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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School January 16, 2014

Calendar

January

Fri, January 17

- School IN Session
- NO Buses or Hot Lunch
- End of 2nd Qtr/1st. Sem.
- Mid-Winter Dance

Sat, January 18

- Market Day

Mon, January 20

- NO SCHOOL

Thurs, January 23

- Report Cards

Fri, January 24

- Family Bingo

Sun, January 26

- Catholic Schools' Week
Open House 11:00am-
1:30pm
- Scholastic Book Fair

Tue, January 28

- Mass at Andean

February

Sat, February 1

- Gala

Mon, February 3

- Dress Alternative Day

Fri, February 7

- Family Friday

Thurs, February 13

- Valentines' Day parties

February 14-17

- Mid-Winter Break

Fri, February 21

- End of Progress Period

Sat. February 22

- Market Day

From our SAC Fundraising Chair

Great Gatsby Gala Will Be a *Night to Remember*—Melissa Hicks

Are you getting jazzed up about the Gala, yet? There is a LOT of excitement building up for this major event. County Line Orchard will be transformed into a glamorous speakeasy featuring a live band, strolling servers, decadent buffets, and amazing live and silent auction items. There will be items at all price points in the following categories: Sports Fanatics, First Communion, Valentine gifts, Mens Zone, Hostess with the Mostest, Kids Korner, Experience This, Paycheck Stretcher, Family Time, Ladies First, and some one-of-kind opportunities at the school such as Principal for a Week, First in Carline and others. In addition, you'll have a chance to give a teacher a well-deserved day off by bidding to have Mrs. Halaschak come out of retirement to teach your child's class for a day and host a pizza party lunch.

During the Gala, we'll draw the winners for three raffles: a Big Green Egg grill with accessories compliments of Fagen Pharmacy, a giant, vintage-inspired champagne tub filled with premium liquor dubbed "The Prohibition Buster", and a \$10,000 cash prize. If you have questions about the raffles, please contact Mary Joe Jaime.

What will be on the live auction? Here is a sneak peek at a few of the offerings:

An African Safari Trip for Two, includes luxury accommodations for six nights, two guided safari tours a day, and three meals a day in beautiful Zulu Nyala Private Game Reserve in South Africa. For photos and videos of the experience, visit www.zulunyalagroup.com.

Tickets to the Masters Golf Tournament!

Chef Geoff of Sepia Chicago preparing a **dinner party for 8** at the winner's home featuring ingredients from Beef Mart, gourmet charcuterie and cheeses from Old World Market, a custom cheesecake from Dish Restaurant, fine wine, and a fresh floral centerpiece from Secret Garden.

We have several more live auction items that we will unveil next week! 1920's or cocktail attire is encouraged, and we'll award a prize to the best dressed guy and doll. Before the end of the week, please purchase your tickets online at www.stpaulvalpo.org, and invite friends and family to attend with you. We have some sponsorships and program ad space still available, and we're still accepting auction donations. You can check out those details on the website, too. Last but not least, many thanks to all of the committee chairs and members who are making this amazing event a reality!



Prayers

We often have many SPCS family members and friends in need of your prayers as they battle serious illnesses. Please pray for them.

- ◇ John Bacino
- ◇ Barbara Billmeyer
- ◇ Jerry Burke
- ◇ Dale Cobble
- ◇ John Farrall, grandfather of Sammie (Gr. 7), Gracie (Gr. 7), and Cooper Farrall (Gr. 3)
- ◇ Marie Grisafi
- ◇ Judy Valade

Rest in Peace

We ask for prayers for the families of:

Robert Greco, brother of Mrs. Janet Choate (retired SPCS 5th gr. Aide) and brother-in-law of Mrs. Kathy (Coggins) Greco (retired SPCS Middle School Science Teacher)

Frances Guerrero, great-grandmother of Victor Rans (K)

Alyce Psemeneke, grandmother of Alton (Gr. 3) and Lorelai Hunter (Gr. 3)

Dr. William Scupham, father-in-law of Mrs. Jane Scupham (Principal)

Business—Jane Scupham and Diane Kepa

Tuition Contracts

Look for your 2014-2015 Tuition Contract in today's white envelope. Contracts are due back to the office, signed and with the \$100 non-refundable deposit, by January 24th. This will guarantee your child's place in class next year.

