

All the Things You Wish We Would Tell You, But We Forget...

(Dates/Trips will vary each year)

Upcoming Events or General Information:

- School website: <https://stpaulscatholicschool.com/>
- Google Calendar: <https://stpaulscatholicschool.com/events-1>
 - Password: spbparents
- Unofficial but very helpful page: Facebook: 5th Street Blacktop

Random Things:

- Tag Day- Dress down days that are offered throughout the year to celebrate holidays, reward students, or support our S.G.A. Specific instructions will be given for dress on tag days. Typically, it is a St. Paul's related shirt and jeans or school bottoms (skort or uniform shorts), and, when it is hot, PE shorts (for elementary ONLY).
- Field Trips- are held throughout the year- students are expected to attend- teachers will send out information regarding specific field trips. Even if your child cannot attend, your FACTS account will be charged as rates are based on the number of students enrolled.
- Volunteering at school, for class parties, or field trips?- Must have an approved diocesan background clearance on file with the Protecting God's Children component. See school website under Parents – then under volunteering for all the information, including the codes.
<https://stpaulscatholicschool.com/volunteers-needed>
- Mass Days- School Mass is usually held Wednesdays at 9:30, but there may be some changes with holy days/special events. Students minister & lead singing. Family members are ALWAYS welcome to join us. Must check in church vestibule/outside & receive bracelet.
- Sports- All sports require a **diocesan physical** on file before tryouts. The forms are located on the school website.
https://stpaulscatholicschool.com/documents/2023/9/2023%20Grade%20School%20Student%20Athletic%20Participation%20Application_Filled.pdf
- FACTS/SIS- This is the portal for your child's **grades (3-8), schedules, and BEHAVIOR (middle school)**. You can also order regular school lunches, shirts for events like Art Fest, and special lunches like Art Fest.
 - It is suggested to download the app (FACTS app). It works better on your phone than the actual website. You can see things more clearly there, and the school directory is located here. Resource documents has all the forms that you need for different things.
- Report Cards- They are emailed, and the link to view will expire within 2 weeks. You must save a copy!

- **Child Sick:** Email absent@stpaulsbeach.com by 7:30 am. Please see handbook (located on school website) for more information regarding absence policy.
 - If you have prepaid for lunch; refunds will only be applicable if a notification email is sent to cafeteria@stpaulsbeach.com PRIOR to 7:30 am on or before the date of the order.
- **PE:** TK-3 – PE once a week; 4-8 – PE twice a week
- WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS
- We simply cannot do what we do without our army of parent volunteers. You are making a difference in the lives of our students. Each family is asked to complete a minimum of 20 service hours per school year and most families do much more. Please read the Principal Message for volunteer opportunities.

Required areas of service:

- **PTA Events-** Six (6) hours with at least two (2) served in preparation or during Oyster Roast. Other PTA events include Breakfast with Santa, Deck the Chairs, Teacher Appreciation Week, Stock the Teacher Lounge
- **Art Fest-** Two (2) hours in preparation or during the event.
- **Drama Events-** Two (2) hours. Living Nativity, School performances.
- **8th Grade Graduation Festivities-** One (1) hour required by each 7th grade family.

Other areas for service: Eucharistic Minister at School Mass, Cafeteria Volunteer, Clinic Volunteer, Track/Cross Country Coach, Girls on the Run, Morning Mile, Jingle Jog, Crossing Guard, Classroom Reader, Classroom Volunteer, Dad's Club events, Recess supervisor, Wellness Warriors, Play Day, Beaches Go Green, Used Uniform Sale, Concession Stand for home games, etc.

(Field Trips, board meetings, attending classroom parties, and having lunch with your children are NOT considered volunteer hours.)

