

December 8, 2011

St. Paul Parish School
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www.saintpaul-school.org

COMING EVENTS

12/9 11:30-1:00 PTC
Staff Christmas
Luncheon

12/12 8:10am MMM
Celebration in
honor of Laurie
Zerzan

12/15 Parents drop stu-
dents at Shedd
at 8:30 for Dress
Rehearsal

12/15 7:00pm Christ-
mas Program at
The Shedd

12/16 NOON Dismissal
Last day of
school for Christ-
mas Break

1/3 Classes resume

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St. Paul Parish School

Voyager

A Voyage in Faith and Learning



Notes from the Principal

Dear St. Paul Families,

This morning, we started our day with a peaceful Mass in celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. This special day, set aside for remembering Mary, is another beautiful reminder of the many gifts God has given to us. He blessed us with Mary, the Mother of our Lord, who through her example reminds us to say yes to God. Thank you to our first and fifth grade classes for hosting the Mass.

Each year, during Christmas break, our gym becomes home to many families that are in need of housing. Together, with St. Paul Church, we work with First Place Family Shelter to provide support for these families. Currently, the active case roster at Shelter Care is 298 families, which includes 542 children. Year to date, the organization has served 945 children, an incredible number.

This is a reminder of how blessed we truly are and what we have to be thankful for in our lives. It is also an opportunity to remember to think about how Jesus modeled for us the importance of helping others. For a week in December, we will welcome 30 people into our gym to make it a place they can call home. They will stay the night in our gym, enjoy some home cooked meals, and spend time enjoying the festivities of the season.

Last week in the Voyager, you received a flyer with all of the details about our Christmas Hospitality Program. You can



Immaculate Conception of Mary

also find the information by visiting the page on our website labeled "Living Our Faith." This is a terrific way for our community to help those in need. Thank you for all of your support.

I'd like to invite all of our parents to a special Monday Morning Muster presentation next week. At the weekly gathering, we will recognize Mrs. Zerzan for the work she has done in our Early Childhood Program. For a countless number of students, she has nurtured an excitement for learning and has helped them find "Jesus in their hearts." She will be presented a special gift of gratitude and we will give her a special blessing as she moves forward into future endeavors.

I'm excited to announce that Mrs. Ashleigh Pike will be our new preschool and pre-kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Pike has served as the instructional assistant at St. Paul for more than six

years. During that time, she worked closely with Mrs. Zerzan and learned first-hand how to create and nurture a very caring educational environment for this age group. In addition to working at St. Paul, Mrs. Pike was a director at Eugene Creative Care and recently completed a degree in Early Childhood Education. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Pike.

It is amazing to me that at the end of next week we will begin our Christmas vacation. This also means that the students will once again delight and entertain us with a fabulous Christmas program. I look forward to seeing everyone next Thursday evening as we join together to celebrate the gift of the Christmas season.

In Christ's Peace,

Kelli Braud



Announcements



**Included in your
Voyager Today**

- Dress Rehearsal Map
- Christmas Program Notes

Annual Christmas Program
Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm at
The Shedd Institute

Everyone is invited to join St. Paul Parish School in celebrating Christmas as the students sing and dance throughout the evening, including a musical performance of "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" The Christmas Program will take

Parents, students, staff and friends
You Are Invited
to join us
for a very special celebration in honor of
Mrs. Laurie Zerzan
Monday Morning Muster
December 12, 8:00am
Gym

place at The Shedd on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm.

Performance Attire:

Preschool, Pre K & Kinders: Dressy Christmas clothes.

Grades 1-8 Plain white tops and dark skirts or slacks

Buy SCRIP for Christmas

We have an excellent supply of SCRIP gift cards available for sale in the office. Consider purchasing some to do your Christmas shopping or to take a shopping break at a local restaurant.

Gift cards are purchased by you for the face value, while the school makes a nice profit from each sale. Attached here is an order form which you can turn into the office with your payment, and we will send your gift cards home to you with your child at the end of the day, if you'd like.

Bookmark the NEW website
www.saintpaul-school.org!

Directory Updates

Nunez Family—New address
684 Aspen Street
Springfield, OR 97477

Nutcracker Ticket Discount

Eugene Ballet Company is offering a 25% discount off tickets ordered for their December 16, 17 & 18 performance of the Nutcracker Ballet at the Hult Center. Use the code word "Joyful" when contacting the box office for tickets at 541-682-5000.

Development Department News

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Krista Johnson

Fundraising & Volunteers ext 328

Holiday Cheers!

Need wine for the holidays? Leftover wine from the auction is being sold. All proceeds go towards the auction and benefit the school. Below is what's in stock. Please contact Krista Johnson if interested in purchasing some wine.

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Hess Select Chardonnay,

Monterey—\$12

Foris Flyover Red, OR/WA—\$12

Iris Pinot Gris, OR—\$10

Iris Pinot Noir, OR—\$10

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Need Stocking Stuffers?

How about Free Dress Passes from the auction? If you didn't attend or get a chance to purchase passes at the auction, now is your opportunity. They are \$10.00 each. Limit 2 per student. If interested, please send cash or check (payable to the school) in an envelope, attention: Krista Johnson. The passes will be sent home with your student in a sealed envelope. All proceeds go toward the auction and benefit the school.

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 11th 8:45 am to 10:15 am
- Friday, January 13th 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
- Thursday, January 19th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

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