



**Celebrating 94 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.

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**Eagle Update**

Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family

February 7, 2025



**Cornerstone Celebration – 100 Years**

Bishop Patrick Barry of St. Augustine laid the cornerstone of St. Paul’s first building on February 15, 1925. The cornerstone is still visible at the northeast corner of the school building, where 12<sup>th</sup> Street N. and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. intersect. According to the St. Petersburg Times report, “several hundred persons” gathered on that Sunday afternoon with the bishop and with the priests of St.

Mary’s Church (the mother church of St. Paul’s) to celebrate the start of construction of the school building and the adjacent “chapel” (our present gymnasium/auditorium.)

Our current bishop, Bishop Parkes, will be here at St. Paul’s on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone. A prayer service will be held at 8:00 a.m. on the School Entrance Plaza. All parishioners are invited to join with the St. Paul’s School community for the occasion. A light reception will be held on the North Courtyard after the ceremony. We look forward to sharing this milestone celebration with all of our school and parish families.

**GRANDPARENTS-SPECIAL FRIEND DAY**

Thank you to Julie Todd, Meg Marin Craig, and their committee members, for a wonderful Grandparents/Special Friends Day. We had an outstanding response to this yearly celebration with close to 200 guests. The smiles on the faces of the grandparents and their grandchildren, said it all. Thank you to our music teacher, Mrs. Freitas for another marvelous program. Her endless energy and enthusiasm bring out the best in her students. The positive feedback from our guests continued to flow into the school office all week.

**RE-REGISTRATION REMINDER**

**All re-registration must be completed by February 10, 2025.** The administration will not assume that your child is returning next year if you haven’t re-registered him/her by February 10th. If your child is not returning to St. Paul’s for the 2025-2026 academic year, please contact the school office ASAP so that the seat may be offered to a child on the wait list. As a reminder, financial assistance is available through **FACTS, Mary C Forbes Foundation, and Parish support** for students in grades K-8 whose families qualify for this assistance. Please contact Sister Joan for information regarding financial assistance.



**LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!**

**Thursday Feb. 13**  
Class Picture Day  
Students in full school uniform

**Friday-Feb.14**  
End of 2nd Trimester

**100 Anniversary of Corner Stone Bishop Parks to officiate at 8 AM Service on the Plaza**

**Early Dismissal 11:50 AM**

**Monday-Feb.17**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**Beginning of Third Trimester**

**Tuesday Feb.18**  
Terra Nova Testing Begins and Continues thru March 7th

**Tuesday-Feb. 25**  
Digital Report Cards

**Thursday-Feb. 27**  
Festival Opens 6PM

**Friday- Feb. 28**  
Early Dismissal 11:50AM  
Class T- Shirt Day

**Monday-March 3**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP DAY**

**All Help is Appreciated Double Hope Hours**



**FESTIVAL 2025**

Our annual Festival is just around the corner. This will be our 50th Festival, my how we have grown! Setup for the Festival will begin on Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 PM and continues thru Thursday, February 27th. **This is a great opportunity for double HOPE hours.** Please see additional Festival information including wrist bands, ride tickets, and food tickets in the Brown Envelope. **Pre-sale savings ends at NOON on Wednesday, February 26th.**

**CLASS PICTURES**

Vernon Photography will take class pictures on Thursday, February 13th. Students will be in full uniform for these pictures. Pictures will also be taken on that day for all sports and club groups. See the Vernon photo flyer in the Brown Envelope.



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life remembering in a special way our alum, Kevin Buete, who is currently studying for the priesthood. We continually pray as well for our sick relatives, friends and benefactors especially, Ashley Goodbread, mother of Jacob and Charlotte; Nilda Jaynal, mother of ALP teacher, Ms. Fran Jaynal; Kelly Graham, aunt of Gracie Grove; Pat Dugan, grandfather of Luke and Brie Franks; Shannon and Chris Hand, sister and brother 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; Kevin Harris, grandfather of Everly and Tenlym Jordanov; Maria Swasey, sister-in-law of Mrs. Yadira Emery, teacher assistant; Ruth Butcher, grandmother of principal Mr. Butcher, and Millie Price, clinic volunteer. We also pray for our deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors especially Blaine Highfill, grandfather of Tate Symmes, 6th grade. May Blaine's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



**"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread".  
Saint Mother Theresa**