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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians.

October is buzzing with energy here at St. Paul, and we're so excited to share everything happening on and off campus this month!

We're especially proud to announce that this Thursday, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Heffernan will be accompanying our 8th-grade students to the Co-Cathedral St. Robert Bellarmine for the Bishop's Annual Catholic Schools mass. This special celebration unites Catholic schools from across the diocese and reminds us of the strength and beauty of our shared mission. Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers as they represent SPS with pride and faith!

Get ready for an evening of laughter and good cheer! Comedy Night is just days away. This is a new fundraiser for our PTA and they still need volunteers and guests to help make it a success. Please see the information in the newsletter to find out how you can help!

Thank you to all who contributed to the dress down day fundraiser to help rejuvenate our Prayer Garden. Over \$700 was raised to help purchase soil, mulch, shrubs, etc. Your generosity and support are greatly

appreciated. We thank Mr. Heffernan for spearheading this effort and the 7th & 8th grade students and parents who have chipped in to help!

October 22 and 23rd will be half days for students for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Teachers look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress. Please see the links in the newsletter for the middle school and special subject teacher conferences. Teachers for students in grades PK3 - 5 have emailed a link directly to parents.

Thank you for being such an essential part of the St. Paul School community. Your enthusiasm, support, and kindness continue to make our school a truly special place to learn and grow.

Warmly,

Ron Trampe Principal, St. Paul School



As of Monday, October 20th, we will move to the cold weather uniform. Students should no longer wear shorts to school. Only khaki pants, skorts, plaid jumper/kilt or PE sweat pants (for PE) should be worn to school.

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Parent Teacher Conference Sign up Links - Grades 6-8 & Specials

Mrs. Pugh

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4 EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs1

Mr. Heffernan

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA4 A622ABFCC43-mrheffernan

Mrs. Stafford

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA4 A622ABFCC43-mrs4

Mrs. Way-Vechesky

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA4 A622ABFCC43-mrs6

Mr. Fernee

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4 EA4A622ABFCC43-59398001-mrfernee

Mr. Krupa

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4 EA4A622ABFCC43-mrkrupa

Mrs. Bifano

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4 EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs2

Ms. Corona

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4 EA4A622ABFCC43-mrs3



There will be **No Choir** after school on Thursday 10/16 and 10/23. Thank you for your understanding.



Sock-tober

NJHS will be collecting new socks (all sizes) to help keep those in need stay warm and comfortable this winter season. Socks are one of the most requested items in shelters-your donation can make a big difference! Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more details.

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Basketball and Cheerleading

It's time for students to sign up for Basketball and Cheerleading. Sign up forms for cheerleading were available at Back to School night and are due Friday, October 3rd. Please see the form on the website to register.

https://stpaulbrl.org/cheerleading.

Boys and girls in grades 5-8 are invited to sign up for basketball. Please see the forms on the website and return them by Friday, October 10th. https://stpaulbrl.org/basketball



Volunteers are needed in order to make our athletic teams successful. If you are interested in coaching or assistant coaching for either our basketball or cheerleading team, *please contact the office*. Volunteers will need to be Virtus trained and background check/fingerprinted. This will count as your service duty. Contact the school office if you are interested in coaching.



Halloween Pumpkin Boo Pops

Student council is selling Boo Pops (\$.75each or 3 for \$2.00). Pops will come in assorted

flavors. Orders should be sent to the attention of Student Council along with cash payment. Proceeds will go toward student related events. Please see the flyer/order form in today's weekly news.





Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Catalogues have been sent home with fundraiser

information. Your participation in this fundraiser is greatly appreciated! Don't forget to register your child and start selling: www.supportmyschool.org School id is: 861645. Orders are due next Tuesday, October 21st.

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Dine and Donate - Rino's Pizzeria

Take the day/night off from cooking tonight, Wednesday, October 15th, and visit Rino's Pizzeria on Route 130. They will donate 20% of all proceeds back to St. Paul School. You must mention St. Paul School when ordering! Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for details.



Comedy Night

Comedy Night will be here this Saturday! It's not too late to get tickets! Tickets are \$40/one and \$75/two and include one drink, dinner, coffee and dessert. Doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available at the door. Check out the flyer in today's weekly news for more information and or order tickets.



