

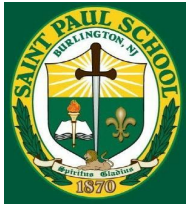
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From the Principal

Dear St. Paul School Community:

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching, and it promises to be a wonderful time for our school community! This special week gives us the opportunity to celebrate the unique mission of Catholic education while enjoying fun events and fostering community involvement. Thank you for your continued support as we come together to celebrate all that makes St. Paul School so special.

Mid-year Star assessments are ending this Friday. Please ensure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast to help them feel prepared and perform their best on the test.

Important: We highly encourage all families to apply for financial aid to see if they qualify. Recent changes to the eligibility standards mean you may now qualify even if you didn't in the past. The Diocese of Trenton has allocated funds to support families in need, and they require an application to access these resources. While there is a \$35 application fee, it will be refunded to you by the diocese. Don't miss this opportunity to receive assistance!

Reminders

There are several unclaimed items in the office, including sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, and even EarPods. If your child is missing any of these,

please contact the office. To help us return lost items in the future, we kindly ask that you label all your child's belongings with their name.

Unfortunately, the items we currently have do not have any names on them, so we're unable to identify their owners. If any of these items belong to your family, please claim them as soon as possible.

Catholic Schools Week

We are thrilled to share plans for activities that highlight our faith, academic excellence, and sense of service. Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 26, and we have a wonderful lineup of activities planned! This year's theme is "United in Faith and Community". Highlights will include:

- Sunday, January 26: Open House 11-1 at Saint Paul School. Invite friends and family to visit our school!
- Monday, January 27: Community Appreciation Day—students will work on thank you letters for local community workers.
- Tuesday, January 28: Staff Celebration, all homerooms will have a dress theme. Homeroom teachers will send theme information home. Open House 9-11am.
- Wednesday, January 29: Student Appreciation Day—Pep Rally, a fun day to celebrate our amazing students with activities and a special treat! Wear PJ's for CHOP, \$5 donation (optional) If you don't wish to participate in the CHOP fundraiser, Spirit wear may be worn.
- Thursday January 30: Celebrating Vocations and Open House 1:15-2:30 Students dress as their

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favorite occupation hero. Bob Kelly from Fox 29 will visit.

- Friday, January 31: Celebrate Faith & Families, Special persons mass and 12:00 noon dismissal, all students must wear their uniform. Students will present thank you cards to their parents.

*Look for more information under Spirit Week in the newsletter for a full schedule of Catholic Schools Week events/Spirit Week activities. Thank you for your cooperation as we come together to celebrate all that makes St. Paul School so special.

In the event of inclement weather, updates regarding school delays or closures will be communicated via email, phone, and our website.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of St. Paul School. Let us keep one another in prayer as we embark on a new year of learning, growing, and living out our Catholic faith.

With blessings for a joyful and fruitful January,

Sincerely,

Ms. Maria Spirito
Principal



Tuition Assistance 2025-2026

Tuition assistance for St. Paul School is available through the Diocese of Trenton. We **STRONGLY** encourage families to apply for financial assistance. Applications for tuition assistance for the 2025-26 school year are available on our website under the registration tab, <https://stpaulbri.org/tuition-assistance>.



Spirit Wear Day

Friday, January 24th will be a Spirit Wear Day. Students are permitted to wear spirit wear shirts or sweatshirts with their PE or spirit wear sweatpants.



On Wednesday, January 29th, we will participate in a Pajama Day for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Students can dress down in school appropriate pajamas for a \$5.00 donation to CHOP.

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NJHS News

Congratulations to the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society: Amaris Carreras, Nick Cojoc, Ella Corvino and Evan Farmer. They will be inducted on January 31st at our Special Persons Mass along with Anthony Travia as President and Riley Allen as Vice President.



Soda Tab Collection

NJHS will be collecting Soda Tabs for the Ronald MacDonad House until February 7th. The lower grade class (Pre-K3 thru 4th grade) and the middle school class (5th thru 8th) with the most soda tabs will be treated to a soft pretzel from the Philly Pretzel Factory.

Next Game Club Cancelled

Game club for Tuesday, January 28th is cancelled. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4. Please mark your calendars.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week - Spirit Week

During the week of January 26 - 31, we will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week along with Spirit Week! Each day we will celebrate those that help make St. Paul School such a great school:

Sunday - St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Monday - The SPS Community

Tuesday - SPS Staff

Wednesday - SPS Students

Thursday - Vocations

Friday - Families

Please see the flyer in today's weekly news with information on how the students will be helping us celebrate!

Monday - wear neon accessories!

Tuesday - "Teacher's Choice" - each class has a theme - please check with your teacher!

Wednesday - PJ day with \$5 donation for CHOP

Thursday - Vocations - students dress as occupations

Friday - Special person's mass, 10:00am. Students should be in dress uniform. 12:00pm dismissal.