Schoolwide Events:

August:

- Before School Starts:
- Basketball (6-8) and Cheer tryouts (5-8)- Usually held before the start of school or within the first week-Watch Principal Messages. Must have a diocesan physical on file. Students without a current school year DOSA physical may not attend tryouts.
- First Day of School- PTA usually has a Boo-Hoo/Hooray coffee for the parents after drop off in cafeteria.
- School Wide Open House- PARENTS ONLY –Car Tag Distribution- All clubs, extracurricular activities and major event board members will be present with information. Great way to meet other parents, your child's teacher, and see their

classroom. The teacher will give you an overview of the year and answer questions you may have.

- School Pictures- Your child should come in their best uniform. Picture packages are included in your tuition, but you can order more.
- Cross Country season begins- See Principal Messages – 1-8 Students must have a completed diocesan physical on file to participate. Students without a current school year DOSA physical may not attend. Space is LIMITED!

September:

- Progress Reports- 3-8 ONLY, TK-2 do not post progress reports. Will be available on FACTS SIS portal, not a paper copy. Log in to see your student's progress for the quarter. You can click on each class to see the individual class grades for the assignments (ex. click English- 90 on spelling unit 1 test, etc).

October:

- Living Rosary- Student led rosary in place of Mass due to priest retreat – parents invited
- Dad's Club Howl-In- Tickets must be purchased (watch for emails).... Held on a Saturday... Camp with your family on the field or just enjoy socializing. Costume contests, food, trick or treating, and lots of games and activities. Always a fun night!
- Report Cards- will be emailed to you
- Volleyball (6-8) and Soccer (5-8) tryout are held- watch Principal Messages- students must have a completed diocesan physical on file to participate. Students without a current school year DOSA physical may not attend tryouts.
- Halloween Parties- Teachers and homeroom moms will let you know what to expect.

November:

- November 1 (if it falls during a weekday)- Late arrival
 - Late arrival time- If the time says 9:30, that means students should be in their seats ready to go at 9:30. There is child care available for regular arrival times.
- Oyster Roast- PARENT ONLY EVENT- Must purchase tickets- The best night of the year! Socializing, all you can eat oysters and other food items, adult beverages, and auction items. HUGE fundraiser for our school. It does sell out, so do not wait to buy tickets! Each family is required to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours for this event.
- Progress Reports- 3-8 ONLY, TK-2 do not post progress reports. Log on to FACTS SIS portal to see your child's progress.

December:

- Jingle Bell Jog- School Fundraiser- Students will come to school in their Jingle Bell Jog shirt and PE shorts/sweatpants. Each class will run laps around the field to raise money for school.
- Deck the Chairs- Join us at St. Paul's Night to see our decorated chair at the Seawalk Pavilion.
- Daddy Daughter Dance- Must purchase tickets. DJ, music, corsages. All the young ladies are dressed up in their Christmas finest.
- Breakfast with Santa- Must purchase tickets. Breakfast, crafts, Santa pictures, holiday pop-up market, etc.
- Living Nativity- Drive through with the whole family as our campus becomes Bethlehem for the evening. All choirs and drama students participate.

January:

- Report Cards- will be emailed to you
- Boys' and Girls' Softball Tryouts (6-8)– Watch Principal Messages- Students must have a completed diocesan physical on file to participate. Students without a current school year DOSA physical may not attend tryouts.
- Catholic Schools Week- Filled with different activities during the week to celebrate Catholic schools. Watch for an email with the events.

February:

- Art Fest- Each year, we emerge the campus in a culture or country. No regular classes today. Students go to a variety of activities- games, dance, drama, arts and crafts, guest speakers, food tasting, etc.
- Progress Reports- Log on to FACTS SIS portal to check your child's progress
- Mother Son Dance- Must purchase tickets. DJ, music, dinner, and a night of fun!
- Dad's Club Pancake Breakfast for Lunch- Dad's take over the cafeteria to cook, serve, and provide chaos. NO MOMS ALLOWED! Best lunch of the school year!
- Terra Nova- Standardized testing that students Grades 2-8 take to measure their academics on a national scale. Students should come to school well rested and fed. Bring a snack and book during the week. It is important that students are on time and at school this week.

