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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School

May 29, 2014

*From the Principal*

## Calendar

### May

Fri, May 30

- Family Friday
- Recess Relay for Life

### June

Mon, Jun 2

- Dress Alternative Day
- MS Finals (Literature and Science)

Tues, June 3

- MS Finals (Math and SS)

Wed, June 4

- MS Finals (LA, Health, Religion)
- 4th/5th gr. Class Picnic

Thurs, June 5

- Field Day K-5
- Indiana Beach Trip MS

Fri, June 6

- LAST DAY!
- K Graduation 10:30AM
- 8th gr. Graduation 4:00PM

Sat, June 7

- Market Day



## Redefining Stewardship and Fundraising at SPCS—Jane Scupham

There are so many moments that I feel privileged to witness at Saint Paul Catholic School. Those moments have spanned the significant to the everyday--handing a graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grader their diploma, observing a student grasp a new idea in the classroom, or observing a parent plant a loving kiss on the forehead of their child as they part for the school day. All these make me happy to be part of the SPCS team. Last night at the monthly School Advisory Council meeting, I had another one of those proud moments.

Every month a group of dedicated, hardworking parents who care deeply about SPCS and their children and yours come together to discuss issues involving the operation of SPCS with its \$1.6 million budget. The topics range widely every meeting, and lively discussion is the norm. Your SAC representatives take their roles seriously and strive to advise and inform Father Joe and me of issues that may not have made it to his desk or mine. These representatives hear your concerns and bring those to the table for discussion. Last night the discussion focused on a concern that not only the SAC members and I had, but also had been voiced by many parents—the role of fund raising at SPCS.

There was a consensus at the table that fund raising has grown out of portion to our basic philosophy of providing a quality Catholic education to our students. Too many fund raisers or financial donations have taken over our calendar and diluted the effectiveness of our charity giving and our need to raise funds to meet the school's operating budget. People are feeling stretched to the limit and the unanimous vote during the meeting was to scale back and re-vamp our fund raising efforts. In order to accomplish this goal, five major fund raisers, and only these five, will be undertaken and promoted. The "BIG 5" are: Popcorn Parking, Oktoberfest, Gala, Spirit Run, and the Golf Outing. There will be four school-sponsored activities, one per quarter, in which the children will be asked to participate. We voted to scale back on the minor fundraising activities, including sales of ice cream, lollipops, chocolate bar, and baked goods.

We want to lead by example for our students so they know what true stewardship represents. As principal of SPCS, I want the students to know that being a good Christian has more to do with HOW you LIVE your life, than how much money you give to the "project of the moment." We stand on the generosity and sacrifice of generations of SPCS parents, teachers, and staff that have gone before us, and it is our obligation to do the same for those to come after us.

So...get behind the "BIG 5" and help us make 2014-15 a strong year for everyone associated with SPCS!

## Yearbooks Are In and Extra Copies for Sale—*Natalia Cox*

The yearbooks have arrived and will be distributed next week to students who purchased them. If one book was ordered per family, it will be sent home with the oldest child.

There is a limited supply of extra yearbooks available for purchase, first come, first served. The books cost \$25 each and can be purchased through the school office. Checks should be made payable to SPCS (Saint Paul Catholic School).

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos!

Any questions, contact Natalia Cox via Fast Direct or 707-7253.



## 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](#)
- ◇ [Nadine Gerig](#)
- ◇ [Marie Grisafi](#)
- ◇ [John Knoll](#)
- ◇ [Peter Nguyen](#)
- ◇ [Isabel O'Connell](#)
- ◇ [Mark Pacholke](#)

*Note: If you would like to request prayers for someone, please send a note to the office marked "Link" or simply send an email to [Link@stpaulvalpo.org](mailto:Link@stpaulvalpo.org). Thanks!*

## Business—*Diane Kepa*

### Tuition Payments for 2013-2014

**NOITCE:** Next year's tuition payments begin on JUNE 15th. An invoice is included in this week's White Envelope. You can choose to leave three (3) post dated checks if you wish, mail in the payments, or drop them at the scrip table at church. As always \$25.00 late fees will apply.

## Farewell to our Graduating Families

We send fond good-byes and good luck wishes to the following families who will be "graduating" next week. The graduation families of 2014 have an amazing 107 total years at Saint Paul Catholic School.

Hrosik	5 years
Rogers	6 years
Cobble	11 years
Poole	11 years
Buynak	13 years
Wehren	13 years
Azar	13 years
Quint	16 years
Nicksic	19 years

We wish you all the best and thank you for your years of support at SPCS. Please keep in touch. We would love to hear about your successes and life adventures!

## Field Day Reminders—*Sue Knoll*

Field Day is Thursday, June 5th. Students should dress in appropriate summer-weight (weather permitting) athletic clothing. Spaghetti-strapped tops and tank tops will NOT be permitted. Students are welcome to bring water bottles to use throughout the day. As well, they are encouraged to wear sunscreen. Any sunscreen brought by a specific child may only be used by that child. No sharing of sunscreen will be allowed. Please make sure that any items you send with your child are labeled with their name.

