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# From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Fall! loope this season finds you and your family well. As we settle into the school year, I want to thank you for your continued support of our St. Paul community.

We enjoyed a nice turn out for coffee and conversation with Mr. Trampe after First Friday mass last week. We thank our PTA for organizing and JB Bakery for the delicious donut treats.

The Torch of Guadalupe is in our lobby! This year we are excited to host the Star Torch, which is the school torch. Students have been visiting the torch to pray to our Blessed Mother, sing and offer special intentions that will travel back to the Basilica in Mexico. There will be a service at St. Paul's Church, 6:30 tomorrow evening - Thursday, November 13th. Our choir will be performing during the service. All are welcome!

Friday is the end of the 1st trimester. Please have your child check with their teachers that all assignments have been completed and submitted for credit. Parent Access to Genesis will be closed on Friday so that report cards can be generated. It will reopen on Wednesday, November 26th for you to view report cards.

We are in great need of volunteers for various PTA and school activities. Each family is required to perform a service duty and volunteer a minimum of 3 hours toward a PTA event. Families that choose to opt out of the service duty can pay a \$500 opt out fee. We hope all families take this requirement seriously. Your time and participation truly make a difference in the life of our school. If you missed an opportunity to help the PTA at the recent Comedy Night and Trunk or Treat, please consider helping at the upcoming breakfast with Santa (November 22 - see the sign up links in the newsletter or Santa Secret Workshop (Dec 1-5).

Thank you for stepping up and helping make St. Paul School the wonderful, thriving place it is for our students and families. Your involvement truly matters.

Punctuality Matters!
 Start the Day the St. Paul Way — On Time and Ready to Shine!

Families, this is a friendly reminder that **arriving on time each morning** sets the tone for a successful day. When students are in their classrooms and settled before the first bell, they:

- ✓ Begin the day calm, focused, and confident
   ➢ Don't miss valuable morning routines or
- Don't miss valuable morning routines or announcements

Help build a respectful, responsible school community

Please plan to **arrive a few minutes early** so your child can unpack, greet friends, and be ready to learn when the day begins. Every minute counts — and those first few moments can make all the difference!

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Thank you for helping us keep mornings running smoothly and supporting a positive start for every St. Paul student!

I'd like to take a moment to address an important matter regarding food being brought into school.

Please do not bring in outside restaurant food (such as Chick-fil-A, McDonald's, Burger King, Wawa, etc.) for your child's lunch unless it is for a **special occasion**, such as their birthday or a class celebration that has been approved in advance.

We have noticed an increase in students receiving takeout meals during the school day "just because," and this creates unnecessary disruptions in the cafeteria, challenges for staff supervision, and unfair situations for students who do not have similar options. Our goal is to maintain a consistent, respectful, and healthy school environment for everyone.

We understand that birthdays and special milestones are exceptions, and we're happy to help make those moments memorable. However, please refrain from sending or dropping off fast food or takeout items on a regular basis.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to support a positive, community-minded atmosphere for all our students.

Warmly,

Ron Trampe Principal



### Hurricane Melissa Relief

We are organizing an effort to help bring some relief to communities in Jamaica who have suffered great devastation from Hurricane Melissa. <u>Donations of the following items can be sent into school by Thursday, November 13th</u> to be sent to Jamaica. These items are greatly needed, so anything you can do, is much appreciated: Diapers for adults or children, flashlights, matches, school supplies, tarpaulins, canned food, personal items like deodorant, oral care, sanitary pads, over the counter medications, rice, flour cornmeal, noodles, sanitizers, clothes for both adults and kids, working gloves, disinfectants, baby formula and blankets. Thank you for your support!



### Save the Date

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 18th. Middle School students will have presentations in the cafeteria at 6:00pm and K-5 will perform in the gym at 7 pm. More information will be coming from teachers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

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Student council is collecting food for the food pantry at our parish. Donations can be brought into student classrooms Thursday, November 13 -Monday, November 24th. The collection is based on the needs of the community to help replenish the pantry after Thanksgiving. (Pull tabs on canned goods is greatly appreciated.) Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for the items each class is asked to donate.



## TA News

Don't forget to check out our November newsletter posted on the website! Stay informed!



Football Mania is on fire at St. Paul School!

