

January 5, 2012

St. Paul Parish School  
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## COMING EVENTS

**1/9-13** Talent Show  
sign ups in of-  
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**1/10** Cans and Bottles

**1/10** 7:30 6th Outdoor  
School Parent  
Mtg

**1/11** 9:00am Mass

**1/16** MLK Jr Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

**1/19** Talent Show try-  
outs 3:15-4:45 in  
PH

**1/29** Annual SPPS  
Open House  
11:30-1:30

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St. Paul Parish School

# Voyager

*A Voyage in Faith and Learning*



## Notes from the Principal

Dear St. Paul Families,

Welcome back to school and a very happy new year to all of you! I hope that you enjoyed a relaxing break from school and the blessings of the Christmas Season.

During the vacation, our school and church community had the privilege of hosting Homeless Hospitality in the gym. Thanks to the generous support of time and treasure from our families, we made the holiday season a little brighter for nine families. There were fourteen adults and 15 children, including a set of twins who were ten days old when they arrived.

As the families arrived at our gym, they were welcomed by decorations our students had made. Every morning began with a hot breakfast to send them on their way to a day filled with work and activities. The families returned in the evenings to wonderful, warm dinners and visits from many of our students who came to the gym to play and spend time with the guest children. It is always very heartwarming to see them enjoy this time helping others.

On Friday evening, before Christmas Eve, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Silva had the joy of taking the parents shopping at a local store. Through many kind donations, money was given to each family to spend on gifts. They were overwhelmed by the generosity from all of you, and very thankful that they were going to be able to give their children gifts on Christmas day.



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## The Feast of Epiphany January 6

A group of fourth grade students contributed over \$250 to the cause with their inspiring Christmas hearts. On the first Saturday evening of Christmas break, they sang Christmas carols and provided hot chocolate for people visiting their neighborhood to see the holiday lights. People gave them donations to support our families at Homeless Hospitality. Thank you to these students and congratulations on modeling our SLEs so beautifully.

Another outreach program that students at St. Paul are involved in is the Christmas Program at the Lane County Jail. Each year our students decorate paper bags and write a note wishing them a Merry Christmas and offering them prayer. One inmate wrote a letter to the editor in the Eugene Register Guard in appreciation of the hospitality people share during this time of year. Included in this edition of the Voyager is a copy of the letter. I hope you enjoy it.

Finally, please keep our Spanish teacher, Senora Stevens-Newcomb in prayer. Before the break, she became ill which required her to miss work. Unfortunately, during the holiday she had a relapse. She will be on leave until the end of January. A substitute teacher will work with the students during her absence.

In beginning this New Year, I pray that you all be filled with the Lord's grace and goodness.

May God's peace and blessings be with all of you.

*Kelli Braud*

## Announcements

### Talent Show News

Got a talent? Show it off at the annual Talent Show on February 1! Sign up in the office next Monday through Friday, 1/9—1/13. Talent Show Participation Forms, which describe your act and name the participants, may be picked up in the office and should be turned in by 1/17. Tryouts will take place on Thursday, 1/19 and the dress rehearsals on Tuesday, 1/31 As a feature during Catholic Schools Week, we will have the final **Talent Show** on Wednesday, February 1.

### Annual Immunization Review

The State of Oregon will begin their annual immunization review next Wednesday, January 11. Students in need of immunization updates have been contacted throughout the fall by the school office. Contact Anne if you have any questions or concerns.

**Sweatshirt Order!**  
**Limited time**  
**See attached order form**

### Annual Open House Sunday, January 29 11:30am-1:30pm

#### Do You Know Someone You Would Like to Invite?

Every year, our school is blessed to welcome a great number of new families into our community! Many of those families were guests at our past open houses because of invitations sent at current families' requests. If you know of any families who may be interested in St. Paul, please drop a note by the office with their names and addresses so that we can mail them an invitation to join us that day.

#### Inclement Weather

Parents can generally depend on St. Paul following the Eugene 4J school district's directives regarding closure or delayed start times when weather prohibits safe driving. Occasionally, we may need to make independent decisions regarding closures or late starts because many of our St. Paul families drive from outside the 4J boundaries where adverse conditions may affect outlying districts. In all cases of closure or late starts, you will receive a phone call from Kelli Braud via our phone message system by 6:30am or as soon as the determination is made.

