

Saint Paul School

250 James Street

Burlington, NJ 08016

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October 18, 2023



From the Principal

Dear St. Paul School Community:

Last week we initiated our standardized test, Star Renaissance, and this week we are continuing with the schedule, including testing for students who were absent. These tests help the school assess your child's progress and educational level. Please ensure that your child gets adequate rest, eats a nutritious breakfast and is prepared for the assessments.

This past Monday, we were delighted to host a guest author, Pamela Harris who read to students from pre-k-4th grade, focusing on autism awareness. The students enjoyed her books. Additionally, we had Chemistry Connections on site, where the students had the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiments, which they found highly enjoyable. We also had a visit from a Datshound named Phillip who stopped into grades Pre-K-4th.

Our student of the month based on our character pillars is celebrated at our First Friday Mass every month. Parents are always welcome to attend our First Friday Mass. However, November's mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 1st, in celebration of All Saints Day.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 18th, 19th, and 20th. These days will

conclude with a 12:00 dismissal. If you have not already done so, please go to the school website and click on the Sign-Up links for each teacher to schedule your conferences.

Our Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th 5:30 to 7:00. Please consider decorating a trunk. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners. Make sure you come inside to visit our Haunted Hall for some spooky fun!

Halloween parties are approaching. They will take place from 10am-11:30am on October 31st. All parents are invited to join the classroom festivities. This is a 12:00pm dismissal for students. Child care will be available.

Please come out to support our PTA Fundraiser The Fall Basket Raffle/Tricky Tray on Saturday, November 4th. Over 100+ amazing prizes ranging from \$25 to \$250+! Please join us for our Trunk or Treat event as well. We currently have 150 people coming but only 11 trunks that will be decorated. I would greatly appreciate it if our Saint Paul School Community can come together and make time to decorate their trunks to ensure that this event will be a success. Thank you so much in advance!

If you want to see more of what goes on at school during the day, consider volunteering at our school, check our website, or follow us on our Facebook page. This year is going to be quite a success with many fun events. My staff and I appreciate your support.

God Bless,
Ms. Maria Spirito
Principal

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held today, tomorrow and Friday, October 18-20. Students will have a 12:00pm dismissal on these dates. Child Care will be available. Students staying for child care will need to have lunch with them.



This past week we kicked off our Storytime with Phillip for K - 4th grade. Phillip is a 4 year old dachshund that will take turns weekly visiting the classrooms to spend time with the students while they read to him! This is a great way to help build students' self confidence about reading.

Make sure you sign up for the Parent Teacher Conferences. Time slots are filling up! We want to make sure you are able to sit down with your child's teachers and know how they are doing.

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>

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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>



Basketball Sign Ups

We are calling for all students grades 3-8 who are interested in playing basketball for St. Paul School. The deadline to register a team is fast approaching. Registration forms must be turned in by Wednesday, October 25. **Please see the registration form in today's Weekly News.**

Coaches Needed!

We are also looking for parent volunteers to coach these basketball teams. Without coaches, we are unable to have teams, so please consider volunteering your time. If you are interested in helping to coach, please contact Mrs. Stankiewicz at jstankiewicz@stpaulbrl.org or Mr. Mahon at mmahon@stpaulbrl.org. This can count as your service duty.



8th Grade Class Trip Fundraiser

Support our 8th grade class as they fundraise for their final class trip at St. Paul School. They are selling books of car wash ticket vouchers to Westampton Car Wash & Quick Lube located at 1863 Burlington-Mount Holly Road, Westampton.

- \$20 per book.
- Each book contains **five** Super Wash ticket vouchers.
- A Super Wash is an exterior car wash with clear coat sealer wax, triple foam conditioner, undercarriage wash and a Lava foam bath.
- Books are normally priced at \$55 - It's an excellent value!
- ALL money raised (100%) will be donated back to our students.

If you are interested in helping out our SPS children by purchasing a book, please contact Jane at jmaciorowski13@gmail.com

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After School Clubs

Our clubs are up and running and students are enjoying all these extra-curricular activities. We are grateful for our parent and teacher volunteers who are moderating these clubs for our students.

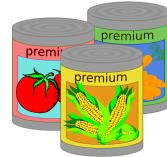
Lego club still has room in the PreK and Kindergarten group. If your child is interested in joining the Lego club, please download the permission slip from our website (under the Students tab).



PTA News

Join the SPS Family Business Directory- We are starting a new initiative -The SPS Family Business Directory! Our goal is to connect the families and alumni of SPS businesses to the community to foster personal, professional and business growth.

Please fill out the flyer and email it to lisah112072@gmail.com or send it in to school, Attn: Lisa H



Canned Food Drive

Help support our troops during the holiday season. Bring in a canned food item or holiday dinner item and drop off in the box in the foyer. **Donations are being accepted until Friday, October 20!**



Halloween Walk-A-Thon

St. Paul School will be holding our first Halloween Walk-A-Thon on Tuesday, October 31st at 9am. PK-8th grade will be lacing up their sneakers to help raise money to support roof repairs at St. Paul School. Please go to <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/spswalk> and search for your student today! Don't forget to share on social media and all donations are tax deductible!

Students who receive at least 1 donation will have a dress down day on Friday, November 3rd.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement!

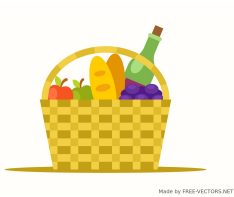
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Fall Basket Raffle

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+!

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:

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 (in the Shop-Rite shopping center on Rt. 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*



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 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

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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!!



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>



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



Cupcakes

The National Junior Honor Society will be selling cupcakes next Thursday, October 26th.

Cupcakes will be on sale for \$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

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,

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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

609-386-1645, ext. 215

kdelptrato@stkatharinedrexel-nj.org



Looking Ahead...

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:

Walk-A-Thon/Parade

12:00 pm dismissal

Classroom Parties

Wednesday, November 1:

All Saints Day mass, 8:30am

Saturday, November 4:

Fall Basket Raffle

Monday, November 6 - Friday, November 10:

Book Fair

Monday, November 6:

PTA Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 9:

General PTA Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 14:

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