



# Saint Paul Catholic School

## Highlights

- Saint Paul Catholic School is a Catholic school in the Diocese of Gary. Accredited by the State of Indiana, we offer grades kindergarten through eight.
- The SPCS mascot is a panther, and the school colors are blue and gold.
- In addition to religion classes, students attend Mass twice each school week.
- Saint Paul Catholic School is a Christian family, founded in God's love. Mindful of the fact that God lives in each one of us, we believe that everyone deserves to be treated in a respectful manner. "Whatever you do to these, the least of My brothers, you do unto Me." (Matthew 25:40) In view of this philosophy, we have developed a code of conduct in which our focus and expectations are as follows:
  - Respect yourself and others.
  - Be honest.
  - Remember that we are all God's children.
  - Find peaceful solutions.
  - Be polite and kind to others.
  - Always do your best.
  - Play fair and cooperate.
- Grades six, seven, and eight are organized in a middle school concept with students changing classes. Students have lockers.
- Grades K-5 have aides in the classroom. Some of the middle school classes are divided into smaller sections for certain subjects.
- Licensed/certified teachers instruct in the core academic subjects and other subjects such as music and physical education. An enrichment teacher works with individual or small groups of students.
- The school is a state-of-the-art facility with new computers in the Computer Lab where class is led by a Computer Technology instructor; SPCS also has a Science Lab available for the middle school.
- After-school foreign language, CYO sports, Scouting programs, and children's church choir are available.
- In conjunction with the Valparaiso Community Schools, SPCS offers a hot lunch program, bus service, speech service, band, orchestra, and choir.
- Traditionally, SPCS students score well above the state averages on the ISTEP tests and comparably to the local community schools.
- FastDirect is our online grade book and staff/parent communication system.
- The Link is our weekly newsletter.
- The school website is [www.stpaulvalpo.org](http://www.stpaulvalpo.org).
- The Family Friday Program groups students in cross-grade level "families" which meet monthly and are led by an eighth grade "parent" and supervised by a staff member. Group activities include prayer services, parties, and service projects. This program fosters leadership and mentoring skills; cooperation; and cross-grade level friendships – and it is fun!