**CALENDAR**

**Sunday-January 26** (Catholic Schools Week begins)
11:00 AM Youth Choir Mass @ St. Paul Church
Parent/Volunteer Luncheon

**Monday-January 27** (Get your faith & fun on)
**Dress code:** St. Paul spirit wear w/uniform bottoms
9:15 AM field trip to the Lebowsky Ctr. (Grades 3,4,5) presentation “Judy Moody & Stink”
11:20 AM – 11:50 AM (reading religious books in gym)
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Drama Club (Grades 5-8)

**Tuesday-January 28** (Get your flowers on w/Luau Day)
**Dress code:** Hawaiian/Floral clothing (no shorts or swimwear) Hot dog is provided by the PTC
2:45 PM-3:15PM Bingo in Father K Hall
3:45 PM-4:30 PM Healthy Kid’s Club (Grades 3-5)
3:45 PM-4:45 PM Mechanical Club (Grades 1-2)
6:00 PM Reception

**Wednesday-January 29** (Get your Comfy on)
**Dress code:** Comfy Cozy Clothing
10:15 AM-11:45 AM Animal Assembly

**Thursday-January 30** (Get your faith & fancy on)
**Dress code:** Dress up or Dress code
8:50 AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4)
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Drama Club (Grades 5-8)

**Friday-January 31** (Get your Spirit on)
**Dress code:** Spirit wear & jeans
Pizza Day
2:00 PM-3:25 PM Blue Wave Games
6:30 PM PTC Movie Night-“ALADDIN” in the gym w/free popcorn, pizza, & drinks

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**Fr. Mike’s Musings**

The cold, dark days of winter can depress us, if we allow them to. Our mood is often a choice, rather than a condition, if we allow winter to cast a shadow over us we will indeed become depressed, but if we look at it with wonder, like our children do, we may just get back that spark of excitement. The great Christian monk Thomas Merton once compared the spiritual life to the search for a path in a field of untrodden snow: "Walk across the snow and there is your path."

Set your mind to do some playful things to celebrate the joys of winter by yourself or with your children or with friends. Playing around enables us to express ourselves; to savor pleasure and the lightness of being, and to imitate the Giver of life who created the world. So, I encourage you to take a sleigh ride, build a snowman, make a snow angel, ice skate or go sledding, or simply sit by the fire and read that book you’ve been wanting to. Enjoy the winter, don’t dread it, and remember spring is coming!

Abundant Blessings!
Virtue of the Week
Trustworthiness

What does it mean?
Acting in a way that inspires confidence and trust; being reliable

What does it look like?
• Finishing a job or task well
• Delivering an important message to someone
• Turning homework in on time
• Knowing when to be silent; not gossiping about someone

What does it sound like?
• I finished the job that you asked me to do.
• You can depend on me. You can rely on me.
• I turned my homework in on time.
• Let’s not talk about him or her in that way.
• I told the truth about breaking the plate.

Please help your child practice these virtues, tools which bring us closer to Jesus. Thank you!
**2020-2021 TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

The FACTS application is now available online for the 2020-2021 school year. **The deadline to apply for financial aid is March 1, 2020.** If you will be seeking any financial assistance for the next school year, you must fill out the FACTS application to qualify for parish assistance. Go to www.spsowosso.org/tuition-assistance for more information and the link to the application.

**Popcorn and Nut Fundraiser**

The PTC is excited to sponsor the Wooden Crate Popcorn Company popcorn and nut fundraiser. This is a delicious fundraiser will allows the PTC to continue helping with field trips and all the other fun activities, like our upcoming family movie night to cap off Catholic School Week. Important information, the sale starts now and runs through January 30th. Money is due at the time of ordering. Checks are to be made payable to the St. Paul PTC. Pick up date is February 7th. Order forms went home with students today and more are available in the school office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 26.** Please plan to join us for our kick off as we begin a week celebrating all of the beautiful blessings of our St. Paul Catholic School. The school will be open for an open house from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Our students will be facilitating the Mass at 11:00 PM. We invite you to join us in the Fr. K Hall after the 11:00 Mass for a soup and salad luncheon to celebrate you!! There will be lots of fun activities during the week, which are detailed in the attachment. Finally, on Friday, January 31 the PTC would like to invite everyone to the gym for a family movie night, complete with popcorn and drinks! That will begin at 6:30 PM. **We are excited to celebrate this fun week with our Bluewaves!**
Catholic Schools Week Kickoff
Sunday, January 26th

9:00 AM-10:30 AM Open House
Mass at 11:00 AM and the Parent Appreciation Luncheon to follow with soup & sandwiches
Language Arts Theme: children's work displayed

Monday, January 27
Get your faith & fun on

Morning Prayer - whole school Divine Mercy Chaplet / National School of Choice photo taken for
Read in for students in the gym 11:20 AM-11:50 AM (reading religious books)
**Dress:** St. Paul spirit wear with uniform bottoms

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Thursday, January 30
Get your faith & fancy on

8:50 AM Mass (Grade 5)
**Dress:** Dress up OR dress code
Write a thank you card or letter to a homebound parishioner for everything they do for our school

