



St. Paul Parish School

Voyager

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A Voyage in Faith and Learning

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Dear St. Paul Families,

It was a fantastic first week! It was so good to have all of our students on campus. Our teachers and staff are so excited to begin this new school year with all of you. This year promises to be one filled with many opportunities for all of our students to strive to become saints and scholars. It will also be a great time for us all to practice the virtues of patience and perseverance. Together, I know we will rise up to make this school year one of growth and achievement for all.

Please remember the key elements that are needed in order to keep our students and staff safe and learning in-person: 1) keep your child home if they are sick and 2) be open with our administrators and teachers if an exposure occurs. St. Paul Parish School will follow guidance from our local public health authority (Lane County) when determining who will need to quarantine if there is a known COVID exposure in the building. Our staff will be in communication with families when needed.

We will be holding our annual Back to School Night virtually this year. We have been advised by OHA and ODE to hold



online events when possible to ensure health and safety of our school community. We will send out more information soon about the times and details of this event. In the meantime, please save the date of Tuesday, September 21st in the evening.

Important News:

- Our 2021-22 school year theme is: **“Christ be our light, shine in our hearts!”** Students and families will hear more about this in the coming months.
- Our school’s enrollment for Preschool-8th grade is 282.
- Exciting news, we have 38 new families this year. Welcome, new families!

The Voyager will come out every Friday. I appreciate you taking the time to read it through so you can stay connected and updated. Please take care and stay safe. Our St. Paul community is in my prayers daily. Hope everyone has a nice weekend!

Blessings,
Christine Penwell

COMING EVENTS

September 21 – Virtual Back to School Night, evening
October 5 – School Portraits
October 8 – Archdiocesan Inservice- NO SCHOOL

Orientation Paperwork

Thank you for all the families that turned in their paperwork on Orientation Day! If you have not done so already, please return the forms as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the office.

Immunization Records

If your student has had updates to their immunization status over the summer, please have their doctor's office fax in a current immunization schedule. Our fax number is 541-344-2572, attention: Julie. Thank you!

Medication Forms

Parents who want to allow their students to receive OTC medications must check them in to the office with the Medication Authorization form. **St. Paul does not provide any over-the-counter medications for students.** Prescription medications must be accompanied by the signature of the physician or a prescription label. All medications, prescription or OTC, must be checked in to the office by a parent, NOT a student. An authorization form is available in the office if needed.

Dress Code Reminder

Your help in enforcing the dress code before your child leaves home in the morning is necessary and appreciated. If you have any questions or items to be clarified, please feel free to send an email to Julie at jphillips@saintpaul-school.org.

Sacramental Prep

It's time to register for Sacramental Prep! If your Second or Third Grader needs to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, registration opened August 1st and will close on September 20th. Visit the following link to print your registration form: <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/13428/documents/2021/8/Sacramental%20Prep%20Enrollment%20Form-1.pdf>. Registration forms can be picked up after any weekend mass. Please read the form carefully. There will also be time to register after all weekend masses September 18/19 during our Parish Ministry Fair. You can return your form to the box at the back of the Church after all weekend masses or bring it to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Religious Education Coordinator Kristin at kwhite@archdpdx.org. It's going to be a wonderful year!

St. Paul Youth Group

The St. Paul Middle School Youth Group kicks off on Sunday, September 26th from 5:00-6:15pm. Come and meet other awesome kids from our parish and other schools and have a great time! Registration is on the St. Paul Website. Our first meeting starts in the back parking lot. Please bring your own camp chair and wear a mask. You may contact Kristin at kwhite@archdpdx.org with any questions.

COVID Advisory Information

To maintain the continuity of instruction during the first month of school this year, OHA and ODE are issuing the following School Health Advisory, to remain in effect statewide September 7-October 1, unless otherwise updated:

- All eligible youth and adults who come in contact with school-age children should vaccinate to reduce spread in the school community.
- Families with school-age children and educators should limit gatherings and non-essential activities with people from other households to the extent possible. If you are visiting people from another household, you should wear a mask, maintain a physical distance of 6 feet, and keep activities outdoors as much as possible.

Air Quality

St. Paul will monitor the air quality each day and make the appropriate adjustments for lunch and recess when needed.

Before School Care

Before school care is available from 7:30-7:45am on all school days. The fee is \$3.00 per day. In order to ensure that we have adequate space for care, if you expect to use this service at some point throughout the year, please email Julie at jphillips@saintpaul-school.org.