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*St. Paul School is a Catholic Community, living and teaching as Jesus did.
St. Paul School is a diocesan Roman Catholic School affiliated with the parish of St. Paul Church.*

Our second grade students will be attending a retreat this Friday, November 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m. for their upcoming First Reconciliation. Please keep these young ones in your prayers. Congratulations to all of our parish and school students in second grade who will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. You have worked very hard for this next step in your spiritual development!

SPS EMAIL NEWS

We're starting a NEW FEATURE! Now, an SPSWEATHERALERT will be sent to you in the event school is cancelled due to weather conditions. Are you missing our weekly e-mails? SPS EMAIL NEWS is sent every Monday afternoon and notifies our parents of important events and information. If you would like to be included, send your e-mail address to jzufall@stpaulncanton.org

Saint Paul School



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God's Many Blessings

Blessings. With Thanksgiving around the corner, we're reminded to slow down and count our many blessings. Sometimes, though, we have to look beyond our day to day worries to find them.

Remember last month when we gathered to honor St. Francis of Assisi during the Pet Blessing? There were many pets, big and small, some pulling their owners around, others cowering under blankets. They are such blessings to us. But amid the chaos, there was one special blessing taking place. A parishioner, herself older than 12 dog years, had her little dog wrapped in a blanket and, approaching Fr. Jay,

asked if he would bless her pup. Afterwards, she explained that later in the day she would be visiting the vet because her little dog was sick and it was time to put him to sleep. What a special blessing Fr. Jay gave that day! The love this woman obviously had for her pet is but a small glimpse of God's never ending love for us!

Speaking of God's blessings, about 500 of them spent a beautiful sunny morning visiting St. Paul School on Grandparents Day! Out of sheer love for their grandkids, our wonderful grandparents and special friends found their way to their beloved young ones for Mass, even walking



from far away parking spaces! We enjoyed classroom activities, tours and delicious cookies for a great morning of sharing. We can't wait till next year!

We welcome new student, Krista Brewer, to Miss Waller's 1st grade at St. Paul School!

Christmas Around the World!

Saturday, November 20 is the date set for "Christmas Around the World" at Congress Lake Country Club. Tickets are sold out!

Still want to support our parish and school? You can submit a sealed bid for auction items until November 12 at noon. Sealed bid cards, envelopes,

and a list of auction items are available in the church gathering area, and the rectory and school offices for your convenience.

Ohio Catholic Conference Needs Your Help !

The State of Ohio is unique in that it provides funding to the state's nonpublic schools through several programs: Auxiliary Services, Administrative Cost Reimbursement and transportation. **Auxiliary Services** funding enables us to secure teachers for tutoring and gifted classes, a speech and language therapist, and nurse. We also purchase most non-religious texts with these funds.

Administrative Cost Reimbursement provides operating funds by reimbursing non-public schools for state re-

lated requirements and activities.

Finally, in Ohio, public school bus **transportation** is offered to students in non-public schools.

These programs provide important funding for St. Paul School. The funding doesn't "just happen". The Ohio Catholic Conference works hard at the state level to make sure our schools receive services for our Catholic students. Parents just like you contact their state representatives, urging them to continue these vital programs.

The Ohio Catholic Conference is starting a new initiative that involves contacting our state representatives via electronic means..the internet. It's faster and more efficient. Mr. Dan Mitchell has volunteered to represent St. Paul School as we look ahead to January, 2011, when the budget for the State of Ohio will be scrutinized. He needs a team of parents and school supporters. If you are interested in helping, please contact him at dmitchell@stpaulincanton.org or mrmitchellstpaul@yahoo.com

Every Child is Gifted!

Every child has the potential to be gifted! What do you do to nurture your child's gift? Gifts or talents are often measured in terms of Math or Language Arts. But sometimes parents need to look beyond those areas to discover other strengths.

Does your child have a knack for dates and events?

Or maybe your child is artistic in the visual arts or music. Maybe he/she is very agile and athletic. Or perhaps your student is empathetic beyond his years. These are all very special gifts!

What can you do to nurture your child? Pay attention to his or her

interests. If he is creative, let him try his hand at a variety of creative endeavors, from cooking to robot building. If she shows a love for history, talk to her about current events and how they relate to the past.

The best way to nurture your child's giftedness? Turn off the TV and computer games. Take away the IPOD and electron-

ics. Create gifted learning time out of mindless activity time.

Families who use every opportunity to educate their children see optimum growth in their students "gifts". Museum visits, educational TV programs, reading, discussion, traveling...all will nurture your child's gifts!

Inclement Weather and School Cancellation

Beginning this school year, the Ohio Department of Education has reduced the number of permitted calamity days from five to three. This means we must make up any closed days over three. Our school calendar has

five make up days built in: June 6 -10. Any announcement to close St. Paul School will be made on the major Cleveland TV stations, Mix 94.1, WHBC FM and News/Talk 1480 WHBC AM, and their respective websites. In addi-

tion, if your email address is on our parent email list, you will receive an email. Look for an 'spsweatheralert' to announce school closing or bad weather day status for St. Paul School.



All Saints Day

Isn't All Saints Day a Holy Day of Obligation? All Saints Day, on November 1st this year, is not considered a day of obligation in the United States when falling on a Monday.

Why do we honor saints? Originally, only martyrs were recognized in the church. However, over many centuries, the process of Canonization became formal and other "saintly" individuals could be honored. The first saint to be formally canonized the way we know today was St. Ulric of

Augsburg, Germany, in 993. St. Ulric was known for his relief work among Germans devastated by the Magyar invasion.

