

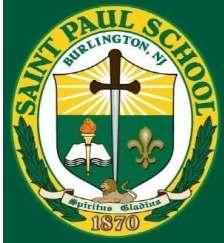
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From the Principal

Dear St. Paul School Community:

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we enter the colorful month of October. After one month, our students have experienced engaging academics, interactive activities, and exciting club involvements. We are off and running, literally!

I am thankful that our educators understand the importance of creating and fostering a family spirit, providing a welcoming presence, and demonstrating a love of teaching that includes sacrifice and commitment to our mission. I am proud of our teachers. They work well together and collectively we achieve great things here at Saint Paul School.

We have some exciting events and important updates to share with you. The middle school visited Camp Dark Waters yesterday and had a great time! They enjoyed positive relationship building, bonding, and team building activities such as archery, canoeing, and high/low ropes courses.

Progress for the first trimester will be reported this Friday, October 6. Parents of students in grades 3-8 will see grades updated in Genesis. Parents of students in grades K-2 will receive a progress report on Friday. . We value the partnership between our teachers and parents, which is why we

are thrilled to announce our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences which will be held October 18th, 19th, and 20th. Appointments are available through the Sign-up Genius links noted in the newsletter and in the email sent to parents. Please take the time to attend conferences as they will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher to discuss their progress, goals, and any concerns you may have.

As a reminder school will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. We hope our students and staff enjoy a well-deserved day off.

God Bless,
Ms. Maria Spirito
Principal



Reminder: A "Year at a Glance" school calendar can be found on our website (under Latest News". This lists all the half days and days off for the year. Please add these important dates to your personal calendar.

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With September coming to an end, our Character Pillar for the month of October is RESPECT. For respect, we are teaching the students how to respect others, our school, our community, and ourselves, as well as how to prevent harassment, intimidation, and bullying situations. We will be having a Superhero Assembly by Omegaman and Friends to talk about Character Development, Bullying, Character Pillars, and much more!

On October 11th, the 6th through 8th grade are invited to attend our High School Fair that will be held in the gymnasium from 6:30pm to 8pm. It is a great opportunity to check out the private high schools in our area. Attached is a flyer with some information and listing the schools that will be in attendance.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am available 9am to 3pm at djohnson@stpaulbrl.org

Parent Teacher Conference Links for Middle School and Specials

Please use the sign up links below to sign up for conferences with middle school and special subjects teachers.

Mrs. Pugh

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs1>

Mrs. Stafford

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs4>

Mr. Heffernan

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrheffernan>

Ms. Wahner

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mswahner>

Mrs. Mosquera

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs3>

Mrs. Bifano

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs2>

Mr. Krupa

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrkrupa>

Mrs. Way-Vechesky

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs6>

Mr. Mahon

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs5>

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Feast of St. Francis

In honor of St. Francis, we will be collecting gently used

blankets/old towels for local animal shelters.

Donations can be brought in through Friday, October 6. **See the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.**



After School Clubs

We are excited to once again be offering extracurricular clubs to our students and are extremely grateful to our parent volunteers for moderating them!.

There are a variety of clubs and just about something for everyone. The registration forms can be found on our website under "Students". There are Rosary Group, Choir, Chess Club, Lego Club, Science Club, Krafty Kids Club, Yearbook Club and Garden Club, as well as instrumental music lessons. Some are geared to younger students and some are for middle school students. Please visit our website for more information including meeting dates and permission forms.



Debate Club

Mrs. Bifano has started a debate club for students in grades 6-8. This club will meet on select Wednesdays. (Students in garden club and yearbook club are still welcome to join.)

Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for a permission slip.



PTA News



Fall Basket Raffle

The SPS PTA is excited to announce our Fall **Basket Raffle/Tricky Tray** on Saturday, November 4th. Over 100+ amazing prizes ranging from \$25 to \$250+!

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Purchase your tickets by 10/27 to take advantage of our \$25 early bird special, a \$45 value! Doors open at 4pm, drawing starts at 7pm. To purchase tickets go to:
<https://givebutter.com/FallBasketRaffle2023> or contact PTA@stpaulbrl.org

Parent Volunteers Needed

Looking to help our school but not sure how? The SPS PTA will be making prize baskets for our upcoming Fall Basket Raffle and we need your help! No experience necessary! Not crafty? No problem! There is an opportunity for everyone and friends and family are always welcome to tag along. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow SPS parents and give back to our school. Come out and meet us in the school cafeteria on:

Monday, 10/9 from 5pm-7:30pm
Thursday, 10/19 from 6-8pm
Monday, 10/23 from 7:30pm-9:30pm
Wednesday, 11/1 from 6pm-8pm

Stay for as little or as long as you'd like. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah at SarahBrodzinski@gmail.com.

