The Wave Watcher

St. Paul School  718 W. Main St.  989.725.7766  stpaulschool@spsowosso.org  October 4, 2019

Mission Statement:
At St. Paul Catholic School we strive for excellence in faith and academics. Our mission is to be a loving and forgiving community that receives our Lord Jesus Christ and reflects his teachings. God is our focus and heaven our goal.

CALENDAR
Saturday-October 5
9:00am St. Paul Girls’ Volleyball @ St. Paul

Monday-October 7
3:45pm-5:00pm Drama Club (Grades 5th-8th)

Wednesday-October 9
3:40pm Youth Choir @ St. Paul Church

Thursday-October 10
8:50am Mass (3rd/4th Grades)
Pizza Day
3:45pm-5:00pm Drama Club (Grades 5th-8th)

Friday-October 11
No School-(Diocesan PD)

Sunday-October 13
11:00am Youth Choir Mass @ St. Paul Church

Monday-October 14
3:45pm-5:00pm Drama Club (Grades 5th-8th)
6:00pm PTC/Marketing/Auction mtg. in Library

Wednesday, October 16
11:00am-1:00pm Salad Luncheon
@ St. Joseph gym
3:40pm Youth Choir @ St. Paul Church

Thursday-October 17
8:50am Mass (8th Grade)
3:45pm-5:00pm Drama Club (Grades 5th-8th)
No afternoon bus

Friday-October 18
Pizza Day
Casual for a Cause $1.00

HEALTHY KIDS CLUB
If you have a child in grades K-3 we have an after school club for you! Beginning Tuesday, October 8, Ms. Schueller will once again be facilitating the St. Paul “Healthy Kids Club.” Students will have a healthy snack, learn about healthy food choices, and spend some time playing a variety of active games. The club meets every Tuesday after school until 4:30 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the office. We may adjust the dates/ages according to interest. We will keep you posted!

Halloween Boo Bash!
Mark your calendars for Monday, October 28 for our Halloween Boo Bash! The PTC will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event beginning at 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. At 7:00 PM we will adjourn to the school gym to announce the winners of our annual pumpkin contest! If you or your child would like to enter a pumpkin in the contest, please have the pumpkins at school by 9:00 AM on Monday, October 28. There will be prizes for the pumpkin receiving the most votes in these categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, Staff, Overall winner. Please see the flyer attached to this Wavewatcher for more information!
Virtue of the Week
Respect

What does it mean?
Speaking and acting according to our own and others’ rights, status and circumstances.

What does it look like?
- Only saying nice things about your classmates and siblings.
- Not laughing at others.
- Listening the first time and discontinuing an action when someone asks you to stop.
- Kissing a crucifix.
- Listening attentively to others.

What does it sound like?
- He is really good at...
- It is not nice to laugh at people.
- I will stop doing that.
- Silence

Please help your child practice these virtues, tools which bring us closer to Jesus. Thank you!
FRIENDZY!!

We are very excited to begin implementing our new supplement to our curriculum, FRIENDZY! This curriculum is a social/emotional learning curriculum which was developed in a Catholic school, with biblical foundations at the core. We learned about the strategies for implementation in our professional development on September 26. We are excited to have another tool to support our values, our work with virtues, and, most importantly, to help students develop the lifelong social and emotional skills that will lead to deeper peace and greater joy. Look for information in the Wavewatcher, from your child’s teacher, and on the FB page. There will be ways you can help and support your child in this important learning.

Each unit will have a catch phrase. Our first unit has the catch phrase: "WE NEED EACH OTHER!" Some key verses that support this idea are: from Genesis, 2:18: “The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone.’” Also, from 1 Thessalonians 5:11, “Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up.”

The developers of the curriculum complimented our staff for being FORERUNNERS in our efforts to give our students tools needed to grow and be successful in this important area. They stated that, although 98% of teachers and leaders identify social/emotional learning as a needed area of focus for our students, only less than 30% of schools are taking any steps to meet that need.

We are looking forward to partnering with you in this work. Please see the attached information on the importance of this curriculum focus, and feel free to reach out to your child’s teacher or the office with any questions.
5 core competencies make up social emotional learning.

01 Self-Awareness
02 Self-Management
03 Responsible Decision Making
04 Social Awareness
05 Relationship Skills

The JOI Friendzy Units are rooted in these five core competencies and corresponding skills.

4 in 5 teachers want more support to address students' social and emotional development.¹

75% of the words students use to describe how they feel at school are negative. Common words are tired, stressed and bored.²

Integrating social and emotional development improves students' attitudes and engagement.³

9 out of 10 teachers believe social and emotional skills can be taught, benefiting students.¹
Growth in occupations that require the mastery of social and emotional skills has outpaced growth of all other occupations. 

