

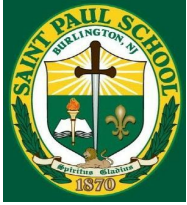
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## From the Principal

### Dear St. Paul School Community:

As we approach the holy season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, we are called to a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Lent is a sacred opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our relationship with God, and reflect on Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us. At St. Paul School, we will observe this season through prayer services, acts of kindness, and meaningful classroom discussions about how we can grow in faith and love. We encourage families to embrace this time together by attending Mass, praying as a family, and finding ways to serve others in the spirit of Christ. May this upcoming Lenten journey bring us all closer to God and one another.

**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 if you qualify. Don't miss this opportunity to receive assistance! The first deadline is March 1, 2025.

Please support our school through the School Store. We are excited to participate in the School Store fundraiser again this year! This program allows our school to receive up to 50% of the proceeds from purchases made throughout the entire year. Classroom teachers receive gift cards and your children receive prices! Our school also entered a contest for a book vending machine. We are currently at 43%. Please help us get to 50%. If you haven't sent back the schoolstore parent envelope please help our school by sending it back. Thanks so much!

The Diocesan PTA Contest is underway!

Grades K-3: Students are drawing pictures that represent what it means to be part of a Catholic school community. Grades 4-5: Students are writing essays answering the question: How does your Catholic education serve your community? Grades 6-8: Students are writing essays answering the question: How will you use your Catholic education to build your community?

Parents, feel free to discuss ideas with your children—they are actively working on their projects in school. The winner will receive \$500 toward tuition!

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

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of St. Paul School.

Peace and Blessings,  
Ms. Maria Spirito  
Principal

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## 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://stpaulbrl.org/tuition-assistance>.

## 2025-2026 Registration

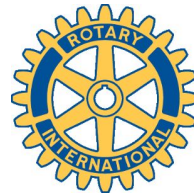
Registration for the 2025-2026 school year has begun! All current students that will be returning in September must be re-registered. Please fill out the re-registration packet and return it to school as soon as possible. All information can be found on our website under the "Registration" tab, <https://stpaulbrl.org/re-registration>. If you need a packet sent home, please contact Mrs. Stankiewicz at [jstankiewicz@stpaulbrl.org](mailto:jstankiewicz@stpaulbrl.org).

**Packets are due by March 1st. There will be a \$50 late fee for all re-registrations received after March 1st.**



## St. Paul School Track Team

Our track team is gearing up for another season! ***There is a parent meeting tonight, February 19th at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria.*** Practices will begin on Monday, March 10th. This season's practices will be held Mondays at Burlington Township High School, 6:15-7:15pm and Wednesdays at Wilbur Watts Intermediate School, 5:30-6:30pm. **Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for a complete schedule.**



## Congratulations - Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Joshua Walker for being named Rotary Student of the month. Joshua will attend the Rotary luncheon on Thursday, February 20th with Ms. Spirito to be recognized. Congratulations Joshua!

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## Basketball Update!

St. Paul School's Basketball team is heading to the playoffs. They will play this Sunday, February 23 at Holy Cross

Preparatory Academy, 1:00pm. Come out and support our SPS Lions as they compete for the Championship! Good luck!



## PTA News

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

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



### 🍀 Calling All SPS Families! 🍀

Join us as we proudly represent St. Paul School in the Burlington County St. Patrick's Day Parade! We're inviting all students, parents, siblings, grandparents, faculty, and staff to march with us and show off our school spirit! 🎉❤️

For questions, contact Lisa Honnig at [lisah112072@gmail.com](mailto:lisah112072@gmail.com).

SPS Families can help sponsor Casino Night! Casino Night is St. Paul School's biggest fundraiser, and we invite our SPS families to help make it a success! Sponsorship opportunities are available for families who want to support! Interested in sponsoring? Contact [sarahbrodzinski@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbrodzinski@gmail.com) today!

### 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](mailto: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:

2/25 - 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](mailto:SarahBrodzinski@gmail.com).

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## SPS Sponsorship

Do you or someone you know own a business and are looking for another way to advertise? Consider becoming a SPS Sponsor. There are different levels of sponsorship. **Please see the sponsorship letter in today's weekly news for more information.**

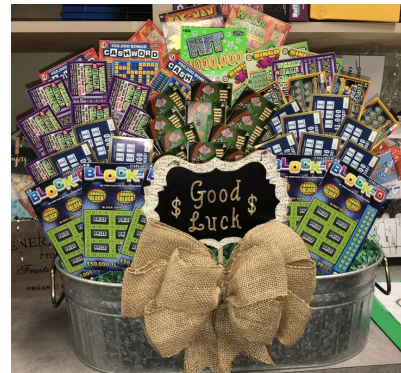


Our PTA is gearing up for their annual Casino Night! Plan to attend March 22nd, 6-10pm. This is always such a fun night of games, food, and fabulous prizes! Casino Night is the largest fundraiser of the year and always has a great turn-out. Please consider attending or donating a prize. There will also be opportunities for volunteers in the upcoming weeks like putting together prize baskets or items (grills, gazebos, furniture, etc.). We can't do it without your help, so look for these dates in upcoming newsletters and come out to lend a hand!

**Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for ticket ordering information.** Tickets are \$65 per person which include entry, dinner, a drink ticket, \$50 in gaming chips and 2 raffle boards. Tickets purchased after March 14th will be \$70/person.



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>.



## Lottery Basket Raffle

To help fundraise for their class trip to New York City, 8th grade is raffling off a basket with almost \$200 worth of scratch off's. Tickets are \$10 a piece and you can either use the giverbutter QR code to purchase or send money into school attn: Angela Travia. Please contact [atravia0618@yahoo.com](mailto:atravia0618@yahoo.com) or [stacyneilton@gmail.com](mailto:stacyneilton@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Dress Down Day - February 21

Support the 8th Grade class trip to New York City by donating \$5 for a dress down day on Friday, February 21, 2025. Please send money into school attn: Stacy Neltor. If there are any questions please contact [stacyneltor@gmail.com](mailto:stacyneltor@gmail.com). Please see the flyer in today's weekly news for details. Thank you for your Support!



## 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.**



## 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!**



## Confirmation

**Completed Confirmation packets** are due by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Good Works of Service logs are due by March 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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609-386-1645, ext. 215

Mrs. Meghan Pugh, Asst. Coordinator

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## Library Company of Burlington

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



## *Looking Ahead...*

### ***Wednesday, February 19:***

Yearbook Club, 3:00-4:00pm

Lego Club, 3:00-3:45pm

### ***Tuesday, February 25:***

PTA Basket making, 6-9pm

### ***Friday, February 28:***

End of 2nd trimester

### ***Saturday, March 1:***

Tuition Assistance Round 1 deadline

### ***Monday March 3:***

PTA Board Meeting 7:30pm

### ***Tuesday, March 4:***

Game Club

### ***Wednesday March 5:***

12:00pm Dismissal

### ***Friday, March 7:***

2nd Trimester Report Cards

### ***Wednesday March 12:***

Science Club K&1

Yearbook Club

### ***Friday March 14:***

No School for Students - Staff PD