheduling from 1:00-4:00pm on these two days. Since these conferences are virtual, we are hoping that you (the parents) will be able to schedule conferences more easily around your own schedules.

**Halloween:** While we continue to keep everyone safe in school, we would also like to try to keep some traditions alive. On October 30, students in PreK3 - 3rd grade will be permitted to wear appropriate costumes to school. Face coverings will still need to be worn. We will have a brief parade outside in the parking lot (weather permitting) for Pk3 - 3rd grade. Parents will be welcome, but must remain outside and on the sidewalk (socially distant). We will set up a schedule for each class to parade and parents will be instructed to depart after their child's class has paraded and re-entered the building. **There will be no other parties or celebrations. No snacks or treat bags are allowed.** The upper grades (4 - 8) will be allowed a *Dress Down Day*, wearing Halloween colors. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

*We are certainly looking forward to an event - filled October!*

God Bless,  
Mr. William Robbins  
Principal

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Parents, we need your help keeping our parking lot safe for both students and drivers in the afternoon. Please note that there are 4 pick up car lines for afternoon dismissal - only 4 - *please do not create any additional lines.*

Starting tomorrow, Thursday, October 8 we will be implementing a new policy: Once we start dismissal, we will close off the entrance to the car lines. Anyone arriving late will need to park in the gravel lot to pick up their children. We have had too many cars pulling while students are in the parking lot entering vehicles.



## Emergency Contact Cards

Yellow emergency contact cards were given to each family at Back to School night. Each family is asked to fill out 3 cards for us to have on file in the main office, the nurse's office and Mr. Robbins' office. If you have not returned the cards, please return them to school immediately.



## Friday Mass

This Friday, October 9, 2020 we will virtually celebrate our first mass as a school community. In order to comply with health and safety guidelines mass will be streamed through google meet. Students in our building will attend mass from their classrooms via their homeroom teacher's promethean board. Those students on remote learning have been sent an invite to attend the google meet. We ask that all attending will have their mics muted for the duration of the mass. Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Krupa at [kkrupa@stpaulbri.org](mailto:kkrupa@stpaulbri.org) with any questions about our virtual mass.

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All students, grade 2-8, will continue taking the Star Assessments in computer class through October 9. Star is the new standardized test that we use to measure students' progress. The test is administered 3 times throughout the school year. Remote students have received specific instructions via email on how they will take the test. **Please see the letter from former Superintendent JoAnn Tier regarding Star testing.**

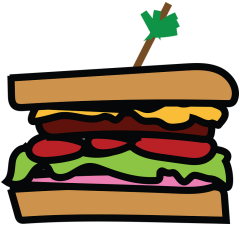
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## Lunch Accounts:

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's lunch account through the My School Bucks website. Please visit [www.myschoolbucks.com/](http://www.myschoolbucks.com/) to set up an account. This will enable you to see what purchases your child has made, see the balance on their account and allow you to add money to their account. (You do NOT have to use MySchoolBucks to add money to the account. You can still send cash or a check in with your child.) One of the best features is to set up an alert when the account gets low so you know when to replenish it.

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All families have been entered into the Honeywell Instant Alert system with the primary contact phone used during registration. Please access/create your account to update your information or to add additional contact information, <https://instantalert.honeywell.com/> Information regarding school closings, etc. is distributed using the Honeywell Alert System. It is important that all families have accurate information in their account.



## PTA News



### Adult Day Out!

Join us for our first ever **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT** and **BEER GARDEN** on **October 24** in the SPS school yard! 12:45pm registration and games start at 2p. This is a 21 and over only event with food, fun, friends, backyard games and the SPS beer garden! You can register as a team, \$25 pp/\$50 a team at [pta@stpaulbri.org](mailto:pta@stpaulbri.org) or just come out for fun as a spectator. There will be plenty to do for everyone! Payment for team registration can be made by mailing checks to SPS or through Venmo at [sps@strong](https://venmo.com/sps@strong)

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## Cookie Dough/Magazine Sale Extended

The cookie dough and magazine sale has been extended to Friday, October 9. All orders are placed online with school code STPA33 at [www.ClubsChoiceFundraising.com](http://www.ClubsChoiceFundraising.com). Delivery will be to the school before the Thanksgiving holiday.



### Fundraising Committee

All are welcome to join us on the third Monday of every month for a brain storming fundraising committee run by PTA coVP Cara Lynch. This will be a relaxed environment to share different ideas and work out kinks in some of our fundraising plans. Information from these meetings will then be brought back to the PTA meeting on the first Monday of the month. If you are interested in attending and want more information please do not hesitate to reach out to Cara or the PTA.



### Trunk or Treat

We are looking for volunteers to decorate their car at our annual Trunk or Treat. It's a Halloween themed event where cars are decorated in the school parking lot and children "Trunk or Treat" from car to car (with social distancing in mind). If you are interested in participating please see the attached flyer and reach out to the [pta@stpaulbri.org](mailto:pta@stpaulbri.org).

### Scrip Sales

Do you want to save money on next year's tuition? Do you want to help raise money for the school? Do you like to shop? You can do all of this without spending any additional money than you already spend at the store. Our Scrip program allows you to purchase gift cards at stores you already shop at and a percentage of your purchase will be given back to you in tuition discounts and a percentage will be given back to the school.

This year Scrip has come out with an app to help make these purchases easier. The Raise Right Fundraising app links to your Scrip account and allows for you to shop Scrip on the spot in the store. Ask your Scrip coordinator how you can get involved in this money

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saving program. **We have a new access code (2DACA4F413322)**. Please visit our school [website](#) for more scrip information and contact Nicole LeVach at [clevach@comcast.net](mailto:clevach@comcast.net) with any questions.

## SPS Fall Blingo

Unfortunately, we will have to postpone our Fall Blingo this year due to COVID and the limited capacity mandate by the governor. We are hoping to put something together in the future as the mandates are lifted.

### Kid's Stuff Coupon books

Kid's Stuff Coupon books were sent home last week. They are \$25 a book. Family and friends can order from out of state. Who doesn't want to save money when you are out and about shopping. If you are not purchasing or selling the book that was sent home, please return it to the school.



### Christmas Mini Photo Sessions

Christmas is less than 100 days away. Don't be late getting out your family Christmas Cards. Sign up for one of our photo sessions for October 17 or 18th. Time slots are filling up fast. Sessions are \$75.

## **HIGH SCHOOL FAIR AT SPS - DON'T MISS IT**

**Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students! You are invited to attend our high school fair on Thursday, October 8th from 6p-8p in the school gym. In order to maintain social distancing guidelines while also keeping our guests and families safe, we are asking for only one parent and one student per family to register for each time slot offered on Sign Up Genius (see link below). Also, masks must be worn in the building at all times. Families will be assigned to start at an open high school table and will rotate. Registering for a preferred time slot is required. This is a great opportunity to gather information if you are just starting your high school search or to finalize any questions you may have prior to making your decision. High School Placement tests are coming up quickly for 8th grade students and for many schools these tests are the qualifying factor in applying for scholarships. With limited open house tours, shadow days and in-person experiences this is a great opportunity to ask questions and gather information. More time slots may be added if needed closer to the event. Please email Lucy Tomczynski at [lucyctrs@me.com](mailto:lucyctrs@me.com) if you**