#### Welcome New Family

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Linda Mejia-Wraich and her daughter Simran who joins our first grade class. We are delighted to have them as part of our St. Paul family!

#### Directory Update

**Wraich**, Linda Mejia-Wraich  
1465 W. Harrison Avenue  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
541-849-0909

Simran 1

#### Christmas Program DVDs

We still have a few extra DVDs of the Christmas program left for purchase in the office. The cost is \$15 or 2/\$25 while they last.

### Tuition Payments

For families making two tuition payments for the school year, your second half of tuition is due January 10, 2012. Please be timely. In the interest of conservation, invoices will not be mailed unless your payment is overdue. A late fee may apply after January 10, 2012. Please indicate on your check memo line: "tuition balance."

### 2012-13 Tuition Assistance

[www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com)

If you would like to start applying for financial aid for the next school year, please go to [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). Applications need to be in the system by March 23, 2012 in order to be considered. The new tuition amount will be determined by the end of January, but you can just put in \$4970.00 for now. Remember, there is no aid available for pre-school or pre-kindergarten students. Please call Lynda with any questions.

### Letter to the Editor

#### *Celebration prompted reflections*

*Thanks are due to everyone who had a hand in bringing the 33rd annual holiday program to Lane County Adult Corrections on Dec. 15. It wasn't just the food or the carolers that enhanced the festive atmosphere, but the combination of genuine care and concern from the volunteers, the Lane County sheriff's staff and the community. The decorated gift bags from the children at St. Paul Catholic School, with promise of a prayer, were extra special, like icing on cake.*

*This was the second time I've had the privilege and opportunity to experience the holiday program. Each celebration has caused me to reflect on the poor choices and decisions I've made in the past, and on the things I can change — namely, myself and the attitudes that keep causing me to become incarcerated. The cele-*

brations offer teachable moments for everyone involved. It would be a grave injustice to discontinue this program.  
 Jeffrey Bradley  
 Inmate No. 453510

<b>Eric Riechers</b>	<b>Security/Admissions</b>	<b>541-683-7653</b>
<b>Richard Proulx</b>	<b>Concessions</b>	<b>541-747-6034</b>
<b>Joe &amp; Mary Harwood</b>	<b>Food Service</b>	<b>541-988-3042</b>
<b>Stacey Loboy</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>541-654-0111</b>
<b>Jeff Krier</b>	<b>Advertising</b>	<b>541-687-7899</b>

Or contact **Mel Damewood, Tournament Chair** at **541-343-9214** or **Krista Johnson** at the school for general questions.

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 NEW website  
[www.saintpaul-school.org](http://www.saintpaul-school.org)**

## Development Department News

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**Krista Johnson**

Fundraising & Volunteers ext 328



## ST. PAUL TOURNAMENT OF EXCELLENCE - FEBRUARY 17-19

Don't miss this great family event held at Marist Catholic High School – Presidents weekend, February 17-19.

The success of the tournament depends on the help of numerous volunteers. The tournament weekend offers many FPP service hour opportunities, as well as a chance to meet other families and support St. Paul. If you signed up on Orientation Day to help with this exciting event, you should be receiving a call soon from one of the chairs. If you did not get a chance to sign-up and would like to help and need FPP hours, please contact the following committee member for volunteer opportunities.

## OTHER WAYS TO HELP WITH THE TOURNAMENT

Do you want to help, but are unable to volunteer the weekend of the tournament? We are looking for donations to help underwrite a few of tournament expenses (t-shirts, trophies, lanyards, etc.). If you can help the tournament with these expenses please contact Krista Johnson at the school.

## ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE FOR TOURNAMENT PROGRAM.

This is another exciting year for the tournament – celebrating 39 years of excellence. Don't miss out on placing an advertisement in the tournament program and support St. Paul School. You can advertise your business or just give a shout out to our teams or your favorite player. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Jeff Krier at 687-7899 or get an ad form to him by January 21. Forms can also be obtained from the front office. Thanks for your support and GO SAINTS!

