

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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# Mare Watcher

# **CALENDAR**

Monday, February 12 PTC Meeting @6:00 PM

### Wednesday, February 14

- -Ash Wednesday Mass 10:30 AM
- -NO HOT LUNCH
- -Classroom Valentine's Day Parties PM

## Friday, February 16

- -NO SCHOOL
- -Re-registration fee increases to \$250.00. Please see page 4 regarding Diocese Financial Aid information

Monday, February 19 NO SCHOOL

## Friday, February 23

-Casual for a Cause for Bella Women's Center -Stations of the Cross @ 2:30

# Principal's Corner

Hello Families! I hope you have enjoyed the warmer weather. It certainly is nice to see the sun...but we could do without the mud!

Thank you to all who have registered for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have not, please do so before the Feb. 16 deadline to save yourself some money from the registration fee. We appreciate your attention to this so that we can begin our planning process for next year!

Next week begins the season of Lent; a time when we work to deepen our relationship with Jesus in preparation for His sacrifice for us. Students are learning about the three aspects of our preparation; praying, almsgiving and fasting. Please help support your child in these efforts. We have suggested they do some extra chores to earn some money to donate to our chosen recipient for this season, Bella Women's Center. We will also be accepting donations of diapers and wipes. We will also be participating in the Kindness Challenge, a project developed by Ms. Shari. Students should add some extra prayer to their day, even a short prayer before they get out of bed is a great habit to build. Finally, they will be choosing something to fast from, which could be a favorite food, activity, or even a behavior. For example, they could choose to fast from not picking up their room, and instead work on it every day. Thank you for your help in passing on the faith to your child!

Have a blessed weekend!

At St. Paul Catholic School, we strive for excellence in faith and academics. Our mission is to be a loving and forgiving community that receives our Lord Jesus Christ and reflects his teachings. God is our focus and heaven our goal.



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#### **EARLY REGISTRATION SAVINGS**

We hope our current families will take advantage of the early registration savings. The \$100.00 registration fee for the 2004/25 school year increases to \$250.00 after February 16, 2024 for our current families.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. Students will be working to show kindness to others through "The Kindness Project," a great project developed by our own Ms. Shari. In addition, we will be focusing more on prayer, including praying the stations of the cross on Fridays @ 2:30. As an almsgiving piece of our Lenten preparations, we will be asking students to find ways to earn extra money to support the Bella Women's Center. We will also be taking donations of diapers and wipes for the center. We pray your Lenten journey is one that brings you closer to His peace.

PRAY

## THANK YOU

Thank you to ALL of our volunteers for helping put on such a wonderful carnival. A special thank you to Denise Zeeman for taking on this monster project and for organizing such a fun event for our families. Thank you also to our generous and talented chef, Jason Rivest.

#### REDUCED TICKET PRICES

Auction tickets are now available online at reduced prices for our SPS families. Visit **spsowossoauction.com** and use code *SPSFamilyCouple* for \$20.00 off couples dinner tickets or *SPSFamilySingle* for \$10.00 off singles dinner tickets.

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

## **Prayerfulness**

**MEANING:** Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

#### **LOOKS LIKE:**

- Folding my hands when I pray.
- Focusing on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
- Looking at the priest during Mass.
- Kneeling in the pew.
- Closing your song book quietly.

#### **SOUNDS LIKE:**

Silence

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Avery is a first grader who loves hot dogs and strawberry shortcake. Kittens are her favorite animal because they are so cute! In her free time she likes to swim and play on her phone.

## SAVE THE DATE

Gala & Auction Derby Party
Saturday, April 13
5:30 PM

























## **FINANCIAL AID**

We are a little over three weeks away from the application deadline to apply for Financial Aid for the 24-25 school year. Even though our tuition will be significantly less next year, if you think you will be in need of any financial assistance you must apply by March 1, 2024

If you want to be considered for financial assistance you need to fill out the FACTS application. The application will go to the Diocese of Lansing and our parish for grant consideration.

The application fee is \$35- if this is a hardship for you contact Colleen Tinsey 989-723-4277 ext. 1102.

The application for financial assistance for the 2024/2025 school year is now available online—all applications are completed at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3YYVC

To qualify for the Diocese of Lansing Grants you must fill out the FACTS application on or before March 1, 2024

The student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

**Diocese of Lansing Grants available for the 2024/2025 school year:** 

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Grades K-8 \$750.00 per student

Grades 9-12 \$1,000.00 per student

There are additional grants available through the Diocese of Lansing. Remember, if you do not qualify for one of these grants you may qualify for parish assistance based on financial need.