

Saint Paul School "Spartan"

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Reaping "Dividends for Life" Through Catholic Schools

If you look at the Catholic Schools Week logo this year, you'll see that the theme is "Dividends for Life". When I first saw it, I was pleased because it spoke volumes about the good things happening in our Catholic Schools across the nation. The education received through Catholic Schools is a proven winner for preparing our students for college and careers.

But then, I read it again and the "for life" stood out. Not only do our schools prepare students for the future, but for NEW LIFE after death. I can't think of too many schools that can claim after life prep as a curricular goal!

The graphic with this

Does Your Child Meet Jesus at Home?

logo shows a hand glowing in God's love, with streams of faith, knowledge, discipline and morals reaching forth. How appropriate that our students learn and live with these four pillars as the foundation for their Catholic faith and Catholic education?

I hope you will agree: with the guidance of parents, our Catholic Schools are key as the evangelizing component in our children's lives. And, with the strong faith foundations they are receiving, they will give back to their communities with the many dividends received through their education but also in eternal "life" dividends by sharing Jesus' love with others.

Jesus. Your child often hears the name of Jesus in religious education class. We talk about Jesus; textbook material is based on Jesus, the Son of God; and we pray always in the name of Jesus. The students are comfortable talking about Jesus as they learn more about the faith. But in forming and supporting the faith of a

child, the religion class is not the child's main encounter of Jesus. That happens at home.

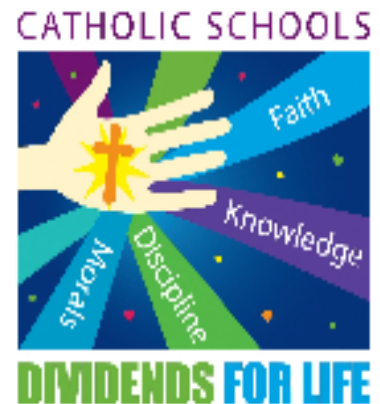
The Church often refers to your home as the "domestic church." That means that in your home, a small community of faith - your family - lives out most meaningfully the generosity and goodness that Jesus taught. One

Catholic Schools Week 2010

In addition to the national theme, Dividends for Life, St. Paul School is also celebrating its 90th birthday of excellence in education. Catholic Schools Week will be filled with "90" activities, including a 90c fundraiser for the school's wish list, WSPS's special 90th anniversary segments, and "C" building's fun activities surrounding our school over the years.

You are invited to celebrate with us all week! Our school mass is at 8:30 on Tuesday and we are also celebrating mass with other Stark Catholic schools on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Walsh University.

Also, join us for our spelling bee, academic challenge, movies, rally, and especially



the family science night on Friday, February 5 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Kids of all ages will enjoy the interactive learning activities, science fair projects and displays and, of course, the Journey to the Center of the Earth globe!

Our Catholic Schools Week schedule is in this newsletter and can also be accessed online on our website:

might say that the classroom is where your child hears about Jesus but your home is where your child meets Jesus. Our parish is a stronger community because your home and your family build up the entire Body of Christ. Thank you for all you do to support what we teach at St. Paul School.

In Christ, Jackie Zufall

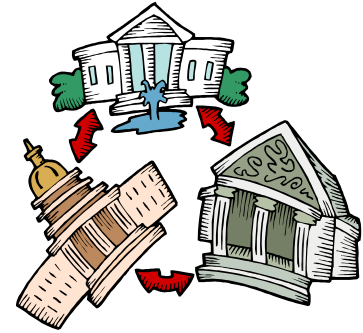
Seventh Grade Students Set for Project Citizen

This spring, students in Miss Stanley's 7th grade classes will be participating in "Project Citizen". Project Citizen is a portfolio based civic education project established in part by the Center for Civic Education and also by the U.S. Department of Education. Project Citizen actively engages students in learning how to monitor and influence public policy and encourages civic participation among students, parents and members of the community.

Under the direction of Miss Stanley, students will develop project ideas, then create a series of initiatives aligned with civic policy to get them implemented.

Project Citizen has been used, not only in the United States, but in countries around the world. As a participant, Miss Stanley will receive free student textbooks and a teacher guide. Miss Stanley and Mrs. Muffet recently attended a Project Citizen workshop with other educators from Plain Local,

Lake Local, Marlington Local and other northeastern Ohio school systems.



St. Paul School Raises Funds for Local and World Causes

Over the past several months, students at St. Paul School have been busy helping others in our local area and around the world.

During the Christmas season, school families participated in the annual drive for St. Paul's food cupboard. The food gathered is used for holiday baskets as well as restocking the food cupboard for future needs.

Recently, members of St. Paul School's service council ran two fundraising efforts. During student lunch times, service council members held a bake sale with the proceeds going to an

adopted child in India. This project began a couple years ago by Mr. Moorhead and has been a school-wide service project ever since. The bake sale raised over \$300.

Service council members then held an out of uniform day for students who contributed \$1 or more for Haiti. This effort raised a whopping \$977. Added to this was \$25,000 raised through second collections at St. Paul's parish masses, also for Haiti.

This week, students will be asked to participate in the "Souper Bowl" for the hungry. Mrs. Muffet has organized this

combined parish/school effort. To keep the giving generous, she has volunteered to make lunch for the winning homeroom. Her homemade lunch will include pasta, rolls, drink and dessert. Money will be collected this Thursday only.