Substitute Teachers Wanted!

We are always interested in having qualified adults who would like to be a substitute

teacher for SPCS. If you have a love of teaching, coupled with a love for children in K-8th grade, are virtue trained, and would like to be on our call list of substitute teachers, please apply on-line at www.dcgary.org.

On the diocesan website you will find a Catholic School tab and in the pull down section there is a resource tab that contains the diocesan substitute teacher application packet. Fill out the information and submit it to the diocese.

SALT and LIGHT—Sally Santellano

Using Matthew 5:13-16 as our guide, each month we will be recognizing Faculty and Staff who are SALT and LIGHT in our world. SALT refers to an acronym for innovative teaching methods, and LIGHT represents Christian Witness.



In October, our SALT winners were Mrs. Lytton and Mrs. Shane.

In November, our SALT winners were Mrs. Randazzo and Mrs. Hernandez. Our LIGHT November winners were Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Bookholt.

Our December/January awardees are...for SALT, Mrs. Smith! Our LIGHT honorees are Mrs. Czekaj, Mrs. Ruth Anne Olson, Mr. Kloss, and Mrs. Korzow!

If you would like to nominate a Faculty or Staff member, please contact Mrs. Santellano who can send you the nomination form.

Be these.

Matthew 5:13-16

Coding—Peggy McGuckin

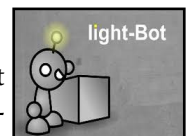
During the week of Dec. 9 – 15, 2013 we celebrated **Computer Science Education Week**. Schools across the United States were encouraged to participate in an **Hour of Coding**. Because of schedule changes I was only able to do a brief bit of coding with the upper grades.

The 5th and 8th graders began working in **SCRATCH**. **SCRATCH** is a programming language designed and maintained by the **Lifelong Kindergarten** group at the **MIT Media Lab**. It teaches children to **CODE** in logical steps to create animation, games, and interactive media. You can download this free program, or use it online by going to: <http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch.1.4>

The **Light-Bot.com** website teaches **CODING** in a simpler style. Students have to learn to move a **ROBOT** up, down and around to light a tile. The program gradually gets more complex. This program is available on-line also at <http://light-bot.com/hoc.html>



Apple, Microsoft and Android versions are available so it can easily be used on your tablets along with a desktop computer. We will continue to **CODE** as the year goes on. I hope you will encourage your children to enjoy this logical thinking activity.



Great Gatsby Gala Agenda— *Melissa Hicks*

- 6:00-7:15 Arrive, Silent Auction Bidding
 6:00-11:00 Live Music by The Angelo Cicco Jazz Band
Band sponsored by DMZ Architecture, Engineering & More
 7:00 Strolling Servers Begin Service, Crudit  Buffet
Hors D' Oeuvres sponsored by Oak Partners
 7:15 Serpentine Lounge Opens
Sponsored by First Light Homecare
 7:30 First Live Auction Burst
 8:30 Silent Auction Bidding Ends, Secret Celebrity Couple Dances,
 Second Live Auction Burst
 9:00 Decadent Chocolate Fountain Begins to Flow
 9:30 Third Live Auction Burst
 10:00 Dance Floor Opens
 Cup of Joe to Go Coffee Bar Opens
Compliments of Dunkin Donuts of Valparaiso & Chesterton
 11:00 The Party Ends!



Last Chance to Order Your Yearbook!— *Natalia Cox*

The deadline to order the yearbook is January 30th. If you still want to order a book, return your order form and payment immediately. Use the order form included in the white envelope in November or order online at <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com/> (Saint Paul Valparaiso). If you need a new form, please Fast Direct Natalia Cox and one will be sent to you.



Don't be caught without a book at the end of the school year. This is the last chance so order now! There will be very few extra copies. Call Natalia Cox (707-7253) for any questions!