March:

- Report Cards- emailed to you
- Fish Fry- Held on a Friday evening during Lent. Must purchase a ticket. Watch for emails.

- Stations of the Cross- During Lent, students gather in church once per week to complete the Stations of the Cross. Days change each week.
- Play Day- Day of organized obstacle games TK-8- Wear PE shorts and class Field Day shirt (will be made in STREAM before event or MS will have a specific color)
- Spring Musical- put on by MS drama department- held two nights in the cafeteria- proceeds support the Drama department

April:

- Cardboard Carnival- 3-5th grade will design carnival games using cardboard in STREAM class- Grade TK-2 will be able to play these games at the cardboard carnival once they are complete.
- ACRE Test- for 5th and 8th grade ONLY regarding religious education
- Progress Reports- Check FACTS SIS portal for child's progress.

May (Hold on to your hats! There are a lot of class activities):

- May Crowning- Mass led by 2nd grade- Students will come dressed in their First Communion outfits for a special Mass- Parents are welcomed. These students arrive to school later in their First Communion outfits, and they leave after Mass with their parents.
- Teacher Appreciation Week- There will be an email from the homeroom moms about what to expect in terms of appreciating the teacher and what you can do to participate. You do NOT have to participate.
- Dad's Club Picnic (held during lunch)- Dad's will provide lunch for all the students – usually on the field (weather permitting)
- Athletic Breakfast- Breakfast held for all athletes to celebrate their seasons. Parents are invited.
- Individual Class Events – see below list for your child's grade level- these can change, but it gives you an idea
- Last Day- Award Ceremony- in the gym- Parents are welcome- will give the awards for the year including honor roll

Specific Classes (Information is emailed from the classroom teacher):

Pre-K:

- **August-** Before School Starts- Pre-K Orientation- Your child can come with you during a set amount of time to see their classroom, meet their teacher, and alleviate some of those first day jitters.

- **December-** Pre-K, TK and Kindergarten participate in “Be a Santa to a Senior” . They read stories with inspiring elderly characters and discuss the challenges of aging and the importance of sharing intentional acts of kindness. Students bring in gift bags and homemade cards for our elderly neighbors at Pablo Towers and Pablo Hamlet. St. Vincent DePaul delivers the gifts just before Christmas Day.
- **May-** Welcome Pre-K to the Big School- The students in the main school line up along 5th Street on a Friday morning in May. Parents decorate their cars and golf carts and drive through with Pre-K (VPK) students. Parents usually host an off campus playdate after at Gonzalez Park.

TK

- **August-** Before School Starts- TK Orientation- Your child can come with you during a set amount of time to see their classroom, meet their teacher, and alleviate some of those first day jitters.
- **December-** Pre-K, TK and Kindergarten participate in “Be a Santa to a Senior” . They read stories with inspiring elderly characters and discuss the challenges of aging and the importance of sharing intentional acts of kindness. Students bring in gift bags and homemade cards for our elderly neighbors at Pablo Towers and Pablo Hamlet. St. Vincent DePaul delivers the gifts just before Christmas Day.
- **May-** End of the Year Trip- Parents MUST attend- details closer to the date

Kindergarten

- **August:** Before School Starts- Kindergarten Orientation- Your child can come with you during a set amount of time to see their classroom, meet their teacher, and alleviate some of those first day jitters.
- **October:** Wild Things Rumpus- Kindergarten has a parade through the building in costumes that they created at home stemming from Where the Wild Things Are. Directions will be sent home.
- **December:**
 - Pre-K, TK and Kindergarten participate in “Be a Santa to a Senior” . They read stories with inspiring elderly characters and discuss the challenges of aging and the importance of sharing intentional acts of kindness. Students bring in gift bags and homemade cards for our elderly neighbors at Pablo Towers and Pablo Hamlet. St. Vincent DePaul delivers the gifts just before Christmas Day.
 - Gingerbread House- Parents encouraged to attend- teachers will email details- Parents help their kindergartener decorate a gingerbread house to take home
- **January:** 100th day of school celebration- activities revolving around the number 100