8 in 10 employers say social and emotional skills are the most important to success and yet are also the hardest skills to find.

Social and emotional competency is at least as predictive of academic and career achievement as is IQ.

Supporting students’ social and emotional development produces an 11% point gain in grades and test scores.

Attention to social and emotional development is not only valuable in early childhood. Sustaining a focus on SEL growth through adolescence is crucial for improving achievement and outcomes beyond school.

Integrating social and emotional development with academic learning returns $1 for every $1 invested.

Decreases dropout rates, school and classroom behavior issues, drug use, teen pregnancy, mental health problems, and criminal behavior.

Social and emotional skills help to build cognitive skills. They help students learn academic content and apply their knowledge.

Increases high school graduation rates, postsecondary enrollment and completion, employment rates, and average wages.

--- SOURCES ---

Mrs. Wilson 3rd/4th Grades

It is great to be starting a brand new school year. We are really starting to get into the routine and procedures of the classroom. Students have been learning the responsibility of using technology for educational purposes as we use our brand new Chromebooks for research, and learning opportunities.

In reading, students are learning to use sustained reading to help them grow their talents as good readers. In writing, we are writing a realistic fiction story and are living with our characters to truly have a full story line. In handwriting, we are learning and perfecting our cursive handwriting. We are starting the year in math by talking about place value to understand the value of numbers. In science, students are learning the steps in the scientific method and how to engineer solutions. In social studies, we are beginning our year by learning about the geography of the United States. Finally, students are beginning to learn about the recorder and how to care for their instrument along with the basics of music theory.

ROSARY FOR OUR NATION

Please join us in praying the Rosary for our nation on October 12, 2019 at 12:00pm. This public Rosary will take place at Fayette Square, corner of Oliver and Washington St. (one block past the post office). Rain or shine.
For more information please call Kim at 989.725.6477
Peanut Butter and Jelly Collection
St. Paul Catholic School is collecting peanut butter and jelly for Memorial Healthcare’s Linc Community Pantry in Owosso for families in Shiawassee County. Our school is collecting peanut and jelly until October 11. A collection table is located next to the school office. Thank you for your generosity!

PTC/MARKETING/AUCTION UPDATE
We are looking for someone who may be interested in helping with PTC activities. There is a great binder with detailed information, and a couple of people who have helped a lot in the past and are gracious enough to keep working with PTC, but they need a couple of people to help them out. If you are interested in getting involved, please call the school or come out to the next meeting, October 14 at 6:00 PM. Thank you for prayerfully considering this!

The Auction planning is underway and things are already falling into place nicely! Mark your calendars for April 18 at the Knights of Columbus for an evening of food, fun and fundraising for our school! We have lots of ways you can help us with this, such as helping to procure live auction items, helping to procure silent auction items, reaching out to businesses to inquire about sponsorship, helping with ticket sales, and, when we get closer to the date, working on the basket team to create beautiful baskets for the silent auction, or helping to set up or take down decorations. This is the only fundraiser for our school, so it is important that we all help make it a huge success! Thank you for your consideration of working with this team!

The Marketing committee could also use some assistance. We have worked to develop new ways to share the great news of our school and are open to any ideas you may have! We all know about the awesome things happening here every day. Help us spread the word!
**VG’s Receipts, Kroger dollars, Box Tops, SCRIP**

All of these programs benefit our school, but they all work a bit differently. **VG’s Receipts:** Please save any receipts from VG’s and turn them in to the office. Once we collect $150,000 in receipts, we will receive $1,000 in cash from VG’s. We received our first $1,000 last fall, and we added that to our Chrome book fund. We are almost at $150,000 again, and plan to use this year’s check to offset the cost of our new Friendzy curriculum! (Please see additional information on Friendzy!)

**Kroger dollars:** You do not need to save receipts! Instead, you need to create an account online and designate St. Paul School as the recipient of your Kroger dollars. This needs to be done annually! That’s all there is to it! We receive quarterly checks from Kroger for this program, ranging from $100.00 to $200.00. We use those funds to provide extension opportunities for students or to offset marketing costs to spread the word about our special school!

**Box Tops:** This program is changing. You do not need to cut out box tops anymore. Instead, download the app on your phone and simply scan your receipt. Box top eligible purchases will be credited to our St. Paul School account. That’s all there is to it! Students help choose where to spend these funds, and have typically chosen playground equipment, such as the gaga pit, or new balls etc.

