

October 4, 2020

SUNDAY EVENING NEWS

"Wisdom is knowing the right path to take ... integrity is taking it."

(M.H. McKee)



First Friday Adoration

Peace and Greetings:

I trust our parents/guardians enjoyed visiting with our faculty at last Tuesday's virtual Back to School Night. Know that we value our home/school partnership in educating the young minds, hearts and spirits of those who call St. Paul home. This Wednesday marks the midpoint of the first marking period and time to evaluate academic deficiencies. Students should be making every effort to keep up in the classroom and be working with their teachers to complete missed assignments. This is our annual Walk-a-thon/Oktoberfest student fundraising week that will conclude with an outdoor celebration on Friday afternoon before the long holiday weekend. **THANKS** to everyone for your support!

EVENING REFLECTION & PRAYER

October is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful devotion in our Catholic tradition which meditates and reflects on the mysteries of our redemption. Allowing ourselves to focus on the life of Jesus Christ, and his salvific work, makes us perfect disciples with the aid of Mary our Mother. Mary provides us with powerful intercession as well as strong example in our way of life to follow the Lord. May we seek Mary's intercession always and take up devotion to her Holy Rosary.

Let us pray.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we lift up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, Most Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Have a great week everyone. To Jesus, through Mary!
Fr. Glen, Chaplain

SCHOOL CALENDAR (Week of October 5 – 9)

Monday, (Day 2); Tuesday, (Day 3); Wednesday, (Day 1); Thursday, (Day 2) and Friday, (Day 3)

Rotation

	Day 1 Drop G & H	Day 2 Drop E & F	Day 3 Drop C & D
7:45-8:26	A	A	A
8:34-9:10	B	B	B
9:28-10:22	C	G	F
10:30-11:54	D	C	H
12:02-12:56	E	D	G
1:14-2:08	F	H	E

No school next Monday, October 12 – Columbus Day Weekend.

SUMMER LEARNING EXPERIENCE (SLE)

Monday, October 5 at 1:15 pm students will meet in their house advisories for their SLE presentations, **#BeTheLight**. You should have received a meeting email from your faculty advisor. Student leaders have been preparing in the Student Government meetings to moderate the discussions. We look forward to hearing how you are being a light of Christ to others in your life.

WEEKDAY MASS

Our weekday Mass this Wednesday, October 7 at 7:15 am will be offered for the special intentions of the Corinthians House. Students and faculty/staff are invited. Please enter St. Gregory the Great Church by the side parking lot entrance.

WALK-A-THON/OKTOBERFEST

St. Paul's biggest student-lead fundraiser is here! Walk-a-thon/Oktoberfest 2020! Each year our students & faculty raise much-needed funds that help support school programming, class activities, and student scholarships! Join in the fun as we try to reach our whole school goal of \$30,000!

This year is a little different in so many ways, so we are going VIRTUAL with collections of donations and sharing of their walking activities! The sky's the limit to what we can accomplish as a community. We are asking each student to pledge to walk at least 1 mile and get support from at least 2 family members or friends of the family. Students can walk or run in their neighborhood, around the track before or after practice, even in their backyard. They can share photos or videos of their walking activities at spchsadvancement@gmail.com OR on social media! Last Thursday night, Student Government kicked off its support for our walk-a-thon with a Zoom walk/meeting.

Students will celebrate all their hard work with an Oktoberfest on 10/9! Pizza, ice cream, socially distant activities with their class, etc. AND when we make our school-wide goal, we will have earned Super Bowl Monday off! Share your love of St. Paul! Share this link - www.spchs.com/walkathon - with everyone!

VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Virtual parent teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 14 from 1:30 – 7:30 pm. Parents/guardians will be able to schedule your own appointments, in ten-minute blocks, prior to that day. Scheduling details and Zoom access codes will be made available this week.

NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

CONGRATULATIONS again to the following students who were notified last spring of their acceptance into the Saint Pope John XXIII Chapter of the National Honor Society: Amelia Badzioch, Olivia Belfonti, Gabrielle Castonguay, Ana Maria Cawley, Megan Crean, Isabella Crowley, Katherine Darragjati, Reagan Davis, Carter Dossias, Keira Dubitsky, Gabriel Duncan, Kailey Fontaine, Matthew Grinvalsky, Nicholas Grinvalsky, Liam Kelly, Daniel Kozmon, Anna Kretsch, Madeline Kurnik, Jovanna LaFleur, Sarah Lindquist, Abigail MacAllister, Matthew Maglio, Greta Panke, Madison Matava-Pickering, Devin Meurer, Samantha Millerick, Samantha Naples, Nhu Nguyen, Adriana Raymond, Scott Ryder Raymond, Emily Shanahan, Gillian Smith, Sofia Stephani, Alexis Tierpack, Riley Wagner, Catherine Wootton and Abigail Wroblewski.