## RAFFLE BASKETS FOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

We are seeking donations to put together 4 raffle baskets for the basketball tournament. We did this for the first time last year and they were successful. The basket themes are – Uni-

versity of Oregon, Oregon State, "Family Fun Night" and "Wine and Kitchen." If you would like to donate an item (or cash and we'll shop) for the baskets please bring it to the office by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Your support is truly appreciated. Please contact Krista Johnson or Lynda Weilbrenner if you have any questions.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Open House Clean-up**

Need FPP hours? **On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00** we will be having an all school clean-up to prepare for Open House on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Some duties include - general pick-up, yard work, dusting, sweeping, etc. If you can help out, please contact Krista Johnson at the school.

- **All School Magazine Drive Goal Celebration!**

**On Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>** we will celebrate reaching our all school goal for the 2011 Magazine Drive by bringing in two inflatable apparatuses for "Bounce Day". Each class will get one half hour to romp and play in a 15X15 Bounce House and on a 65' Obstacle course. Volunteers are needed to help supervise the students. Destination Events requires 3-4 volunteers per inflatable at all times. We are offering two shifts – 8:00am to 11:30am and 11:30am to 3:00pm. Please Contact Krista Johnson if you would like to help out. FPP hours apply!

## **Family Participation Program Reminders**

Mid-year reminders will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please take a moment to update the FPP logbook located in the front office hallway with your service hours. Keeping your family page in the logbook updated is your responsibility. Thank you for taking the time to review your participation and please keep up the good work!

## **Called to Protect Training**

In accordance with the Archdiocese's Child Abuse Policy, every volunteer working with children is required to attend Called to Protect Training. This includes – lunch/recess supervisors, morning gym supervisors, office help, classroom help and room parents, drivers and fieldtrip chaperones, just to name a few. **If you plan on volunteering with children you must attend training.** *NOTE: Due to the sensitivity of the subject matter it is preferred that children do not come to the training. Please make child care arrangements. Thank you.*

### **Current offered trainings-**

O'Hara Catholic School - Library

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 8:45 am to 10:15 am

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

## **Box Tops for Education**

Thank you to all who save and bring Box Tops for Education! We received a check this week for \$179.20 that will go directly to helping out our great school. A huge thank you also goes out to Kamisha Moody (mom of Kallista in 1<sup>st</sup>) for organizing and sending in the box tops. Your time and commitment is truly appreciated!

## **Cell Phone Recycling**

Get a new cell phone for Christmas? Please think about donating your old cell phone while helping out the environment and school at the same time. You can drop them off in the office or in the cell phone receptacle inside the gym foyer. Please note we only need cell phones – no accessories or batteries. Thanks!

Please contact Daria James (number in directory) or Krista Johnson at the school if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

## **YEARBOOK NEWS**

Don't forget to pre-order a copy of this year's book. The cost is \$20.00 through Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. The price goes up to \$25.00 on February 25<sup>th</sup>! Order forms with envelopes are included with this week's Voyager. Please use the envelopes and do not send loose orders. Extra forms and envelopes will be available in the front office hallway.

Also, the yearbook committee is looking for pictures from volleyball, Halloween, field trips, basketball and other class/school events you may have photos of. Please forward them to Nicole Ferrell at [nebe@nicoleferrell.com](mailto:nebe@nicoleferrell.com).

## **SAC Meeting**

The School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall offices. Parents are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the council and are welcome to bring concerns, issues, and comments to the SAC during the "Parents' Forum" held at the beginning of each monthly meeting.

Note that the monthly meetings of the SAC are now scheduled for the second Tuesdays of each month. Check the Voyager to confirm the time and date.

If you plan to present at the Parents' Forum, please let Kelli Braud or SAC Chair Jon Anderson ([jpa@rlpi.com](mailto:jpa@rlpi.com)) know as soon as possible.

Standing committees of the SAC are Budget & Finance, Facilities, Public Relations, Parent Teacher, Student Enrichment, and Planning. Contact Kelli Braud if you are interested in serving on one of these committees.

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