Beginning in 1983, certain changes took place. The canonization process was reduced to ten years. Now, an interested party or group approaches their bishop. Working with the advocates of the candidate, he or she sends in a report on the person to the *Congregation for the Causes of Saints*. The congregation studies the candidate's life, looking

for heroic virtue, or whether the person died a martyr's death. If the pope accepts the report, the candidate is termed "venerable". The second step, Blessed, follows a lengthy period of scrutiny lead by an *advocatus Dei* (advocate of God). The person's life, writings, virtues, reputation and miracles are considered. The venerable candidate is then "beatified" by the pope at a ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica.

Finally, canonization raises the person to the full honors of the altar. The name of the saint is mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer for the Mass. Beatification allows veneration. In the Catholic church, veneration is clearly distinct from worship or adoration, which is due to God alone.

Advent, A Season of Preparation

It won't be long before we are shopping, baking, wrapping presents and engaging in all kinds of preparation activities for Christmas. But, what are you doing to prepare spiritually for Christ's birth?

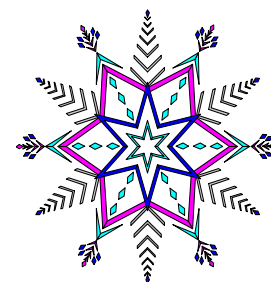
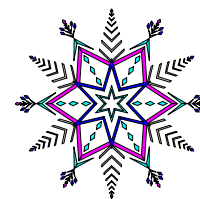
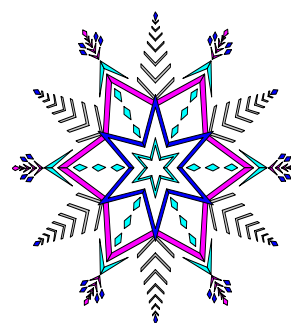
The first Sunday of Advent is the weekend of November 27/28. Give some thought this year to having

your family volunteer to light the Advent wreath at St. Paul during a weekend mass. Sign-up forms will be available during conferences and will also be sent home with students. This is a wonderful way to involve your whole family in the Advent season when we prepare for our Lord's birth.

You recently received our first SPS Faith Newsletter. It

highlights many family activities to do at home.

Two other resources for family Advent activities are www.catholicmom.com and www.americancatholic.org. At "Catholic Mom" you'll find prayers, Advent related coloring book pages, recipes, music and more. "American Catholic" offers a variety of helpful meditations, scriptures and activities.



Parents' thoughts about Saint Paul School

"Why did we wait so long...I knew by the end of the first week...[my child] was fine. We are looking to the future and are a positive family looking for a wonderful first of many at St. Paul's School..."

"Both..[children] had a great experience! [St. Paul School] was a moral compass as well as giving them a strong educational background."

"My daughter told me her high school freshman reading list included books they had already read at St. Paul's!"

"Thank you for helping our family through some difficult times. Our children loved St. Paul School and they are doing very well in high school. Bless you all!"

Saint Paul School Dates and Events

SPS Tidbits...

...Students are invited to participate in a healthy recipe contest! To be eligible for a prize, contestants must sign up at www.fueluptoplay60.com and submit their recipe to their classroom teacher by November 12. Prizes will be awarded by Miss Streb.

...Saint Thomas Aquinas High School has scheduled a Parent Information Night on November 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

...a Diocesan "Treasured Gifts from God" child protection workshop is being offered at St. Joan of Arc on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joan of Arc Parish Center (on the back of the property). Please call (330) 477- 6796 to reserve a space.

...St. Paul School is hosting the annual Christmas Dance for all 7th and 8th grade students attending Stark County Catholic Schools. The date is Friday, December 3 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the gym.

...Thanks to last year's service council and efforts this year, the SPS middle school science lab will soon have six new computers with interactive scientific tools.

...We still need to raise a few more funds to complete our science lab computer hardware. For \$2, students in B and A buildings may wear SPS hoodies with their uniforms on Friday, Nov. 12 and Friday, Nov. 19! Teachers have details!

...our 8th grade students are selling Papa Bears gift certificates worth \$10 each in an effort to offset the cost of their annual trip to Wash., D.C. They make great stocking stuffers! Ask any 8th grader or call the school office at (300)494-0223 for information.

...Most SPS forms, from hot lunch to admissions to Internet permission...are available on our website at www.stpaulincanton.org. Forgot to fill something out? The form is probably on our website!

...Christmas Around the World is sold out! Thank you to our many volunteers who have worked countless hours to bring this wonderful event to our parish. And thanks also to auction item contributors, sponsors, and those who have purchased tickets to attend. Your generosity will help our school and parish for years to come.

11/9 Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Veteran's Day Program, 9:30, gym

Home and School Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library

11/10 Parent / Teacher Conferences, 3 - 6:00 p.m.

11/13 First Reconciliation, 1:00 p.m.

11/16 Mass, 8:30 a.m.

11/18 Parent / Teacher Conferences, 5 - 8:00 p.m.

11/20 "Christmas Around the World" Auction at Congress Lake Country Club, 6:30 p.m.

11/22 Adoration and Benediction, "Christ the King", 1:30 p.m., Church

11/25, 26, 29 No Classes, Thanksgiving vacation

11/27, 28 First Sunday of Advent

11/30 Spartan Specials, 8:00 - 8:43 a.m., grades 5 - 8

12/3 8th Grade visit to St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Stark Catholic Schools 7th/8th Christmas Dance, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., gym.

12/4 8th Grade Placement Exam, STA, 9:00 a.m.

12/4,5 Second Sunday of Advent

12/8 Mass, Immaculate Conception, 8:30 a.m.

12/10 The Christmas Musical, grades 1, 2, 3, 7:00 p.m., Gym

12/11,12 Third Sunday of Advent

12/14 Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., gym

12/15 D.A.R.E. Graduation, 7:00 p.m., gym

12/18, 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/20 - 1/2 Christmas Vacation

1/3 First Day of Classes after break