Dear St. Paul School Families,

Most of you should have received a letter from Fr. Mike sharing plans for the future for our school. If you have not received it yet, you should be getting it any time, as these were mailed Wednesday. I invite you to a special meeting in the library on Monday, December 9 at 6:00 PM to discuss this information.

In addition, there will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 PM in the Fr. K Hall. This meeting is open to all families and parishioners and will have a panel available to answer questions that will include representatives from the Diocese as well as from several committees in the parish. Know that the staff and I are as excited as ever for the future of our wonderful school and are confident you will be as well!
Virtue of the Week
Magnificence

What does it mean?
Doing great things for God

What does it look like?
• Making an extra sacrifice
• Using one’s talents for good
• Doing more than you have to do
• Volunteering to help with a food drive
• Using your talents for good

What does it sound like?
• I will make that sacrifice.
• I will use my talents to help other people.
• I can do that extra job! I will make that sacrifice.
• I will help with the food drive.
• Let’s build a house for a family in need.

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

Learning is always taking place in the classroom, but the 5th and 6th graders took their learning outside of the classroom. They went on their Hartley trip several weeks ago. Fifth and sixth graders go to Hartley every other year. While they are there, they participate in several different classes. This year’s classes included an archeological dig, Native American studies, pioneer living, and wilderness survival. The students are not sitting in classrooms learning about these subjects. They are outside and participating in hands-on learning. During the archeological dig, students actually searched for artifacts left behind from coal miners that once occupied the area. While learning about Native Americans, the students played Native American games and sat inside a teepee. Pioneer living consisted of a real pioneer cabin, food, and games. Finally, the students had to learn how to start a fire and keep it burning, build a proper shelter, and boil water in order to survive the wilderness. When they weren’t participating in the classes, the students enjoyed free time and other fun activities. Not only was the Hartley trip time to enhance what they learn in the classroom, but it was also a time to strengthen friendships with one another. After it was time to leave, many said they wanted to stay because they had such a great time. Our thanks to the PTC for their support of this special field trip!
FRIENDZY FUN!
Our teachers are using new materials called “Friendzy” to develop social emotional skills with our students. Each unit focuses on a “catch phrase” and works to teach children the importance of valuing each individual for the gifts God gave them. Unit 4, “Teamwork makes the dream work,” found 1st and 2nd grade pairing up to collaborate to build a structure using 20 uncooked spaghetti noodles, 5 marshmallows and some string.

Nice job guys!
**St. Paul Youth Choir**
The St. Paul Youth Choir performed on Wednesday, December 4 in the auditorium of Memorial Healthcare for their official Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. They did a beautiful job with their wonderful voices!
ST. NICK’S GIFT SHOP
December 10 - December 11

It’s time for our annual St. Paul PTC
St. Nick’s Gift Shop.
St. Nick’s Gift Shop will be located in the Activities Room
Tuesday, December 10
and
Wednesday, December 11

Students can shop for parents, siblings, grandparents, pets, etc. They really enjoy picking out gifts for their family members and friends!
No items will be priced over $5.

Please send money (cash or checks made to St. Paul School accepted) with your child so that they may shop.

Please see the attached form below that may be used to help with Christmas shopping!
It's that time of year again, where the St. Nick Shop will be open for your child to browse for Christmas gifts. Please fill out the form below by adding the person's name, circle or write in the relationship to the child, and the amount they can spend on each person. Then send in money and the form with your child on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

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Prayer Cross

We are truly Blessed! Thank you for your continued prayers!
Totals through this week are as follows: St. Paul (1,489 stones, 7,815 prayers) and St. Joseph (351 stones, 1,755 prayers)
**Grand total: 2,075 stones and 9,570 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.
The Parish Giving Tree
The school office is still accepting monetary donations to purchase gifts for the Parish Giving Tree until **Friday, December 13**. Thank you for your support and generosity, as this is an important work of charity and love at this special time of the year!

**SCRIP Contest!!**
The PTC is holding a monthly contest for scrip orders. Each month all families that place an order through SCRIP will have their name entered in the drawing to win a **free gift card**. The contest will start over each month. Good luck and happy shopping! Don’t forget to use your gift cards on the new School Store website to help us earn even more! Thank you for your support! Below please find additional information about the SCRIP Program.
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Nicole, Byesville, OH

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3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order.

Have a question? Contact your coordinator at: ctinsey@stpaulowosso.org