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St. Paul Parish 2018 Stewardship Pledge Challenge:

St. Paul Parish has had a generous donor step up to offer a match to your **new stewardship pledge for 2018**. If you have never pledged before, now is the time to do so. At this time, we have had five households respond. Thank you! Your pledge helps the parish & School meet its operational expenses, and for every new \$1,000 pledged- it will be matched! **This match has been extended to January 31st 2018.**

Dear Families of St. Paul School,

We are right in the middle of registration for next school year! In this newsletter you will find a letter written by a dedicated school parent and the chairperson of our School Committee, Matt DeMarais. Please take a moment out of your day to read about why Matt and Kelsey send their children to St. Paul School.

IMPORTANT: Change to Registration Dates

The closing date of our registration period has changed to allow for more time to make preparations for next school year. The new registration period will be:

Monday, January 22 - Wednesday, January 31

As stated in previous newsletters, it is imperative for families to register during this period because the numbers we receive during registration will be used to plan class groupings and staffing assignments for next year.

If you have misplaced your registration form, please contact me or Mrs. Kramer and we will send one home as soon as possible!

Mrs. Blonien: ablonien@stpaulgenesee.net

Mrs. Kramer: kkramer@stpaulgenesee.net

School Phone: 262-968-3175

Catholic Schools Week Open House

The Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House are on Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM. We encourage all families to show their support for the school by attending both the Mass and Open House. We are still looking for volunteers to sing in the choir with our students and teachers during the Mass. If you are interested, please contact me or the school office as soon as possible.

Report Cards and Conferences

Report cards for students in grades 3K and 5K-6th grade will be sent home today with your child. 4K report cards will be distributed in accordance with the Kettle Moraine or Mukwonago district reporting windows.

Conferences for all St. Paul students will take place on the evening of Wednesday, February 7 and during the day on Thursday, February 8. Conference scheduling slips will be sent home today. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.**

Have an enjoyable week!

Ally Blonien
Proud Principal
St. Paul School

FEDERAL TAX ID: 39-0913322

TAX INFORMATION:

May I claim a subtraction for tuition I paid to send my child to a private school?

For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, a subtraction from income is allowed for the amount paid to send your dependent child to an eligible private school. The subtraction is limited to \$4,000 for tuition paid for an elementary pupil and \$10,000 for a secondary pupil.



What are the "elementary" and "secondary" grades for the private school tuition subtraction?

A student is an elementary pupil if the student is enrolled in kindergarten through grade 8. A student is a secondary pupil if the student is enrolled in grades 9 through 12.

Is the private school tuition subtraction allowed for tuition paid for 3K or 4K kindergarten?

No. The law provides that only "kindergarten" is eligible for the subtraction. Amounts paid to private schools for pre-kindergarten (3K or 4K) are not eligible for the private school tuition subtraction.

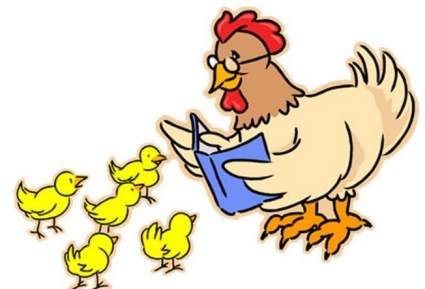
Popcorn Friday:

Tomorrow, January 26, is Popcorn Friday sponsored by Student Council. Popcorn will sell for fifty cents or one dollar. Popcorn will be ready by K3 morning snack time, for K4 half day students by 11:20 and all others by lunchtime. Each order will receive free Valentine Gummi Bears. Money raised is used to enhance our school.



Preschool Story Time:

Library Club members will present preschool story times at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the school library on Monday, January 29 as part of Catholic Schools Week activities. The theme will be Farm Animals and consist of stories, rhymes, songs, a skit with puppets and more. It will last for approximately 35 minutes. Children are welcome with an adult. All K3 and K4 students will have the opportunity to attend at one of the times.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our St. Paul Cub Scout Pack 135 is having their annual Pinewood Derby Sunday afternoon in the school cafeteria! Scouts will arrive at 2:00 O'clock for tech inspection with racing starting afterwards. Come join the fun and see what Cub Scouting is all about! Contact Cubmaster Jeff Bajczyk at jbajczyk3@wi.rr.com for details!