Friday, January 31st
Get your Spirit on

2:00PM-3:25PM Blue Wave Games
**Dress:** Spirit wear & jeans
6:30PM PTC Movie Night in the gym w/free popcorn
The Second Grade Stars have been very busy this semester. In Religion they just completed Reconciliation and Church diorama projects. They are continually learning about their faith and how to draw closer to God. In the bible, we have been reading about the Prodigal Son and focusing on how in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God runs out to meet us and welcomes us home. The second graders will be making their First Reconciliation on Tuesday of next week. They are very excited, but as to be expected, a bit nervous as well. Please keep them in your prayers. In Math the children have begun three digit addition. They are also working hard on Mobymax with their own individualized goals in Math and Fact Fluency. In Reading the children are improving nicely. It is great to see them really begin to read with fluency, inflection, and intonation. They are also focusing a great deal on story plot, conflict, climax, and resolution. Another way the children are growing daily is working hard on their individualized Mobymax iPad time with the focus on Foundational Reading and Language Skills. In Language Arts, the second graders are focusing on writing a variety of pieces, including poems with descriptive adjectives, opinion writing, creative stories, and writing with more detail. They will be writing their own class book soon and they will be getting it published through Scholastic. In Science the children are studying Physical Science focusing on sound, heat and light. They will be starting a new chapter on force, magnets, and electricity soon. The second graders are also studying North America in Social Studies. In Friendzy the students just finished their unit on Watch My Words. It focused on thinking before you speak. The second and first graders did a fun experiment together with toothpaste. Just as the toothpaste activity demonstrated once you squeeze out toothpaste, you cannot get it back inside of the tube. The children realized how once you say something unkind or rude, you can never take it back. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us! God Bless! Mrs. Dixon
Seeking Transition Committee Volunteers
As we begin to plan for the transition of our school to the St. Joseph building, we are looking for people interested in helping to make some plans for the transition. There are many decisions to be made regarding events that need to be planned to celebrate this building, how to honor both the history of this building while still respecting the history of St. Joseph, etc. Please contact the office if you are interested in working on this important project. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping with this!
TIME TO GEAR UP FOR THE AUCTION!
While April may seem to be a ways off, it will be here before we know it, and there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure our 2020 Dinner Auction is a huge success! This is our main fundraiser for our school, so we need all families to help. Have you been working to sell the raffle tickets? We discovered last year, as the first year for these tickets, that these are highly popular. They shouldn’t be hard to sell! Thank you to those who have already turned in sold tickets. We have more tickets available so if you would like more, just let us know! We appreciate your help with this! We also are asking for any donations that can be auctioned during the silent auction. The auction committee will be publishing a list of suggested items soon, but if you see any good sales or clearance items that would go well by itself or in a basket, we appreciate the donation. These items can be dropped off in the office at any time. We also offer several sponsorship opportunities, at multiple levels. If you own a business or know someone who does and would like to support the auction through sponsorship, please contact Samantha Santrucek at sssantruce@gmail.com or Jamie Zmitko-Somers at msujaz@hotmail.com. Finally, if you would like to help sell tickets or collect donations from businesses, please reach out to one of the ladies and they will be able to help you with that as well. This is always such a fun and successful event, but would not be possible without everyone helping out! We deeply appreciate your support!
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.
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.
SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

FOOD+DRINKS FROM HIP LOCAL EATERIES & BARS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE $40 PER PERSON UNLIMITED FOOD TASTINGS www.lansingcatholic.org

MIX+MINGLE FRIENDS & FUN TIMES MUSIC+LIVE AUCTION GET+TOGETHER MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND

THIS YEAR'S EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

TRANSFORM OUR LIBRARY

INNOVATIVE SPACE INNOVATIVE LEARNING

It's important for the Lansing Catholic High Library to be an integral and valued part of every student's experience.

We want to create a vibrant academic hub and modern learning environment on our campus for 21st century students.

The library transformation features diverse study space options, including an array of tables, chairs, study carrels, bench nooks, and flex seating, as well as collaborative group study rooms.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE EVENT AND OUR TRANSFORMATION PLANS PLEASE VISIT LANSINGCATHOLIC.ORG

BE A LEADER IN THIS EXCITING INITIATIVE BY BECOMING AN EVENT SPONSOR THIS YEAR.

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A parenting program designed by Love and Logic®

Answers to:
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- “Developmental stages”
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- “Is there a way to discipline my toddler in public without creating a scene?”
- “How to get children up and about in the mornings?”
- “How to stop whining and bickering?”
- And many other day-to-day parenting challenges....

This 5-week parenting program is designed to give you practical skills that can be used immediately.

Dates: Wednesday February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 4, 2020
(March 11 will be makeup day IF weather related closure affects schedule)
Time: 5:30p-7:30p (light dinner provided)
Location: Shiawassee RESD – 114 W. North Street, Owosso
Cost: FREE

Facilitators of the Parenting Made Fun!® curriculum are independent and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.

Please register me for Parenting Made Fun! 5-week program begins February 5, 2020.

Parent Name(s): ________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________ City: __________ Zip: __________
Phone: ____________________________________________________________________________ Email: ________________________________
Children(s) Names: ___________________________________________ Age: __________
______________________________________________________________________________ Age: __________
______________________________________________________________________________ Age: __________
Will your child(ren) need child care services while you are in class? ___ Yes ___ No

RSVP to: Lisa Fox at 989-725-2581, ext. 2110 or email fox@sresd.org
Michigan State University’s 5th Annual
Introduce a Girl to Engineering

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020
Who: 4th - 8th graders
What: Hands-on Engineering activities
Where: MSU Engineering Building and Anthony Hall
Time: 1:00-4:00pm (Check-In 12:00-12:30pm)
Cost: FREE

Sponsored by: Ford

Registration is required and participants must be chaperoned. Registration deadline is Feb. 5 or until maximum capacity is reached.

REGISTER at http://www.egr.msu.edu/wie/k-12/programs-outreach

Questions? Contact MSU Women in Engineering Recruitment and K-12 Outreach Office at wie-outreach@egr.msu.edu or 517-432-1273

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