Dine and Donate

Support SPS at our next dine and donate with Pizza 541 on October 19—it's a half day for parent teacher conferences, so order lunch or dinner! Must mention SPS when ordering and present flyer if possible



Bordentown Halloween Parade

"Come March in the Bordentown Halloween Parade Sunday, October 29th with a raindate of November 5th....the parade starts at 2pm -please meet at the Retro Fitness parking lot —email lisah112072@gmail.com and say you will join in"

PTA Dues

Don't forget to pay your PTA dues! By paying your dues (\$25 per family) you will be contributing to fun activities for your children, such as, Field Day, School Dances, etc! It is important that we collect these dues at the beginning of each school year so we can have a successful and fun year for your children.

PTA dues can be sent into the office or you can pay online using the following link:

<http://givebutter.com/PTAdues>



Trunk or Treat

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 28, 2023 for a 4:30pm set up and 5:30pm start of the party!

Bring your kids to this exciting FREE in-person event where they can safely trick-or-treat from decorated car trunks. There will be plenty of entertainment options to keep everyone entertained throughout the evening. Enjoy

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music by a live DJ and dance to spooky music! Indulge in treats by SPS PTA and the 8th grade class who will be hosting a delicious Halloween themed bake sale. Venture down the spooky hall. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment with your SPS school family and friends. Mark your calendar and join us at Trunk or Treat for an unforgettable evening! Although this is a free event to attend hosted by SPS PTA, pizza will be offered to pre-order and food and beverages will be available to purchase during the event. Please consider decorating a trunk! We need trunks for trick or treating! Prizes will be awarded to top trunks. Questions? Email at sps.trt@gmail.com RSVP by 10/25! RSVP info on flyers. Hope to see you there!!



Cookie Dough Sale

***All orders are due tomorrow,
Thursday, October 5!***

GRANDPARENTS CLUB



Calling all grandparents to join the grandparents club at SPS! Do you have grandchildren attending St. Paul school? Would you like to help make a difference?

Contact Lisa at lisah112072@gmail.com or 609-820-2719 to join!

NJHS News

Smencils

NJHS has a limited amount of Smencils to sell. They will be selling them tomorrow and Friday during the lunch periods. Smencils are \$1.00

Soda Tab Collection

NJHS will be collecting soda tabs the month of October for the Ronald McDonald House. The Middle School class with the most tabs will be treated with a soft pretzel from the Philadelphia Pretzel factory. The lower class winner will receive a gift bag.

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Are you participating in our Scrip program? **Do you know that you can earn a discount on your tuition by participating?**

This year Scrip has come out with an app to help make Scrip purchases easier. The Raise Right Fundraising app links to your Scrip account and allows for you to shop Scrip on the spot in the store. Ask your Scrip coordinator how you can get involved in this money saving program. **We have a new access code (L9F6DAB913322).** Please visit our school [website](#) for more Scrip information and contact Nicole LeVach at clevach@comcast.net with any questions.



Box Tops for Education

Thank you for scanning your receipts for the Box Tops for Education program. Download the Boxtops app, scan receipts and help St. Paul School earn cash! **See the information in today's weekly news to see how you can help with Box Tops!**



Sacramental Preparation Events for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation



Confirmation

Our **Confirmation student & parent meeting** will be on Monday, October 16th or Tuesday, October 17th beginning at 6:15 pm in the school cafeteria.

All 8th grade students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and at least one parent are expected to attend this meeting. We will be going through the entire year's events during this meeting, so please make every effort to attend on either date. A packet of information will be distributed to each student and parent.

We hope that this meeting will encourage discussion between each Confirmation candidate and their parents about their choice of sponsor, patron saint's name, community service objectives, as well as their spiritual journey for the sacrament.

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Rite of Commitment for all Confirmation candidates

will take place during all Masses on Saturday, October 28th and Sunday, October 29th. All candidates for the sacrament and their parents are expected to attend to formally commit to the year of preparation. You may attend whichever Mass is most convenient for your family.



First Reconciliation & First Communion

Parent Meeting for all parents whose children will be receiving their first Reconciliation and first Communion: The meeting will take place 6:00 – 6:45 pm on Tuesday, November 14th at All Saints Church, 502 High Street. We will be going through the entire year's events during this meeting, so please make every effort to attend. A packet of information will be distributed and discussed.

Please feel free to contact the Religious Education Office with any questions. We are here to help you guide your child in their sacramental preparation!

Kathleen Del Prato, Coordinator

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Looking Ahead...

Friday, October 6:

1st Trimester Progress Reports Available

Monday, October 9:

Columbus Day Holiday - No School

Monday, October 16 & Tuesday, October 17:

Student & Parent meeting for Confirmation,
6:15 pm in the school cafeteria

Wednesday, October 18 - Friday, October 20:

12:00 pm dismissal - Conferences

Tuesday, October 24:

No School for Students - Staff Spirituality Day

Saturday, October 28:

Trunk or Treat, 5:30-7:00pm

Saturday, October 28 & Sunday, October 29:

Confirmation Rite of Commitment for all
students preparing to receive their Confirmation
in 2024 – at all Masses

Tuesday, October 31:

12:00 pm dismissal
Classroom Parties

Tuesday, November 14:

Parent meeting for first Reconciliation and first
Communion: 6:00 – 6:45 pm at All Saints
Church