## Saint Paul Class of 2010— *Pat Bengert*

**Kelly Adams:** George Washington University

**Paul Baggett:** Valparaiso University

**Bella Bisone:** Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology

**Madeline Buynak:** University of Notre Dame

**Jared Folke:** Indiana University

**Gareth Kaye:** DePaul University

**Emily Kopp:** University of Kentucky

**Maddi Lesch:** Purdue University

**Catherine Meccia:** Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

**Marija Nicksic:** Carroll University

**Lauren Reineke:** Butler University

**Mackenzie Schoon:** Indiana University

**Shirantha Stanislaus:** Seton Hall University

**Thomas Walsh:** University of Notre Dame

**Miann Wilson:** Columbia College

**Daniel Azar:** Wabash College

**Lena Barajas:** Indiana University Northwest

**Kelly Bledsoe:** Purdue University

**Evan Fogle:** Naval Station, Great Lakes

**Samantha Gabrish:** Ball State University

**Caroline Koenig:** Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

**Kaitlyn Kras:** Loyola University

**Trevor Mahlmann:** Purdue University

**Mikaela Meyer:** Loyola University

**Andrew Page:** Purdue University

**Connor Ritzi:** Lewis University

**Nicholas Schmidt:** Purdue University North Central

**Lauren Stazinski:** DePauw University

**Elizabeth Wehren:** Ball State University

## Saint Paul Class of 2006— *Pat Bengert*

**JACK ALLEN** is presently living in Bloomington, Indiana, but is moving to Denver this summer. He works as a bike mechanic and was one of the main mechanics for the IU Little 500.

**BILLY CLARK** graduated from Loyola with a degree in biology and plans to attend medical school at the University of South Carolina in the fall of 2015. He is engaged to Tara Thomas.

**GRANT COOPER** is pursuing a six-year Doctorate in Pharmacy at Butler University.

**ABBY CUNNINGHAM** graduated from Purdue with a degree in Law and Society. She is considering among several job offers.

**TONY FRANZ** is currently working in Lafayette and plans to complete his degree in communications at Purdue.

**JOEY FUNK** is continuing his studies in Informatics at IUPUI.

**TONY GALLINATTI** is continuing his studies in Bio-chemistry at St. Joseph College.

**NICOLETTE HARTMAN** graduated from Purdue and will attend John Marshall Law School in Chicago, specializing in Intellectual Property.

**T.J. HORN** is continuing his studies in communication at Ball State University.

**MIKE HUSAR** is at the Air Force Academy where he played center on the football team. He is majoring in biology and will graduate in December. He will be a Space Operation Officer at Vandenberg AFB in California.

**JOE KAMINSKI** graduated magna cum laude from Trine University a degree in mechanical engineering and is currently interviewing for a position.

**JEFF KRAS** will complete his Bachelor's Degree at Purdue University this fall semester.

**VANGIE MAGNO** graduated from Indiana University with a degree in biology and will begin her work in dentistry this fall at Indiana University, Indianapolis.

**ASHLEY NALLIEUX** is continuing her studies in business at Purdue North Central.

**LAUREN MEYER** graduated from St. Mary's College and will attend Valparaiso University Law School this fall.

**LIZ NOVER** graduated from St. Joseph College with a degree in business and will pursue a MBA this fall, also at St. Joseph.

**NICK REINEKE** graduated from the University of Notre Dame and has accepted a position with Microsoft in Dallas.

**WILL SCUPHAM** graduated summa cum laude from Valparaiso University and will begin work on his Master's Degree in Social Science at the University of Chicago this fall. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the Academic National Honor Society.

**KATIE SOMMER** graduated from Indiana University with a degree in communications and business. She will begin work at a boutique in Denver this summer.

**TARA THOMAS** graduated with honors from Purdue University with a degree in nursing. She was recently engaged to Billy Clark.

**ERIC WICHLINSKI** graduated from Purdue University and has accepted a position with J.P. Morgan in Chicago.

**ANDREW WOLVERTON** graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Theatre Education. After his student teaching, he will go to New York where he will "try his hand" on Broadway!

**JACOB WYCKOFF** graduated from Purdue University in Agri-Business Management and will now put his learning to work on his family farm.

Note: No one was intentionally omitted from the above list. Sadly, we were unable to contact three of the Saint Paul graduates. If anyone has any further information, please contact Mrs. Bengert at 921-9828.

# Weekend Schedule

Ordinary Purchases... *Extraordinary Results*

**Scrip Scoop** — Mindy Reineke



There will be a **scrip training** on Wednesday, June 4th at 1pm if you are interested in helping sell scrip during the year.

Don't forget that **ShopWithScrip** is a very convenient way to get your scrip over the summer. **The activation code is 6DB8L8271312**

**Valpo Velvet** had been added to the **Valpo Chamber certificate**. Now you can enjoy an ice cream treat from a local vendor and use scrip!

We did not send standing orders home today as there are 5 Thursdays in the month. If you would like your order, send it in Friday and we will send it home.

Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for help selling scrip over the summer using the **Signupgenius.com** online. Please use the email [mhicks@mosaicmarketing.com](mailto:mhicks@mosaicmarketing.com) to find the sign up listing. Starting next week, those who have signed up may take more shifts.

Email Mindy at [spscrip@stpaulvalpo.org](mailto:spscrip@stpaulvalpo.org) with any questions.

## Alumni News

**Mikaela Meyer** (SPCS '10) is graduating as Valedictorian of her class of 514 from Chesterton High School. She will continue her education in the Fall at Loyola University.

*Do you keep in touch with SPCS alumni? Drop us an email at <[Link@stpaulvalpo.org](mailto: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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