

# Celebrating 95 Years

## St. Paul Catholic School

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#### **Mission Statement**

Inspired by the charism of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, the mission of St. Paul Catholic School is to provide students with a foundation for life through faith, academics, and service and to assist students in developing their gifts and talents, so that they may fulfill the plan God has for their lives.

# St. Paul Catholic School Eagle Update



Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family September 13, 2024



We live in a world that is fast moving. It creates stress and anxiety in our lives. Life is not an easy journey! The psalmist tells us Psalm 146, "the Lord raises up those who are bowed down." The Lord promises us his grace as we face the challenges of everyday life. This week reflect on some of the challenges your are faced with at this time. Do this by imagining that Jesus is sitting next to you. Have a conversation with him asking him to be with you—raising you up and strengthening you. Invite Jesus to be part

of your life. You will see the difference! (Based on reflections form Pope Francis)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On September 15, 1930, five (5) Franciscan Sisters of Allegany arrived in St. Petersburg from Allegany, New York. Under the direction of Mother Joan, they opened St. Paul Catholic School. The school opened grades 1-9, with 136 students. Four years later the first 12th grade graduation was held. Three of the young women from that class became Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and later returned to teach in both the high school and the grammar school. Since that day in September 1930, the Franciscan charism has played a vital role in the success of the school. We feel certain that those five Sisters and those who followed them continue to keep us in their prayers.



## VERNON PHOTOGRAPHY PICTURE DAY

Tuesday, September 17th is Picture Day. Individual student pictures will be taken and students are expected to be in full uniform. Sweatshirts will not be worn for these pictures. The prepay link is **www.VernonPhoto.com/FallPrepay** for parents who

prefer to use this form of payment. If you prefer not to order on line please complete the order form you received and submit it with your check made payable to Vernon Photography. Please direct questions to www.VernonPhoto.com.

## BROWN ENVELOPE

The brown envelope that you are receiving today contains the 2024-2025 Family Directory. Thank you to the businesses who have supported the Directory and, thank you to Mrs. Julie Volpe, school secretary, for organizing and printing this directory.

## MAP TESTING RESULTS

You will find your child's MAP testing results in the Brown Envelope. Thank you for taking the time to review your child's scores. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.



Monday
September 16
Kindergarten International DOT Day

Tuesday
September 17
Vernon Photography
Individual Pictures
in School Uniform
ALL GRADES

Saturday
September 21
Altar Server
Training 10AM
Church

Thursday
September 26
Parent/Teacher
Conferences
Early Dismissal
11:50AM

<u>Friday</u> September 27 Class T- Shirt Day

Friday October 4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi School Mass 8:15AM

Tuesday
October 8
Donuts with Dads
After Morning
Opening on the
Plaza

Monday
October 14
NO SCHOOL
Diocesan
Professional
Development Day
for Teachers

## LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!

#### REMINDERS

Father Tim will hold an altar server training for students in **4th grade and up** on Saturday, September 21st at 10 AM in the church. For additional details contact Father Tim at the parish office....727-822-3481.

All men are invited to attend the Society of St. Joseph brotherhood meetings Tuesday mornings from 6:00 to 7:20 AM in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity for men to gather weekly for community and formation, strengthening each other in order to build up our families, parish, and community.

Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive is this weekend at all Masses. Please donate diapers, formula and other items the family of a new born child would need. The collected items will be taken to Catholic Charities.

Welcome Retreat for Women is still accepting reservations. Please contact Agnes Mistak at welcome.team.stpauls@gmail.com

St. Paul FAST Justice Ministry invites you to learn more about the ministry in hopes you will become a member. For information please see details in the bulletin or contact April Birdsong, our FAST Coordinator at <u>april@thedartcenter.org</u> or 727-823-9197.



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well as for our sick relatives, friends and benefactors especially, Ashley Goodbread, mother of Jacob and Charlotte; Pat Dugan, grandfather of Luke and Brie Franks; Shannon Hand, sister of our art teacher Mrs. Mandy Hand; Pam Hendry, grandmother of Mackenzie, James and Kate Williams; Kristin Bedinghaus, daughter of Title 1 teacher Mrs. Carmen Bender, and Millie Price, clinic volunteer. We pray in a special way for the students and teachers who lost their lives in the school shooting in Winder, Georgia and for our departed relatives, friends, and benefactors especially Sebastian Belo, uncle of Mr. Vaughn Wassmer, Technology teacher, and great uncle of Nagisa Wassmer. May the angels come to meet Sebastian and lead him into Paradise, his heavenly home. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.