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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School

May 7, 2015

Calendar

May

Thurs, May 7

- Progress Reports
- SAC Meeting 6:30PM

Fri, May 8

- Graduation Dance
6-8:00PM

Sun, May 10

- Mother's Day

May 11-15

- Scholastic Book Fair

Wed, May 13

- CYO Sports Physicals
- New Family Night 6:30PM

Fri, May 15

- School In Session—Snow
Make Up Day

Sat, May 16

- Market Day

May 18-20

- Frog in the Bog (5th gr.)

Wed, May 20

- 8th gr. Awards Night

Mon, May 25

- Memorial Day—No School

Wed, May 27

- Cookout—Last Day for
Hot Lunch

Thurs, May 28

- Field Day (K-5)
- Indiana Beach (MS)

Fri, May 29

- Family Friday
- Relay for Life—Relay Re-
cess

Mon, Jun 1

- Dress Alternative Day

From our School Principal's Daughter

Mother's Day – Jane Scupham

I am an adult. I've moved away from home. I have my own apartment. I have a job. I can (generally) feed myself and do laundry properly now. For all intents and purposes, I am an adult.

Or at least, I told myself that before:

- I realized I didn't know how to hang up my picture frames
- I tried to do my own taxes
- I accidentally started a small fire in my oven



Okay, so I might not be the best candidate for adult-of-the-year. But, all joking aside, I couldn't have survived this crash-course in adulthood without my parents, especially my Mom. This Mother's Day will be particularly poignant for me – I'm officially out of the nest for good, and living far away. But despite this, I know that I only need to call or text, and my Mom will drop whatever she's doing (or okay, maybe multitask) to help me. Not to brag, but my Mom is a pretty selfless lady. In fact, I would say that most mothers strive to embody the value of selflessness daily.

But selflessness gets a bad rap – it's too often mistaken for weakness, passivity, and well, no one wants to be a doormat.

Selflessness runs counter to all the things we're taught to value by modern society. You put yourself last, instead of first. You help others without asking for anything in return. You love others unconditionally. Hardly an easy task.

Selflessness, then, requires greater courage and strength than we would imagine at first. And perhaps, most importantly, it requires a great deal of faith (both the secular and Catholic version). Selflessness is not weak or passive, but strong and enduring, despite trials, setbacks, betrayals, and disappointments.

So this Mother's Day (and on Father's Day too!), I encourage you to celebrate the selfless people in your life. The courageous and faithful women you know who are willing to put you first, to help you, to love you unconditionally. Whether it's with a fancy brunch, a bunch of flowers, a macaroni picture frame, or a simple phone call, celebrate these women and their selflessness. I know I will, with the hope that one day I can be like my Mom in her deep love and selflessness. Although I hope my children will be smarter, and not set their ovens on fire.

Hannah Scupham is Mrs. Scupham's daughter who has been writing this Mother's Day column for way too long. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Kansas, where she reads lots of Victorian novels and grades far too many freshman English papers.

Prayers

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

- ◇ Wendi Balda
- ◇ Laura Bernardini
- ◇ Melissa Buynak
- ◇ Judy Carichoff
- ◇ Valerie Hawes
- ◇ Donald Klawitter
- ◇ Lothar Klumpp
- ◇ Tom Long
- ◇ Gwendolyn Malone
- ◇ Peggy McGuckin
- ◇ Diana Schmidt
- ◇ Sue Wehren

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>. Thanks!



Kindergarten is Growing!

Kindergarten

We are pleased to announce that we will opening up a second kindergarten classroom for 2015-2016! We have had many people come in and tell us all the wonderful things they are hearing about our school. We still have openings in kindergarten (as well as other grades). We will be having a special open house for prospective kindergartners and parents on May 7th from 8:00-10:30 or May 12th from 8:00-10:00. Parents and children will be able to see what actually happens in our kindergarten class while class is in session. So keep spreading the word to friends, family, and neighbors. Encourage them to call the school and to get more information or to schedule a personal tour of our building.

Business— Jane Scupham and Diane Kepa

Classroom Placement

If you are a parent of twins, or a parent with a concern about a **specific educational matter** or your child's **ISP** and their classroom placement for the next school year, please turn in your concerns in written form to Mrs. Scupham no later than Friday, May 22, 2015.

Altar Server Training

Training for new Altar Servers at Saint Paul Catholic Church will be held on **Thursday, May 14th beginning at 1:30. The training session will last until 3:30 pm.** Any boy or girl in 4th grade and above may sign up to be a server. This training will also allow our students to be funeral servers during the school days. Parents must send a written note indicating that their child has permission to miss the last hour and 10 minutes of school and will be picked up at 3:30pm from church when the training is over.

Deep River Waterpark Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Deep River Waterpark reading challenge. Students were asked to read six hours of recreational reading in only 3 months. Students who reached that goal earned a free ticket to visit the waterpark over the summer. Those earning tickets are:

Emmanuel Anthony, Chase Auten, Catherine Barber, Ella Compton, Dominic Muryasz, Kacey Nguyen, Molly Page, Mia Smith, Lilly Suriano, Sophia Swigon, Grace Lindsey, John Cimarioli, Marissa Clements, Jackie Conroy, Laney Mario, Emmerston Rowley, Isabella Beach, Lily Braming, Joanna Calinski, Becca Cavanaugh, Sofia Cox, John Clements, Katelyn Nguyen, Rudra Patel, Peter Clements, Ian Cox, Ethan Schlyer, Riley Lindsey, Madison Rowley, Evan Hartman, Madison Lindsey.