Volunteers are needed to help set up, clean up, bartend and in the kitchen for the Comedy Night. Please consider lending a hand to make the event

a success! Shifts are available Friday or Saturday afternoon/evening. *This service will count toward your PTA volunteer duty!* Please see the link to sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48ADAF2 9A6F94-59438052-spscomedy#/



Please consider hosting a trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat! This is what makes the event so special. We love to see your creativity! Please complete the registration form and send it into the office- or email us at sps.trt@qmail.com

There will be music, dancing, pizza, and treats! Prizes for top decorated trunks! This is a community event and family, friends, and neighbors are all welcome! Please see the flyer in today's weekly news to RSVP or to sign up to decorate a trunk!



PTA is looking for your support with our upcoming Trunk-or-Treat! We are asking that each child bring in a bag of candy and feed Snickers the candy monster! Each child who brings in a bag of candy by October 23rd will earn a dress down day on *Thursday, October 23rd*!

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Do you want to show your creativity and earn points for Team Green or Team Gold? Then enter our Pumpkin Carving Contest!

- 1. Submit an entry form to the Main Office by Friday, October 24th
- 2. Bring your carved pumpkin to our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th
- 3. All pumpkins must be submitted by 5:30 PM
- 4. Pumpkins will be judged in 1 of 3 categories: Cutest, Scariest and Most Creative

Receive 5 points for either Team Green or Team Gold for just entering. Additional points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category

Questions: E-mail pta@stpaulbrl.org with Pumpkin Carving as the Subject



Haunted Hallway

The Haunted Hallway is back by popular demand! The SPS Class of 2026 will be hosting an "Addams Family" Haunted Hallway and a bake sale during our Trunk-or-Treat Event! Come hungry and be prepared to be scared! Please see flyer in today's weekly news.



Only Two More Weeks until Football Mania Games Start! Don't miss out on the fun! Make sure you turn in your sold/unsold tickets.

- Each ticket sold earns St. Paul School 70% profit toward our goal of \$7,000
- You can sell both paper and electronic tickets. For electronic tickets enter the student name and primary email on file at school under seller info so that paper and electronic sales can be linked
 - https://www.charitymania.com/giv e/GF05C
- Please return the stubs of all paper tickets sold to the office by no later than 10/30/25 along with payment. Make Checks payable to St. Paul PTA. Once received, we will activate those paper tickets.
- If you are not able to sell your paper tickets, please send them back in to the office so we can re-distribute to families that are requesting additional tickets.
 Please do not share your tickets with other families as each paper ticket is linked to the student to which the ticket was distributed.
- Contact Trish Lasater with questions or requests at <u>pta@stpaulbrl.org</u>

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Halloween Parade/Walk-a-Thon

On Friday, October 31st, students will walk laps to raise funds for our school! Each family should have received an email with instructions on how to set up your child's pledge page. The class that raises the most money will get a pizza party on Friday, November 7th. The top 10 students who raise the most money will get a homework pass. Every student who raises at least \$50 will receive a dress down day on Friday, November 7th. Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.



One of our biggest traditions is coming up! Our Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, November 22nd 8:30am-12:30pm. Tickets are \$15 per person (2 and under are free) and include pancakes, hash browns and sausage, orange juice, coffee and hot chocolate. There will be 4 seating options (8:30am, 9:30am, 10:30am and 11:30am). Bring your camera or smartphone for photo opportunities with Santa and the Grinch. (Make sure you get your tickets early...seatings tend to fill up quickly!) All orders should be in by Monday, November 17th. If there are any questions please email bwssps250@gmail.com. Please see the flyer and ticket order form in today's weekly news.



Tag Tree

Items are needed for the "Tag Tree" at Breakfast with Santa. Please send in new, unopened, small toys, puzzles, games, etc. - they can be "nicer' dollar store items, 5 Below, or items from your children's birthday gifts or giveaways that you didn't know what to do with. The "tag tree" at Breakfast with Santa is a time honored tradition the children LOVE! They get to purchase a "tagged" ornament from the Christmas Tree that has a number that corresponds to a prize - that's where you come in! Your donated items make this event a success. Please send items into the school office marked "TAG TREE DONATION" by Thursday, November 20th. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Any questions please email stacyneltnor@gmail.com.