During Catholic Schools Week another fundraiser will benefit our school's wish list. Bring in 90c or more to donate toward wish list items such as a new media center, air conditioning, new windows, and playground equipment.

8th Grade Tech Students Linking With St. Mike's

As part of the grant received from the David Foundation for our new tech lab computers, Mrs. Miller and Ms. Alvarez created a writing project for our 8th grade students. The goal of the project is to improve writing scores on the 8th grade proficiency.

Students will be given prompts or organizers for essay writing, as well as, suggested

topics. Students will use either Microsoft Word 2007 or the Ultimate Writing Center program.

Once essays are written and edited, they will be shared, via the internet, with students from St. Michael's School. Those students will engage in a critiquing process of our students' work. The interaction has the potential to form technology based

learning partnerships for improved writing at both schools.



Saint Paul Catholic School
Catholic Schools' Week, 2010
“Celebrating 90 Years of Excellence”
Dividends For Life!

Catholic Schools Week celebrates education which goes beyond preparation for a secular life — it is education that prepares students for life beyond this life. CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the U.S.

Friday, January 29

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Open House: St. Paul School and St. Paul Early Childhood Center.

Monday, February 1

To celebrate our 90th anniversary, students are asked to bring 90 cents for St. Paul School's wish list.

"C" Building students have fun learning about the history of our school while visiting classrooms.

Grade 5 students visit SPS Middle School classes and view a DVD presentation.

Grade 4 students visit 5th grade classes.

Grade 3 students visit 4th grade classes.

"Spirit Day" - Show your St. Paul School spirit!

Tuesday, February 2

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul's; family and friends are invited to attend.

"C" Building students make a variety of service projects for community agencies.

4th students pair up with preschool kids for mass, then lead a fun "90" counting activity.

9:30 a.m. School Spelling Bee, grades 5 - 8. Grade 4 to attend.

"Dress up Day"

Wednesday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Mass at Walsh University with students from Stark County Catholic Schools
in grades 4 - 8. Parents and families are invited to attend.

8:45 - 10:30 "C" building students and preschool children watch a movie in parish hall.

1:45 - 2:25 pm Spartan Specials for students in grades 5 - 8.

"Regular Uniforms" for grades 4 - 8 (students in 4 - 8 may wear a fun hat after mass) and "Pajama Day" for students in K - 3.

Thursday, February 4

8:00 - 9:30 a.m., 8th Grade students share Bible stories with K - 5 students.

"C" building students participate in inter-grade level book activities.

1:00 p.m., Annual SPS Academic Challenge, Parish Hall, Grades 5 - 8.

2:05 p.m., Pep rally

"Spirit Day"

Friday, February 5

Science Fair, PLC Atrium

Students in K - 8 visit the "Journey to the Center of the Earth" globe, gym.

Family Science Night, "Journey to the Center of the Earth", PLC Gym.

Science Fair Projects on Display

Challenge student displays

Games, challenges, fun for the whole family!

"Favorite Sports Team Day"

The Saint Paul School community welcomes Miss Mary O'Reilly. Miss O'Reilly graduated from Franciscan University and is substitute teaching for Mrs. Puperi while she spends some time at home with her new baby.

Also joining us this semester is Mr. Richard Kaliszewski. Mr. Kaliszewski is a student teacher from Walsh University and is completing his requirements toward a teaching degree in Social Studies and Science. He will be mentored by Mrs. Sharon Varner and Miss Beth Stanley. Welcome to Miss O'Reilly and Mr. Kaliszewski!

Did You Know?

... St. Paul School collects the following: Box Tops, and Campbell's Soup Labels. We are able to use proceeds for many needed school purchases.

... Re-registration packets for the 2010-2011 school year will be sent to families during Catholic Schools Week?

...Your \$50 per child registration fee will ONLY be deducted from your 2010—2011 tuition if received by March 1, 2010?

...St. Paul Parish granted nearly \$60,000 in tuition aid to parishioner families for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Does your family need help with tuition?

... Some families use SCRIP to significantly reduce tuition costs? Some families have NO TUITION due to SCRIP savings.

...You can recycled your ink cartridges at St. Paul School? A bin is located outside the school office. Cartridge World offer this program and proceeds are used to purchase computer lab supplies.

Dates and Events at Saint Paul School

- 2/1– 5 Catholic Schools Week (See CSW Calendar for events)
- 2/5 Family Science Night, "Journey to the Center of the Earth", 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 2/9 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
Home and School Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
- 2/10 Parent / Teacher Conferences, 2:45 - 5:00
- 2/11 School Finance Meeting, 7:45 a.m.
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Valentine Parties in classrooms
- 2/12 No Classes, Professional Day
- 2/15 No Classes, President's Day
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- 2/23 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- 3/1 Fee Due for 8th Grade D.C. Trip
- 3/2 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- 3/3-3/4 St. Paul School External Validation
Team Visit for Accreditation
- 3/8 Spring Pictures
- 3/9 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
Home and School Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Library
- 3/10 Winter Vocal Concert, grades 4, 5, and K,
7:00 p.m., gym.
- 3/12 No Classes, Teacher In-service
- 3/16 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
Athletic Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library
- 3/18 School Finance Meeting, 7:45 a.m., Rectory
- 3/19 Grand Slam Night, 8:00 - Midnight, grades 6,7,8
- 3/23 Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- 3/25 Technology Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library

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