

St. Paul Interparochial School

# News You Need to Know

January 20, 2012

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## Important Dates:

Monday, January 23 – Noon Mass (Please bring a food item)  
Wednesday, January 25 – St. Paul Feast Day 8:30 Mass & Communion  
Breakfast



Sunday, January 29 - 9am Mass at St. Paul Church followed by a Bagel  
Breakfast and Open House from 10:00-11:30  
Monday, January 30 – Special Person Day (K-3) and Family Bingo Night  
Tuesday, January 31 – School Spirit Day & Pep Rally  
Wednesday, February 1 – School Open House 10:00-11:30  
Thursday, February 2 – Student Appreciation Day – Make your own ice  
cream sundaes  
Friday, February 3 – Teacher Appreciation Day – Half Day – Bagel  
Breakfast – Jeans Day (\$1.00) – NO Aftercare

## From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Families,

Except for Halloween, so far we have been lucky with the weather. It is my hope that we will not have too much more, but it is January! As you know, the safety of all is the primary concern, and the decisions made in the local school districts regarding busing is critical in determining whether we are closed or operating on a delayed opening schedule. The children will have the required 180 days of school, so do not be concerned about the curriculum.

I recently came upon some statistics you might find interesting, so I am including them here:

- Catholics represent 25 percent of the population of the United States.

- Catholics represent more than 41 percent of New Jersey's population, the third largest percentage of Catholics in the nation.
- The six Catholic dioceses- Newark, Trenton, Camden, Metuchen, Paterson and Passaic – serve more than 3.5 million Catholics in nearly 600 parishes in New Jersey. Newark has the largest population.
- The 500 Catholic elementary and high schools in New Jersey educate more than 120,000 students every year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade has worked diligently on their Future City Projects. The competition was held on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at Rutgers University. More than 85 teams from schools all over New Jersey competed. All of the St. Paul students, represented themselves and our school brilliantly! They were prepared, poised and very articulate about the cities they designed. I am proud of all. The following awards were achieved:

- **3rd place Overall** – *Energia Verde City* – Jeffrey Lieto, Sally Kim and Bridget Beyer were the presenters, supported by additional team members Connor LaSpina and Daniel Tuite – each member was awarded a Nintendo 3DS and there was a \$1250 grant to our school.
- **Cleanest City** – *Findiger City* – Kerri-Anne Nicholson, Dakota Heckelman, Nicholas Scavone, Kevin CARoli and Kyle Bierdumpfelfel – each member was awarded a \$25 gift certificate.

I would like to thank Mrs. Mitsinikos and Mr. Gallagher for sharing their expertise with the students. All the projects will be on display during our Open Houses during Catholic Schools Week. Please come and see what Americas future engineers have planned in their cities.

Please keep the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families in your prayers this week. They will be receiving acceptance notification from the high schools. The final decision about what school they will be attending next year is a critical one. We know that our students did their best, and in God's plan, they will end up in the school he or she was meant to be in. A few extra prayers on their behalf, however, can only provide support.

Thank you for sending in your re-registration forms before January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive yours in the mail, please call the school office at 201 327-1108. I want to make sure that our current families have guaranteed space for next year. I will be calculating the numbers for new enrollment across the grades based on the number of registration forms I receive by that date. After that, I cannot guarantee a space for your child.

If you would be willing to be a speaker at one of the parish masses over the weekend of 1/28-1/29 for Catholic Schools Week, please let me know. We will have someone to talk about our great school at every mass. It is less than 5 minutes, and there is no better marketing for our school than our parents and students. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our school.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Ritchie



## PLEASE!! **Lunch Duty Volunteers Needed for Tuesdays**

We are in need of lunch duty volunteers on Tuesdays, from 11:30 until 1:00. If you can volunteer any time, please contact Mary Keller at [marykeller@optonline.net](mailto:marykeller@optonline.net).



## **Catholic School Week Ice Cream Sundaes**

It is that fun time of year again on Thursday, February 2, when St. Paul school hosts the student appreciation "Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" event. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Colleen LaSpina at [mrs laspina@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs laspina@yahoo.com) or 201-512-1997.



## **Scrip Cards**

The next order for Scrip cards will be placed on February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to place an order or have any questions, please email Jessica Evans [jke2841@aol.com](mailto:jke2841@aol.com)



the difference  
I can make.

## Box Tops for Education

Please remember to bring your Box Tops for Education to the school office no later than February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Box Tops are free money for the school from products that you already buy. 10 Box tops are worth \$1 to St. Paul School--Our goal is to raise \$1,000 for this school year.



## Casino Night

It is not too early to start thinking about our popular St. Paul Casino Night. This year's event will be on March 10<sup>th</sup>, and as always, we count on our wonderful volunteers to help plan and run the event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tara Callaghan at [tamcallag@me.com](mailto:tamcallag@me.com).



## Newsletter Information

If you have any items that you need to publish in the newsletter, please send them to Lisa Albert at [LisaAlbert88@yahoo.com](mailto:LisaAlbert88@yahoo.com) before 10:00AM Wednesday morning.

**A New Year – A New Experience  
One you will treasure for a lifetime.**

Cornerstone, an overnight retreat, is an opportunity for women to reinforce their relationship with God and develop a connection with others. Held at St. Paul Interparochial School from Friday evening to Saturday evening. For further details and to register, see brochure available at the church entrances or in the Parish Center. Please register by January 27, 2012. Call Stephanie Palumbo 218-5886 or Elizabeth Mallory 264-8283 with any questions.

**WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE**

February 3-4, 2012

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