ST PAUL SCHOOL - SCRIP ORDER FORM

FAMILY/PARENT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PRODUCT	AMOUNT	REBATE	QTY	EXT PRICE
Amazon.com	\$25	2.50%		
Amazon.com	\$100	2.50%		
Applebee's	\$25	8.00%		
Arby's	\$10	8.00%		
Barnes & Noble	\$10/\$25	9.00%		
Bath & Body Works	\$10/\$25	13.00%		
Best Buy	\$25	4.00%		
Best Buy	\$100	4.00%		
BP Gas Stations	\$50	1.50%		
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10	8.00%		
Burger King	\$10	4.00%		
Chili's	\$25	11.00%		
Claire's	\$10	9.00%		
Cousins Subs	\$10	9.00%		
Culvers*	\$10	10.00%		
Culvers*	\$25	10.00%		
CVS Pharmacy	\$25	6.00%		
CVS Pharmacy	\$100	6.00%		
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8.00%		
Discover Gift Card	\$50/\$100	1.25%		
Exxon/Mobil	\$50	1.00%		
iTunes	\$15	5.00%		
iTunes	\$25	5.00%		
JC Penney	\$25	5.00%		
Kohl's	\$25	4.00%		
Kohl's	\$100	4.00%		
Kwik Trip*	\$20	5.00%		
Kwik Trip*	\$50	5.00%		
Kwik Trip*	\$100	5.00%		
Kwik Trip*	\$200	5.00%		
Lands End	\$25	16.00%		
LL Bean	\$25	16.00%		
Marcus*	\$10	13.00%		
Marcus	\$25	9.00%		
Maurices	\$20	7.00%		
Meijer	\$25	3.00%		
Meijer	\$50	3.00%		

PRODUCT	AMOUNT	REBATE	QTY	EXT PRICE
Menards	\$25	3.00%		
Noodles & Co.	\$10	8.00%		
Old Navy/Gap	\$25	14.00%		
Olive Garden	\$25	8.00%		
Panera Bread	\$10	8.00%		
Panera Bread	\$25	8.00%		
Papa Murphy's	\$10	8.00%		
Pizza Hut	\$10	8.00%		
Qdoba	\$25	7.00%		
Red Robin	\$25	8.00%		
Roundy's (IL/WI Only)	\$25	4.00%		
Roundy's (IL/WI Only)	\$50	4.00%		
Roundy's (IL/WI Only)	\$100	4.00%		
Sentry	\$50	3.00%		
Shell	\$50	2.00%		
Starbucks	\$10	7.00%		
Starbucks	\$25	7.00%		
Subway (CARD)	\$10	6.00%		
Subway* (Certificate)	\$10	15.00%		
Subway* (Certificate)	\$5	15.00%		
Supercuts	\$25	8.00%		
Taco Bell	\$10	5.00%		
Target	\$25	2.50%		
Target	\$100	2.50%		
The Home Depot	\$25	4.00%		
TJ Maxx/Marshalls	\$25	7.00%		
Ulta	\$25	4.00%		
VISA Gift Card	\$50/\$100	1.25%		
Walgreens	\$25	6.00%		
Walgreens	\$100	6.00%		
Walmart/Sam's Club	\$25	2.50%		
Walmart/Sam's Club	\$100	2.50%		
Walmart/Sam's Club	\$250	2.50%		
Woodmans	\$50	5.00%		
Woodmans	\$100	5.00%		
WRITE IN:				

*Note: Subway (Certificate is good only at Waukesha/Wales/Delafield locations)

FORMS TO BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY AM
ORDERS DELIVERED TO STUDENTS/OFFICE THE NEXT WEEK

GRAND TOTAL: _____

ALL BONUS OFFERS ARE ADDED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE

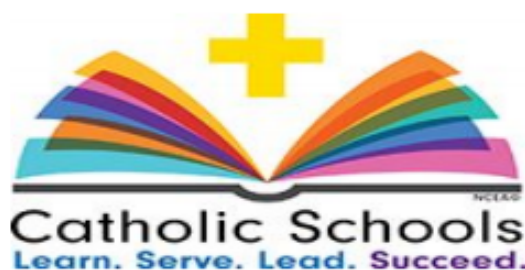
CHECK #/CASH: _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. PAUL SCRIP

ABOVE ARE ONLY THE MOST POPULAR PARTICIPATING VENDORS, IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SPECIFIC PLEASE VISIT
WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM TO SEE IF THEY PARTICIPATE OR EMAIL SCRIPTOGO@STPAULGENESEEE.NET

ENTERED BY: _____

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Schedule of Events for Catholic Schools Week 2018

Date	CSW Theme	Dress Up Day	Other Events
Sunday, Jan. 28	X	X	- Mass at 9:00 AM - Open House in the school after Mass (10:00 AM) until 11:30 AM
Monday, Jan. 29	Nation	Red, White, and Blue	- Story Time 3K/4K classes at 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM - Valentines for Vets - Jump Rope for Heart (full day only)
Tuesday, Jan. 30	Students	St. Paul School Spirit Apparel (or white and blue)	- Field Trip visit from Retzer Nature Center
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Community	Class Color	- Service Project: Baking and Cards - Ice cream treat from Home and School provided at snack time
Thursday, Feb. 1	Volunteers, Faculty, Staff	Crazy Day (crazy patterns, crazy hair, crazy hats)	- Thank You cards for volunteers and parents - VIP Pizza Lunch (half day can attend with adult) - Dodgeball games (full day only)
Friday, Feb. 2	Vocations	Sports Team Day	- Mass - Teach vocation lessons in classrooms - Possible vocation panel of speakers

