



St. Paul Parish School

Voyager

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A Voyage in Faith and Learning

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Dear St. Paul Families,

Thank you for attending Parent Teacher Conferences last week. I know that the teachers were grateful for the time that they had to visit with you and look forward to a continued partnership with you throughout the course of the year.

When I read the metric numbers released for last week, it was very disheartening and sad to see how much of an increase there has been in COVID in our area. The Lane County test positivity rate increased from 7.3% to 8.9% and the number of cases per 100,000 rose from 133.6 to 176. In a Lane County Public Health Meeting today, it was reported that the numbers are still increasing this week. Please continue to keep all that are infected by this virus in your prayers, and I ask that you especially pray for the family members that have lost someone due to this illness.

I know that that you are all well aware of Governor Brown's "Two Week Freeze" and travel advisory. School operations are not directly impacted by the freeze- however, I encourage you to follow this executive order. It is extremely important that we all work to reduce the spread of this virus. I am grateful for the work that has been done by the members of our school community to follow the protocols and guidance that has been given. This has allowed us to serve our students in preschool through third grade in-person. In order for our students in grades four through eight to return to school we have to meet the metrics; therefore it becomes imperative that we all do our best to make this happen by following the guidelines that are given. It is a key component for the return of these students back to campus on a regular basis in a safe and healthy way.



We are requesting that staff and students follow Oregon's current [West Coast Travel Advisory](#). A travel-related question has been added to our entry screening protocols and we will begin using it on Monday. Included in this edition of the Voyager is a statement from the Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Portland Department of Catholic Schools. It is a strong reminder to each of us to do our part to help reduce the spread of COVID.

We have officially launched this year's school auction. The theme this year is "Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow". Information was emailed home earlier today sharing details about the on-line auction raffle. I thank you in advance for your support of this important fundraiser for our school. If you did not receive the email, please reach out to our Advancement Director, Mrs. Autumn Whittaker at awhittaker@saintpaul-school.org for more information.

Next Wednesday, students will participate in our annual Thanksgiving Mass via Vimeo. Mass will begin at 9:00 and you can join us by clicking on the following link <https://vimeo.com/480895289/aebf225f01>. Wednesday is also an early dismissal day for Thanksgiving break. The pick-up schedule is included in today's Voyager. I know that our Thanksgiving celebrations will look a little different this year, but I hope your hearts stay joyful in the many things we have to be grateful for in our lives. I'm thankful for the students, staff, and families that bless my life each day. May God's peace, joy, and happiness be with you and your family during this special holiday time.

In Christ's Peace,
Kelli Braud

WEEKLY METRICS UPDATE

Metrics for the 14-day Period of
November 1 - 14:

- **County Metrics:**
 - Test Positivity Rate of 8.9%
 - 176 Cases/100,000

These metrics indicate students:

- **4th – 8th Grade:** Comprehensive Distant and Digital Learning with limited in-person instruction
- **Kindergarten – 3rd Grade:** In-Person Learning
- **Preschool – Pre-Kindergarten:** In-Person Learning

COMING EVENTS

Nov 25 – All School Virtual Mass, 9am
Nov 25 – Early Dismissal, Thanksgiving Break begins
Nov 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Break
Dec 4 – Teacher Professional Development, Early Dismissal
Dec 16 – Lifetouch Photo Retakes
Dec 18 – Early Dismissal, Christmas Break Begins
Dec 21-Jan 1 – Christmas Break
Jan 4 – Accreditation Work Day, No School



Cohort Pick Up Times for Early Dismissal

Group A: 11:30 – 11:45am

Group B: 11:45am – 12:00pm

Group C: 12:00 – 12:15pm

Emergency Care and After School Care

-Please note: In order to maintain our cohort group procedures, on days that the school has an early dismissal, ECC will only be available until noon.

After School Care will not be available on half days.

-On No-School Days, our ECC or After School Programs will not be in session.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie at jphillips@saintpaul-school.org.

Travel Advisory- Letter from the Department of Catholic Schools

Dear School Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Families-

After the Governor's press conference November 13th, there have been many questions about travel.

The travel advisory was a joint agreement between the governors of Washington, Oregon, and California.

The travel advisories urge visitors entering their states or returning home from travel outside these states to self-quarantine to slow the spread of the virus. The travel advisories urge against non-essential out-of-state travel, ask people to self-quarantine for 14 days after arriving from another state or country and encourage residents to stay local.

Everyone in Oregon is subject to the self-quarantine requirement. It is expected that all students, staff, and community members comply with these requirements. We have a duty of care to one another to do all we can to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Please do not travel during the upcoming holidays. Following these guidelines will help minimize spread and minimize the cases per 100,000 in our counties.

May the light of Christ fill your heart in the coming months.

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"Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do."

-Pope Francis

Prayer Requests

Today, Mrs. Hughes daughter and St. Paul graduate, Hannah, underwent surgery to donate a kidney to her cousin Kyle. We are happy to report that the surgery went well and both are in recovery. Please continue to keep them in your prayers for a successful transplant and recovery. Mrs. Hughes will be away from school for a couple of weeks to help care for her daughter.

On Monday, Mrs. Kelly, our first grade teacher, will be undergoing surgery to take care of a health issue. Her recovery time is expected to take six weeks. We will look forward to her return in January. In the meantime, we are blessed to have Mrs. Vivian Ewing, as a substitute. Mrs. Ewing taught primary education in the Bethel School District for over thirty years. Many of these years were spent teaching first grade students. Mrs. Ewing is also a long-time member of our parish and her two daughters attended St. Paul from first through eighth grade. Please keep Mrs. Kelly in your prayers for a successful surgery and recovery, and may our first graders and Mrs. Ewing enjoy their time together.

Directory Updates

We are in the process of finalizing our handbook/directory for the year. If your family has had a change of address, phone number, or email since last school year, please contact Julie at jphillips@saintpaul-school.org with the changes. Thank you!