

# CATCH THE WAVE!

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**WELCOME:** We are off to a great start at St. Paul Catholic School. There are many great things that have already happened in the 14 days we have been in school. A great big thanks goes to the teachers for their endless planning of the school year, we are very blessed to have such a dedicated staff. Thanks also goes to the maintenance staff who spend many hours maintaining the school and grounds. The Parent Teacher Council (PTC) Board has been busy also planning exciting things for the new school year. Also a very big thanks to all the parents who faithfully send your children to St. Paul School without your commitment to Catholic Education we wouldn't have existed as a school for 112 years. The theme for this school year is "We Walk In The Light of Christ". The entire school will focus on one saint every week. The first quarter of the school year the students will work on fairness, self-control, sound judgment, and courage. Students will be recognized with their name on a candle, in the hallway when they are seen demonstrating a virtue. Our goal is to have the candles displayed throughout the hallway in the upstairs corridor by the end of the school year.

**WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS:** We welcome our new Spanish and media specialist teacher Carolyn Matthei. Miss Matthei has taught for the past six years with the previous year at Powers Catholic High School where she taught French. Miss Matthei studied both in France and Spain to learn the languages. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Albion and a Masters in Library from Wayne State. We also welcome our Day Care Worker Janna Guysky. Janna previously worked at St. Joseph in their preschool program. She is working in our Day Care in the afternoon with our preschool daycare. Janna currently has a seventh grade student at St. Paul School. We welcome to our Preschool program Jackie Snyder. Jackie is a familiar face in that she has been working latchkey at St. Paul's. Jackie is enjoying being with the preschool children. We welcome our new Athletic Director Mac Ritter. Mac is very excited to be the new Athletic Director. Mac has been involved with sports as an athlete and as a referee. He has a lot of great ideas for our sports program.

**MINGLE WITH THE NEW FAMILIES:** New families were welcomed to St. Paul School in the school library. It was great to see the new families and the old families mingle in the library. Thank you to PTC for providing the refreshments for this event.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** The students that are running for an e-board position gave their speeches on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. All the students will vote for the student council officers on Tuesday, September 23. The students will be able to experience what it is like to vote with voting booths. Mrs. Smith our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and student council advisor

secures the booths for the voting. If you have any suggestions for student council projects please see her with your suggestion. At the convention the eighth grade class shared information to the entire student body about the Constitution. The convention concluded with each student waving a flag and singing patriotic songs led by Mrs. Ensberg the music teacher.

**MAGAZINE DRIVE:** The magazine drive officially began on Tuesday with our magazine assembly. This is a great money maker for the school. The money is used to off set costs that occur during the school year. Some of the activities that were possible in the past, because of the magazine money were the ice cream social, visit of Santa Claus, Parent Luncheon, Guest Artist, Reading Month treat for students, diplomas, playground mulch and volunteer breakfast. Talk to your family and friends about renewing their subscriptions to their magazines. Cards will be coming home with students of who they sold subscriptions to last year. **A volunteer is still needed to organize and promote the magazine drive.**

**SCHOOL MASS:** You are welcome to attend our regular Wednesday School Mass at 9:00 a.m every week. Each class takes turns planning the Mass. Children's masses are a very special part of St. Paul Catholic School. On the monthly calendar on Mass days it will be noted which class is planning the Mass.

**CONCERNS:** If you have a concern please go to the person directly. If you have a question or concern about your child in the classroom or a teaching technique, please make an appointment to speak with the teacher. If you are not satisfied at that level, then you may make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Robertson; if the concern has not been answered at this level, then you may go to Father Mike. Please follow the proper chain of command.

**SAVE:** Please continue to save ink cartridges and old cell phones for recycling through the school. Save also the Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops for Education. When you are shopping at Office Depot make sure you ask the associate to credit the school. We receive 5% back with your purchases. Our school ID number is 70051898. Our school is also registered as a school that gets a percentage back from the Target Red Card. If you have a red card make sure that you have St. Paul listed as the school of your choice. We received \$126.47 from the red card program last year.

**YARD SIGNS:** There are signs available in the school office to place in your yard advertising St. Paul School. There is no cost to you for the sign. Thank you for spreading the good news.

**SAY CHEESE:** School pictures were taken Thursday. If your child was sick or you are not satisfied with the picture when they come home there will be a retake day on Wednesday, October 29 Thanks goes to our parent volunteers Mrs. Starr and Mrs. DeWeese who made the picture day run smooth.

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS:** If you volunteer at St. Paul School you need to take Protecting God's Children Class- Virtus. This would include Boy Scout leaders, coaches, Girl Scout leaders, field trip drivers, classroom party volunteers after school volunteers and etc. This is being provided at St. Paul's so you do not have to travel far. Please put on your calendar Monday, September 22 at 6 until 9:00 in Fr. Kolenski Hall. If you plan on attending register online at Virtus.org. or call Deb Marsten in the Religious Education Department. The Diocese of Lansing mandates this program in order to be a volunteer in the school.

**LUNCH PROGRAM:** We need at least two volunteers serving lunches on a daily basis. Our lunch room monitors need to be monitoring the students and not serving the lunches. If you are interested in volunteering please call the school office. For every five lunches that the volunteers serve they will be given a jeans day pass for their child/children.

**PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL:** When picking up students after school please park in the parking lot or the south side of Bradley Street. It is very helpful for the bus driver if you park your car on the same side of the street that the bus picks up on. (the south side). When cars are parked on both the north and south side it makes less space for the bus to drive through. It is very difficult for the bus driver to maneuver through parked cars on both sides of the street. Please do not park in the yellow lined area for the bus. This is a large area so the bus has plenty of room to maneuver.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** This site is a very valuable tool that regularly is updated. Please visit it often to see all the great things that are happening at St. Paul School. The website is [spsowosso.org](http://spsowosso.org).

**LOOKING AHEAD:** October 5-8 St. Paul Mission (Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.) All are welcome, parishioners, non-parishioners, family members and children. Deacon Ralph Poyo will fill your faith bucket and you do not want to miss it.

We are off to a great start for this school year, all the wonderful positive students, teachers and parents. We can make a greater difference by being positive. If you have any concerns, questions or ideas please let me know with everyone working together we will build a strong team. I am really enjoying the beginning of this school year and looking forward to all the wonderful things that will happen this year.

Caught in the Wave,  
Merry Jane Robertson  
Principal