Class Colors for Color Day

K3	K4 - B	K4 - S	K4 - K	K5/1	2/3	4/5/6
RED	ORANGE	BLUE	PINK	GREEN	PURPLE	BLACK

Dear St. Paul School Families,

Hello. Let me take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Matt DeMarais and I am the parent of three St. Paul students and one future student. I am also the Chair of the School Committee and my wife, Kelsey, is on the Pastoral Council. The two of us believe very strongly in St. Paul Parish and School. Our family has had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the past few years and are thankful for all of the close friendships we have formed with many of you. If we have not met yet, then we should. We'd love to get to know you and your family better. Give us a call or shoot us an email. We will get together sometime to hang out. Seriously.



I am writing you today because it's that time of year when families are asked to begin thinking about the upcoming school year. Registration forms for the 2018-2019 were sent home on Monday with current St. Paul students. Hopefully you received yours. If you did not, let me know and I will get one to you. As you think about where you will send your child/children to school next year, I encourage you reflect carefully on a few things. Choosing a school for your children is no small task. Parents have a great responsibility to raise their children to become strong citizens of tomorrow. We are the first and greatest teachers of our children, but we cannot do it alone.

Along with being the Chair of the School Committee at St. Paul's, my "day job" is a Public School Teacher in the Personalized Learning Program "QUEST" at Butler Middle School in Waukesha. I am fully aware of the strong public school systems in our area. When making our decision for where we would send our children to school, Kelsey and I did our research and unanimously chose St. Paul's. We couldn't be happier and more content with our decision. I could speak for hours about the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Paul's, but I will attempt to be brief and condense my thoughts into 3 main points that make St. Paul School different from the rest. (If you want the long version, call me up and we will get together!)

1. Strong Community: As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child." Whether it be the teachers going above and beyond with communication and ongoing education of the child, or getting together with other school families for a night of fellowship and fun, we feel so very fortunate the "village" we have at St. Paul's. Our boys have formed lasting friendships with students across all grade levels and truly feel at home when they are at school. We even see many of the families at Mass on Sundays and attend many social gatherings together. Growing up, I attended Catholic schools and did not feel this level of community. I teach in a strong public school system and do not feel this level of community. I truly believe that the community at St Paul's is unlike any other. We hope you continue to help grow our community.

2. **Moral & Faith Foundation:** At St. Paul's, our children receive more than just a standard academic education. They are taught how to be functioning citizens that care for their fellow students and other members in society. I have seen this in the countless service projects the students participate in, the buddy program in which older students are paired with younger students to guide them through activities, the student leadership at the weekly school Mass where students take active roles in the celebration of the Eucharist, the celebration of Sacraments with their fellow classmates, and the constant communication between parent-teacher-child regarding the use of the gifts God has given them. The Moral and Faith Compass that St. Paul's provides for our students is an intangible benefit.
3. **Love for Learning:** My boys come home every day with a smile on their face and stories about what they learned and who they played with. The relationships they have developed with their teachers is unbelievable and directly shows the benefits of such a great teacher-to-student-ratio. The curriculum is not only challenging, but also flexible to the needs and interests of the students. Not a lot of schools have the freedom to "personalize" the approach to learning as St. Paul's does. As a parent, I want my children to feel safe, feel loved, and love learning. St. Paul's does all that and more.

As I mentioned above, I could talk for hours on the benefits of a Catholic Education at a school like St. Paul's. My family has experienced the POWER of St. Paul's and wants to share that with you. I strongly urge you to consider St. Paul's for the education of your child and complete the registration form for the 2018-19 school year. Even if you have never considered St. Paul's as the place for your child after 4K or if you have already tried the strong Public School systems with your older children, please give St. Paul's a chance. The DeMarais family (Christopher - 3rd, Joseph - 1st, Aaron - 5K, Daniel - 3K) have already returned their registration and will continue to be at St. Paul's for the duration of their 3K-8 education. We would love for you to join us as we continue to build the community at St. Paul's. Our kids should be friends with your kids!

If you have any questions or simply want to talk more about St. Paul's or education in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will speak to you as a parent, as a public school teacher, as a school committee member, and as a friend.

I'll see you in the pick up line.

Matt & Kelsey DeMarais
(and Chris, Joe, Aaron & Daniel)

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