



St. Paul Parish School

Voyager

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A Voyage in Faith and Learning

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Dear St. Paul Families,

As I sit down to write this week's Voyager and think about closing out the year of 2020, I reflect on all that has occurred just since September. Obviously, a great deal has revolved around the pandemic. With the uncertainty of COVID and ever-changing guidance from state and local agencies trying to manage a most unique time, I am beyond thankful for the patience, support, and understanding of our school community. And let us not forget the added stress with the fires that affected so many in our greater community. Through it all, the students, the staff, and you as parents, have done an incredible job in this challenging time showing grit and perseverance. Sometimes, it is difficult to understand what God's plan is for everyone, but trusting in Him and knowing He is with us gives us much to be thankful for.

This time has also called us to make many personal and professional sacrifices. Staff have stepped up to teach in-person and remotely with both avenues carrying added obstacles for them and their students. Whether our students are learning at school and following all the new protocols to keep them healthy or those that are at home learning distantly, the students have shown determination and a positive spirit. I know



much has been added to your responsibilities as parents, especially those managing distant learning. You've done a fabulous job.

During the past few weeks, we have called on everyone to support the annual Advent Outreach Program. You have risen above expectations. We received an extremely generous amount of canned food and other items that were requested. The financial donations you have made will be a great blessing to many in our community. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with others through your generosity and kindness.

In looking forward to the return to school in the new year, the uncertainty still looms over all of us. However, the light at the end of this long and difficult tunnel is getting brighter. Soon we will celebrate Christmas day, which reminds us of the greatest light given to us, that of Emmanuel. I pray that you all have a most blessed Christmas and enjoy the gifts of the season. May you all find a little time to relax and renew over the coming weeks.

In Christ's Peace,
Kelli Braud

WEEKLY METRICS UPDATE

Metrics for the 14-day Period of
November 29 – December 12:

- **County Metrics:**
 - Test Positivity Rate of 4.3%
 - 334 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

Dec 18 – Christmas Hat & Sweater Friday w/ Can-A-Week
Dec 18 – Early Dismissal, Christmas Break Begins
Dec 21-Jan 1 – Christmas Break
Jan 4 – Accreditation Work Day, No School
Jan 5 – Classes Resume
Jan 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day, No School
Jan 29 – End of 2nd Quarter
Jan 31 – Virtual Open House

Tuition Assistance for 2021/2022 School Year

Families that would like to be considered for tuition assistance should be beginning to apply at www.factsmgt.com ("Parent" login, the "Payment Plans/Financial Aid"). NOTE: There is a fee to apply. In order to be considered for Archdiocesan and Catholic School Endowment Foundation grants, please be sure to submit your information by February 1, 2021.

Thank you from the St. Paul Parish School Foundation!

The volunteer board members of the St. Paul Parish School Foundation are pleased to report another \$147.22 donation from AmazonSmile. This brings their lifetime contribution to our foundation to \$1349.20. This is all thanks to you who shop at smile.amazon.com or in the Amazon shopping app and have designated St. Paul School Foundation as your preferred charity. Every dollar helps provide vital support in tuition assistance. Thank you!

Authorizing Alternate Drivers for Pick Up

St. Paul must update our lists of authorized drivers and emergency contacts each school year. If you would like to add someone to your child's list, even if they were on the list last year, we need to receive authorization in writing. (Families that have already sent me this authorization this year do not need to do so again.) This authorization can be through your email or a signed letter. If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the office. Thank you so much.

Cohort Pick Up Times for Early Dismissal

Tomorrow will be an early release day to begin our Christmas Break! The schedule for pick up times is:

Group A: 11:30 – 11:45am

Group B: 11:45am – 12:00pm

Group C: 12:00pm – 12:15pm

Please note that there will be no afterschool care available. ECC will be available until noon.

Christmas Cookies Needed

St. Peter's would like to offer cookies along with the grocery cards on the day of distribution. They are asking the community for donations of Christmas cookies, and asked that we spread the word to our St. Paul School family. Both homemade and store-bought cookies will be accepted. The church is anticipating helping 500 families this year! Cookies can be dropped off at St. Peter Church, 1150 Maxwell Rd in Eugene, on Friday, Dec 18th, from 8:30am until 12pm.

Christmas Hat & Sweater Friday! Dec. 18th

Tomorrow, students and staff may show their Christmas spirit by bringing in one food item for Can-A-Week in order to wear a festive Christmas shirt, sweater, or hat. (Christmas wear is limited to above-the-waist and hats, **dress code bottoms** are still required.) All food donations will go to the pantries of St. Paul Church, St. Vincent de Paul, or Catholic Community Services.

Please Spread the Word: Christmas Donations Available For Families in Need

Please help to spread the word to families in need- Grocery cards for Christmas dinner will be distributed at St. Peter Church on Saturday, December 19th from 10:00am to 2:30pm. Grocery cards will be available while supplies last, with one \$40 grocery card per car. This is not limited to St. Peter/St. Mark parishioners. There is no need to sign up. Recipients can arrive and drive-through to receive their gift- but masks will be required by all in the car. Thank you for getting the message out to help make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.