Congratulations to Week 2's Football Mania winners from our SPS community:



Gretchen Martus-Urav

But here's the kicker... 🏈 💥



We had 6 more tickets that would have won money — but they were unsold! •

Don't miss your chance to be our next winner! Every ticket gives you multiple chances to win cash each week during the NFL season, all while supporting St. Paul School.

send in your Football Mania tickets now before the next game week starts!

Let's make sure next week's winning tickets are in the hands of our SPS families!



# LAST CALL - ORDERS DUE **MONDAY 11/17!**

Our annual holiday pie sale is happening now! Pies are fresh (not frozen) from A & M Garden & Farm Market. Orders are due Monday, November 17th. Pick up will be Tuesday, November 25th 3:30-4:30pm in the cafeteria. Questions? Contact Jamie Lakarosky at lakarosky5@gmail.com. Please see the flyer/order form in today's weekly news for flavors.

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# November Dine and Donate!

Visit Villa Rosa Restaurant and Pizzeria on Tuesday, November 18th (10:30am - 10:00pm) and mention St. Paul School when you order. 20% of purchases will be donated back to the school!

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 <a href="mailto:bwssps250@gmail.com">bwssps250@gmail.com</a>. Please see the flyer and ticket order form in today's weekly news.



Our annual Breakfast with Santa will be held Saturday, November 22nd. Below are the sign ups to help that day. Set up will be on Friday, November 21st starting at 3 pm. As always, thank you for all of your help!

#### PTA Jobs (PTA Board members only)



#### **Kitchen Help (Open to everyone)**



#### **Student Help (for High school service hours)**



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# 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. 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.





Lifetouch is offering discounts on school photography through 12/01/2025. Visit mylifetouch.com:

- 50% off a purchase of \$50+ with code 50THANKS
- 40% off a purchase of \$40+ with code 40THANKS
- 30% off a purchase of \$30+ with code 30THANKS



# 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.



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!** With the holidays just around the corner, it's a great time to pick up gift cards for gifts or shopping and help yourself discount next year's tuition! You can also visit our scrip webpage for more details, <a href="https://stpaulbrl.org/scrip-program">https://stpaulbrl.org/scrip-program</a>.

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.

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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.



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.



# Sacramental Preparation Sacramental Preparation

This is an exciting year for our students who are preparing 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:



#### First Reconciliation and First Communion

Meeting for all parents of children preparing to receive the sacraments will be on Tuesday, November 18th (6:00—6:45 PM) in the school cafeteria. This meeting is for parents who did not attend our November 10 meeting. Details have been emailed to parents.

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.

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## Library Company of Burlington

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



# Burlington County Historical Society Turkey Tales

Go back to 1770 and experience a colonial harvest festival at the Burlington County Historical Society's Turkey Tales, November 22, 2-4pm.

Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for more information.



# Looking Ahead...

Wednesday, November 12:

Picture Make-ups/Retakes PTA Meeting, 7pm

Friday, November 14:

End of 1st Trimester

Tuesday, November 18:

Student Council, 3-4pm Reconciliation/ Communion Meeting, 6:00pm

#### Saturday, November 22:

Annual Breakfast with Santa/Christmas Marketplace, 9:00am

#### Tuesday, November 25:

Student Council, 3-4pm Pie Sale Pick-Up, 3:

#### Wednesday, November 26:

1st Trimester Report cards available 12:00pm dismissal

#### Thursday, November 27:

No School - Happy Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 28:

No School - Thanksgiving holiday

#### Monday, December 1 - Friday, December 5:

Santa's Secret Workshop

#### Wednesday, December 3:

Yearbook club

#### Saturday, December 6:

Burlington City Holiday Parade/Tree Lighting

#### Monday, December 8:

NO SCHOOL - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

#### Tuesday, December 9:

Student Council, 3-4pm

#### Wednesday, December 10:

Science Club K & 1, 3:00-3:45pm

#### Tuesday, December 16:

Chess Club, 3-4pm

Student Council, 3-4pm

#### Wednesday, December 17:

Science Club 2 & 3, 3:00-3:45pm

Yearbook Club, 3-4pm

#### Thursday, December 18:

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Christmas Concert, 6:00pm for middle school, 7:00pm K-5