A New Pride of Panthers— *Coach Lindsey*

The 5th grade girls' basketball team season opener was a nail biter in the last 12 seconds. On Saturday, January 11th, the girls pulled off the victory against St. John the Baptist, 12-10. Jackie Ivers was the high scorer with 6 points. Jessica Fazekas helped out our team with 4 points. Riley Lindsey pulled down 4 rebounds and made one basket as well.

On Sunday, January 12th, the girls had a "learning experience" game against St. Thomas More on our home court. STM had 12 points in the first half. Coach Lindsey explained at half-time that they needed to shut down a more experienced player from STM. The girls executed their mission and held that player to 0 points in the second half. At the end of the game each girl was given the challenge to bring up something they had learned from the 16-0 loss. The 5th grade coaches were proud of the girls and their ability to learn from a loss, and to be able to get ready for the next game.

The 5th grade will take on St. John Evangelist on Saturday @ 11AM, and Jane Ball on Sunday @ 4PM on our home court. Come cheer these little ladies on!!!



The Tarnow Report— *Coach Tarnow*

The 6th Grade Boys Basketball team Tarnow won their first tourney game Sunday vs. St. Thomas More 44-7. All the boys put points on the board. The team also defeated St. Peter Lutheran School in North Judson on Monday 36-22. The team overall record is 12-0. The next tourney game is vs. St Mike's on Saturday @ 3:00 at Saint Paul.

Come watch the Panthers try to move on in the tourney. Go Panthers!!

Weekend Schedule

Girls' Basketball



January 18th

5th - 11:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist
 6th (L) - 11:00AM @ St. Stanislaus vs. St. Stanislaus
 6th (S) - 12:00PM @ SPCS vs. Aquinas
 7th - 12:00PM @ St. John Baptist vs. St. John Baptist
 8th - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Michael

January 19th

5th - 4:00PM @ SPCS vs. Jane Ball
 6th (L) - 3:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Casimir
 6th (S) - Bye
 7th - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist
 8th - 1:00PM @ St. Mary CP vs. St. Mary CP

Boys' Basketball Tournament



Saturday, January 18th

5th - 1:00PM @ St. Michael vs. Jane Ball
 6th (S) - 2:00PM @ St. John Baptist vs. St. Mary Griffith
 6th (T) - 3:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Michael
 7th - 11:00AM @ St. Thomas More vs. St. Thomas More
 8th - 2:00PM @ St. Mary CP vs. St. John Bosco

If our teams win on Saturday they will continue tournament play:

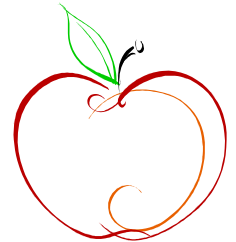
Sunday, January 19th

5th - 2:00PM @ St. Michael
 6th (S) - 5:00PM @ St. John Baptist
 6th (T) - 5:00PM @ SPCS
 7th - 4:00PM @ St. Mary Griffith
 8th - 4:00PM @ St. John Evangelist

A fundraiser like no other!

Market Day— *Chris Mileusnich*

Market Day pickup is this Saturday the 18th between 9-10am in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Mileusnich at 464-2829 or via Fast Direct. Thank you for supporting our school!



BoxTop News— *Betty Franz*



Just wanted to share with everyone my excitement in that we recently received a check for \$1558.10 from the BoxTops for Education company. That is really great seeing how that is cash that we now have for collecting and sending in what some may see as "just trash"!

I encourage you to keep clipping those boxtops and sending them into me in the Main Office. I send them in periodically...our next expected check will arrive on or around April 15th, so please continue the great job you are doing helping earn FREE MONEY for our school!

Alumni News

Do you keep in touch with SPCS alumni? Drop us an email at <Link@stpaulvalpo.org> to share their news. Thank you!

Mission Statement

At Saint Paul Catholic School, teachers, parents, and students work together to create a safe, caring environment, based on Christian values and service to others, that enables students to learn and develop spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically.

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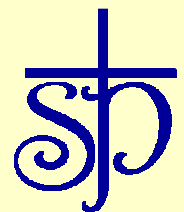
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