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PTA News

Donations Needed

The SPS PTA is looking for any new and unused items or gift cards to include in our prize baskets for Casino Night on Saturday, 3/22/25. Please no used items or clothing. All items should be dropped off to the school by 3/7/25 and labeled "Casino Night donation". Email Sarah at SarahBrodzinski@gmail.com with any questions.

Volunteers Needed

Looking to help our school but not sure how? The SPS PTA will be making prize baskets for our Casino Night & 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 come along. Come out and meet us in the school cafeteria:

2/12 - 7pm - 10pm

2/25 - 6pm- 9pm

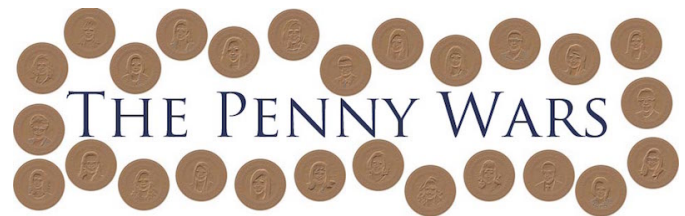
3/7 - 7pm - 10pm

3/12 - 6pm- 9pm

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.

Don't forget to check out our January newsletter, which can be found online at:

<https://stpaulbrl.org/pta-newsletter>



Jan 21st- Jan 30th our classrooms will become teams and compete to win the SPS 2025 Penny Wars!

Each student can earn points for their team by bringing in pennies, bills and checks to add to their class jar or sabotage other teams by adding silver coins to their jars!

We will have winners every day! Start saving your change now!

All funds raised will go towards our upcoming roof repairs! **See the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.**

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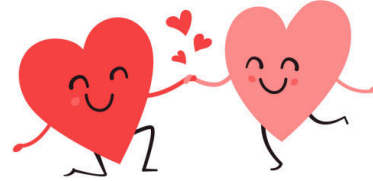
Family Bingo Night

Join us on Friday, January 24th (6:30-7:30pm) as we kick off Catholic Schools week with our annual Family Bingo Night! Students are invited to bring family and friends, wear school appropriate PJ's and enjoy a fun night of bingo, popcorn, water/lemonade and an ice cream treat. RSVP to Elisa at ewinter1017@gmail.com with the subject "SPS Family Bingo". **Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.**



Mark Your Calendars, SPS Family!

Join us for a Dine and Donate event on Tuesday, January 28th at Crawford's Corner Bar & Kitchen! Enjoy a delicious meal, gather with friends, and support St. Paul School! 20% of your purchase will come back to SPS when you mention St. Paul School while ordering.



Valentine's Dance

Please RSVP to the SPS PTA Valentine's Day Dance on 2/14 at 6pm. This year we are hosting a Sneakerball! Come dressed to impress and wear sneakers with your formal wear. Children must be accompanied by an adult and tickets are \$5.00 each! We will dance the night away with our solemates! Questions please email Tammykarpac@yahoo.com. **Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.**

We are seeking donations of bottled water, juices and drinks for the kiddos. Please send these into school: Attention PTA



St. Paul School has an established SCRIP program to help families offset tuition costs by purchasing SCRIP cards. Scrip cards are available for purchase in the lobby each Friday morning 8:00am-9:00. Stop by and see how this program can benefit your family! You can also visit our scrip webpage for more details, <https://stpaulbrl.org/scrip-program>.

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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!**



Hamilton Karate

Hamilton Karate (1105 Sunset Road in Burlington) is offering a free 1-month trial to all St. Paul School families and staff. Please call 609-387-3391 to make arrangements. **Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.**



Confirmation

Completed Confirmation packets are due by February 28th. Good Works of Service logs are due by March 28th. Contact Mrs. Del Prato or Mrs. Pugh if you have any questions.

Confirmation Retreat will take place 10 am to 3:30 pm on Saturday, March 8th in St. Paul School, followed by 4:00 Mass at All Saints Church. Attendance is mandatory for all Candidates.

The Religious Education office is located in the school building and is open Monday-Thursday. We are here to help you guide your child in their sacramental preparation and are happy to answer any questions. Your children are in our prayers during this journey to a lifetime as a faithful disciple of Christ.

Mrs. Kathleen Del Prato, Coordinator
kdelptrato@skdre.org

609-386-1645, ext. 215

Mrs. Meghan Pugh, Asst. Coordinator
mpugh@stpaulbrl.org

Library Company of Burlington -
January programs

Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for the Library Company of Burlington's January calendar of programs and events!

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Looking Ahead...

Monday, January 6 - January 24:

STAR testing, round 2

PTA Board Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 22:

Yearbook Club

Lego Club, 3:00-3:45pm

Friday, January 24:

1st grade chapel mass

Family Bingo, 6:30-7:30pm

Sunday, January 26- Friday, January 31:

Catholic Schools Week!

Sunday, January 26:

Open House, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Tuesday, January 28:

Open House, 9:00-11:00am

Game Club-cancelled

Student Council

Thursday, January 30:

Open House, 1:15-2:30pm

Friday, January 31:

Catholic Schools Mass, 10:00am

12:00pm dismissal