**SCRIP:** This program provides dollars used by families to help with tuition, to support the angel fund, a program that helps offset tuition for families in need, or to support the many programs offered by our PTC. The way this works is gift cards are purchased either from the school/parish office, or online. There is a wide variety of merchants that participate. Each card purchased gives a percentage back to the school. Thank you for your support of all of these opportunities for our school to grow! Please feel free to call the office with questions!
**Seeking Substitutes**

We are always in need of adding substitute teachers to our list! If you are interested in being considered for this important role in our school, please contact the office. We are also looking for people willing to be a substitute in Kid’s Connection, our before and after school care center. Please call the office if either of these two scenarios appeal to you. Thank you!

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION**

Please plan to join us for an adult only presentation on Wednesday, **October 23 at 6:00 PM** in Fr. K Hall. This presentation is open to all parents, whether you have a child in middle school or not. There will be helpful information that you can put into place now in order to protect your children. All parents are welcome, school families, religious education families, parish families. The presentation is put on by the Michigan State Police. Depending on the number of questions, the presentation should last about 90 minutes. **Please pray for the safety of our children.**
PRAISE & WORSHIP

"COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."
MATTHEW 11: 28

Eucharistic Adoration // Live Music
Friday, Oct. 25 at 7pm
St. Paul Catholic Church

Sponsored by the
Owosso Catholic Youth Ministry
and the Catholic Community of Owosso
Picture credit: St. John the Evangelist, Severna Park, MD
Prayer Cross

We are truly Blessed! Thank you for your continued prayers!

Oh good and gracious God,
We praise you and thank you for the gift of St. Paul Catholic School, where the message of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed. It is a sacred privilege to prepare each child to have a personal relationship with Jesus.
Listen to our prayers as we ask you, Lord, to increase our enrollment of students so they can benefit from a Catholic education, where Christ’s love abounds; and that our school grows in nurturing the souls and forms the minds of its students for generations to come.
We ask these blessings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Commitment to pray for St. Paul School

I have prayed this prayer __________ times for St. Paul Catholic School.
St. Paul 12 Hour Scrapbook & Craft Day
Saturday, October 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
St. Paul Catholic Church Basement

$40.00 per person
Meals, Snacks, & Dessert included

Seating is limited!!!!
Vendors will be present!!!

Raffle  50/50  Door Prizes

To register, send the form below with check payable to: ST. PAUL SCHOOL & mail to St. Paul School, Attn. Char Richardson, 718 W. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867. For more information, call Char Richardson @ 989-413-8838.

Name ______________________________________ Phone Number ____________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________
I would like to sit by: __________________________________________________________________
Email Address: ________________________________________________________________________
Halloween Boo Bash

Oct 28th
6:00pm-7:00pm
St Paul School

Trunk or Treat
Starts at 6:00pm
Park your car. (decorate if you wish) Costumes, candy, and fun!!

Candy donations can be dropped off in the office.

Pumpkin Contest Categories
- K-2
- 3-5
- 6-8
- Staff
- Overall

Please have the pumpkins at the school in the morning. Judging will take place during the day. Winners will be announced at the Boo Bash.
The everyday way to make an impact every day

Join us in raising money for our organization and money for your tuition simply by using gift cards where you’re already shopping. It’s easy, rewarding, and fits perfectly into your busy life.

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- Grocery
- Clothing
- Dining
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- Home Improvement
- Travel
- Retail

A family can earn over $1,000 per year

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Nicole, Byesville, OH

How it works

Buy physical gift cards, eGift cards, and reloadable gift cards at face value on ShopWithScrip.com or the mobile website, MyScripWallet.com.

Easily pay online and earn a rebate between 2% and 16% that immediately goes toward funding for our organization. (65% of earnings go toward your Tuition Credit and 35% cover Admin Fee and benefit St. Paul Home School Council.)

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1. Go to ShopWithScrip.com and select Join a Program.
2. Enter enrollment code and register: 9855DB933939
3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order.

Have a question? Contact your coordinator at: ctnsey@stpaulowosso.org
LANSING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
6:30pm - 8:30pm

6:30-7:00PM - TOUR THE SCHOOL
7:05-7:15PM - WELCOME
7:20-7:35PM - BREAKOUT SESSION 1
7:40-7:55 PM - BREAKOUT SESSION 2
8:00-8:30PM - QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Choose two of four breakout sessions: Curriculum, Tuition & Assistance, College Planning, and Athletics & Extracurriculars

501 Marshall Street, Lansing, MI 48912 | 517-267-2102
Register online at: www.lansingcatholic.org
Trick or Treat & COSTUME CONCERT

Thursday, October 24, 2019

TRICK OR TREAT | 6:30PM
CONCERT | 7:00PM

Lansing Catholic High School
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