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Carnations will be sold on Saturday, May 9th and Mother's Day, May 10th after every Mass at Saint Paul Catholic Church. Proceeds will be given to the Porter County Right to Life. Only 1 dollar each! Brighten your mom's Mother's Day and support a great cause!



Last week we sent home information regarding our 3rd Annual Relay Recess. This event is sponsored by our very own National Junior Honor Society. Look for specific details on our Relay activities, all benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Next Year's Plans for the SPCS Graduating Class of 2011 — *Pat Bengert*

Matthew Anjorin—graduating from Andean High School, is undecided about next year.

Patrick Azar—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Wabash College, majoring in Biology.

Daniel Barajas—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

Kate Brogan—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Speech Pathology.

Mary Cobble, graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Boston College, majoring in Business and English.

Livy Crim, graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

Ashley Dziewicki, graduating from Boone Grove High school, will be attending Indiana University, majoring in Nursing.

Zachary Farkas, graduating from Hobart High School, will be either joining the Navy or attending Purdue University, majoring in Building and Construction.

Jennifer Gough, graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Technology.

Brandon Hamill, graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Business Management.

Nina Hartman, graduating from Andean High School, will be attending St. Mary's College, with a double major in Global Studies and French.

Jacob Horn, graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be joining either the Army or the Coast Guard.

Hailey Hrosik—graduating from Andean High School, will be attending Indiana University, majoring in Physical Therapy or enrolling in the Physical Assistant Program

Sara Hutton—graduating from Andean High School, will be attending Gonzaga University, majoring in Accounting.

Kelly Lyp—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending the University of Portland, majoring in Nursing.

Emma Mazurek—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending DePauw University, majoring in English.

Patrick Meccia—graduating from Andean High School, will be attending Xavier University, majoring in Natural Science.

Marisa Nigrelli-German—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University North Central, majoring in Radiology.

Paolo Padilla—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Cebu Doctors University in the Philippines, majoring in Dentistry.

Allison Poole—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Biology.

Alex Rastovski—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Engineering.

Monica Richel—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending The Art Institute of Indianapolis, majoring in Fashion Design.

Ally Runnion—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Loyola University, majoring in Creative Advertising.

Benjamin Schmidt—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Ball State University, majoring in Exercise Science.

Erin Thomas—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

Elvin Uthuppan—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Computer Science.

Nicholas Vedo—graduating from Andean High School, will be attending Wabash College, majoring in Biochemistry.

Talia Vukovich—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending the School of Education at Indiana University, majoring in Social Work.

Joseph Warner—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Western Michigan, majoring in Chemistry.

Joseph Wichlinski—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Marie Wirsing—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Indiana University, majoring in Environmental Affairs and Management.

Billy Yogan—graduating from Valparaiso High School, will be attending Xavier University, major undecided.

Weekend Schedule

Track



May 9th

7th/8th - 10:00AM - CYO Qualifier @ Andrean
(Athletes are expected to arrive in the stands by 9:00AM)

May 16th

7th/8th - 10:00AM - CYO Championship @ Andrean
Boys' High Jump starts at 9:30AM
(Athletes are expected to arrive in the stands by 9:00AM)

CYO Sports News — Ray Tarnow

Students received informational packets for 2015-2016 CYO Athletics this week.

CYO Sports Physicals will be offered at the school May 13th.

Athletic Recognition Night will be on Thursday May 14th. Meet in the church at 6:30. Cake and drinks to follow in the social hall.

Summer Sports Info — Ray Tarnow

Viking Boys' Basketball Camp

The 2015 Viking Boys' Basketball Camp will be from June 15-18. Boys who have just completed Kindergarten through 7th are eligible. Cost of the camp is \$40. Forms are available from the SPCS Athletic Department.

Viking Girls' Basketball Camp

The 2015 Viking Girls' Basketball Camp will be from June 22-25. Girls who have just completed Kindergarten through 5th are eligible. Cost of the camp is \$40. Forms are available from the SPCS Athletic Department.

Bearcat Boys' Basketball Camp

The 2015 Wheeler Boys' Basketball Camp will be from June 8-11. Boys who have just completed Kindergarten through 8th grade are eligible. Cost of the camp is \$50 for the first child, \$40 for each additional sibling. Forms are available from the SPCS Athletic Department.

59ers Boys' /Girls' Basketball Camp

The 2015 Andrean Basketball Camp will be from June 8-11. Athletes ages 8-14 (incoming freshman) are eligible. Cost of the camp is \$65. Forms are available from the SPCS Athletic Department.

Alumni News

A few Saint Paul alumni recently attended the annual Academic Excellence Awards Banquet held Sunday May 3rd at Aberdeen Manor. These students were selected from the seniors in the 2015 graduating class of VHS for their outstanding scholastic achievement and were recognized for maintaining their grade point averages 4.0 or above through 7 semesters of high school. School parent, Jerry Fagen, of Fagen Pharmacy was the guest speaker.

Pictured in front: Emma Mazurek and Allison Poole. Back row (L to R): Elvin Uthuppan, Alexandra Runnion, Mary Cobble, Alex Rastovski, Joseph Wichlinski, and Patrick Azar.



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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