Do you have creative ideas to help raise funds? Want to be a part of shaping our next fundraiser? Join us to brainstorm and plan together. A meeting will take place October 15th at 7pm in the SPS Cafeteria. *All are welcome!* Any questions please contact Amanda Hamilton firewomanemt@yahoo.com

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Interested in being an SPS Sponsor?

Do you or a family member, neighbor or friend have a business and would like to sponsor St. Paul

School. There are different sponsorship levels and options. We'd love to have your support! Please see the information in today's weekly news.



by ShopWithScrip

Please add a credit card to your RaiseRight app (formerly SCRIP). Anytime you use that credit card for dining you now earn 5% for SPS! Please see the flyer in today's weekly news with details.

St. Paul School has an established SCRIP Raise Right 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.



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.



Don't forget to stop by Carella's Chocolates for all

your candy needs! This is a family business, serving Joy to families for decades! They donate 10% back to Saint Paul School with every purchase! Enjoy the deliciousness!! Please add Saint Paul School in the comments for online orders. Carella's Chocolates and Gifts. Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.

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Attn: 8th Grade Parents - BCIT Discovery Night
If your child is interested in attending BCIT (Westampton or Medford) there is a Discovery

Night on Thursday, October 23rd 6-8pm. Please see the flyer in today's weekly news to register.



St. Katharine Drexel Parish is looking to start a youth group for the 8th grade students heading into high school after graduation. They are looking for parent volunteers also. Please stay for the meeting after the October 20th or 21st Confirmation meeting. Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.

Sacramental Preparation

This is an exciting year for our 2nd graders as they prepare to receive Reconciliation and Communion for the first time and our 8th grade students who will be confirmed in the spring. Here are the upcoming events for the sacraments:



Confirmation

Our Confirmation student & parent meeting will be at 6:05 pm on Monday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 21 in the school cafeteria. All 8th grade Confirmation candidates and at least one parent are expected to attend. You may choose whichever date is more convenient for you. We will be going through the entire year's events during the meeting, so please make every effort to attend. A packet of information will be distributed to each student and parent. We hope this meeting will encourage discussion between each Confirmation candidate and their parents about their choice of sponsor, patron saint and community service objectives, as well as their spiritual journey for the sacrament.

Rite of Commitment for all Confirmation Candidates and their parents will take place during the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 25th at All Saints Church and the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 26 at St. Paul Church. All candidates and their parents are expected to attend to formally commit to the year of preparation. You may choose whichever Mass is more convenient for your family.

Good Works of Service Opportunities: Candidates are asked to complete 10 hours of service during the year. Details will be shared during our October 20 & 21 student/parent meetings.

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First Reconciliation and Communion Meeting for all parents of children preparing to receive the sacraments will be Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 18 (6:00-6:45 pm) in the school cafeteria. You may choose whichever date is most convenient for you. Parents will receive information on the entire year of events leading up to their child's first Reconciliation in January and first Communion in May. Please make every effort to attend.

The Religious Education Office is located in the school building and is open Monday-Thursday. We are here to help you guide your children 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 kdelprato@skdre.org 609-386-1645, ext. 215

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

Library Company of Burlington

Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for the October events at the Library Company of Burlington.



Looking Ahead...

Thursday, October 16:

Bishop's Catholic Schools Mass

Monday, October 20 & Tuesday, October 21:

Student & Parent Confirmation Meeting: 6:05 - 6:45 in the school cafeteria.

Tuesday, October 21:

Wrapping paper orders due

Wednesday, October 22-Thursday, October 23:

12:00pm dismissal

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 24:

No School for Students - Staff Diocesan Professional Development Day

Saturday, October 25:

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 25 (4:00 pm) & Sunday, October 26 (10:30 am):

Confirmation Rite of Commitment during Mass

October 31:

STAR testing closes Halloween Parade/Walk-a-thon, 9:00am Class parties, 10:00-11:30am 12:00pm dismissal