- **May:** Tea Party- held during the day- Kindergarteners and their parents will celebrate with an end of the year celebration tea party style – Parents are highly encouraged to attend

1st Grade:

- **November:** Publix Field Trip for Thanksgiving basket
- **December:** Caroling Field Trip around the school businesses
 - Polar Express Day
- **January:** 101st day of school celebration

2nd Grade:

- **Nov./Dec.-** Reconciliation Retreat- scheduled through Religious Education. All communication will come from the Religious Education Director.
- **November:** Thanksgiving Play- Friday before Thanksgiving- The entire second grade will perform skits related to Thanksgiving – Second Grade parents invited
- **December:** Attend Nutcracker Play
- **March-** First Communion Retreat- scheduled through Religious Education. All communication will come from the Religious Education Director.
- **May:**
 - First Communion
 - May Crowning- Mass led by 2nd grade- Students will come dressed in their First Communion outfits for a special Mass- Parents are welcomed
 - Annual Kickball game between both second grades

3rd Grade:

- **December:** Animal research project
- **January:** President's report

4th Grade:

- **November 1-** All Saints Day project, Mass, and luncheon. Teachers will send home direction packet on at home portion of saint project, students will be assigned a food item to bring in, already prepared, on the day of the Saint Luncheon (sheet of assigned food/directions will go home in the white envelope a week prior to the event). Students will process into Mass with their saint dolls on All Saints Day. Luncheon will be open only to the parent volunteers.

5th Grade:

- **November-** Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse Service Project – make boxes of listed items to send to those in need.
- **May-** Safety Patrol Trip- 5th Grade Safety Patrol members will head to a theme park to celebrate their successful year of service

Middle School:

- **August-** Before School Starts- 6th grade/New Middle School Student Orientation- If your child is in 6th grade or new to middle school, you will be invited to receive their lockers, set them up, tour the classrooms, and ask questions. Locks are rented through the school and cost \$5 cash-bring to orientation. Students may wear regular, appropriate clothes.
- **Oct. or Nov.-** BK Night Vision- Bishop Kenny students trained to discuss drugs, alcohol, and harmful effects with 7th and 8th grade
- **December-** Middle School Midterms - Middle School will have midterms that usually fall the week before Christmas break. All midterms must be completed before break.
- **March-** Drama Spring Musical- held two nights in the cafeteria
- **May-** SGA Elections- 6-7 graders are invited to run for an SGA office- details will be given to the students
- **Final Exams-** Middle School Final Exams- fall towards the end of May depending on when we get out of school. Usually 1-2 weeks before the end of school.
- Every 3 years, the entire middle school will take a field trip to Kennedy Space Center for a day of emersion in space.

8th Grade:

- **Sept.-Oct.-** 8th Grade- Bishop Kenny Field Trip- Students will tour BK with their classmates to see the campus and experience student life. Permission slips will go home.
- **December-** 8th Christmas Breakfast- 8th grade gathers together for one final Christmas breakfast before break – Kids do not like missing this day
- **January-** Students thinking about attending BK will have a placement test this month on a Saturday at Bishop Kenny. Watch for information from BK.
- **May-** Tons of events:
 - 8th Themed week- Information to come from teachers
 - Clap Out- **SURPRISE**
 - Trip- Information to come from teachers- Parents are welcomed to chaperone
 - Luncheon- No School for 8th that day- Invitations will be sent out and RSVPs required- Students and 2 parents are paid- extra tickets can be purchased, if available – Students dress up- attire sent in a graduation agenda
 - Dance -7th and 8th grade- Semi formal dance- attire sent in graduation agenda or emailed to 7th grade
 - Graduation Mass- Held at night in the church- all are welcome