This year's NHS officers are: President, Romi Bagdasarian; Vice President, Colin Ivers; Secretary, Emma Schatz; and Treasurer, Christopher Millerick.

The Induction Ceremony was postponed from last March and has been rescheduled for Monday, October 26 at 7:00 pm (note time change from an earlier email). The event will be live streamed/taped so interested students, faculty, family and friends will be able to watch the ceremony live or on tape for viewing at a later time (also a nice keepsake).

Per conversations last week with Marco Palmeri, the Director of Health for the Bristol-Burlington Health District regarding appropriate COVID-19 health protocols and reduced indoor seating capacity requirements, approval was granted yesterday allowing 1-2 parents/guardians per student to attend this event. Safety details will be shared as the event nears.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



CONGRATULATIONS to Emma Schatz '21 who was recently named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualify Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

GUIDANCE NEWS

PSAT TEST

The College Board PSAT test will be administered at St. Paul on Wednesday, October 14 for all sophomores and juniors. Upon completion of the test there will be a noon dismissal with buses available. Seniors – no school. This is a good day to visit colleges for those offering on campus visits this fall. Freshmen – no school either so get ahead or caught up on any missed assignments.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE REP VISITS

College representatives virtually visiting St. Paul this week include:

Monday October 5	Albertus Magnus College	B period
Tuesday October 6	Endicott College	A period
	Miami University (Ohio)	B period
Thursday October 8	Moravian College (Florida)	A period
	Mount Saint Mary College	B period
Friday October 9	College of the Holy Cross	A period
	UConn	B period

Please sign up on Naviance by the end of school the day before the visit to attend.

PEER TUTORING

Any students interested in being a peer tutor, please fill out this form:

<https://forms.gle/ADTckGowdmjdGuC47>. If you are in NHS please remember you are required to provide tutoring service and should fill out the form.

COLLEGE EARLY ACTION

Seniors, just a reminder that if you plan to apply to college by the November 1 Early Action deadline you need to fill out this Transcript Request Form by October 15. <https://forms.gle/sCnKgpy9yrQ8GVJX9>

ATHLETIC NEWS

FALL SCHEDULES

- Fall Schedules can be accessed via the St. Paul website by using the following link: <https://spchs.com/sportscalendar/>. JV soccer & freshman soccer games are still being scheduled and will be added as soon as they are confirmed.
- Another good resource to access fall schedules is ciacmoblie.com which can be downloaded onto your phone as an app.

SENIOR DAY/NIGHT RECOGNITION (Week of October 5)

Cross Country	Tuesday, October 6 at 3:45 pm
Volleyball:	Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm

FALL CAPTAINS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were named captains of fall teams:

Cheerleaders:	Devin Meurer & Barbara Retartha
Cross Country:	Sammi Bray, James Melvin & Jonathan Passander
Boys Soccer:	Daniel Bond & Joseph Conroy
Girls Soccer:	Sophia Gerst, Emma Schatz & Nina Zowlinski
Girls Swimming:	Amelia Badzoich & Abigail MacAllister
Girls Volleyball:	Lana Marie David & Greta Panke

NHSF NETWORK

A reminder that this fall you will be able to watch all St. Paul games taking place on McPhee Field or in the Rev. Brian Monnerat Gymnasium streaming live on the NHSF Network - <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/>.

Sign in and choose your subscription status. Based on the fluid nature of COVID-19, we suggest just signing up for the one month at a time subscription. Once you have signed up you need to search for St. Paul Catholic High School and you will see our scheduled games listed by sport.

FAN ATTENDANCE AT GAMES

A strong reminder that the Naugatuck Valley League (NVL) announced that the attendance policy for the fall season is for the allowance of HOME FANS ONLY. We were informed that St. Paul parents did not adhere to this policy at some recent away games. This causes a potential staffing/security problem for opposing schools and us then when understandably their parents visit St. Paul later in the season. **PLEASE** respect and cooperate with this policy moving forward.

ADMISSIONS NEWS

Appointments are being scheduled for our next Open House on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Do you know any prospective 7th or 8th grade students that might be interested in attending St. Paul next fall? Prospective students can also contact Mr. Crowley, mcrowley@spchs.com or Ms. Mone, cmone@spschs.com to schedule a virtual tour.

Our first Placement Exam for the Class of 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 8:00 am.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Coming attractions:

- Halloween Costume Movie Night on Friday, October 30 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the auditorium. This is a limited space event with a Google form sign-up which will be sent out later this month.
- Thanksgiving Bingo on Friday, November 13 at 7:00 pm

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS



Roof Over Concession Cooking Area

THANK YOU! We are very grateful to Adrian George and his volunteers for completing this weekend his Eagle Scout Project – Roof Over Concession Cooking Area. It really looks terrific!

We are looking forward to seeing soon Joseph Conroy’s Eagle Scout Project – Sand/Salt Box that will house winter de-icing material for St. Paul’s driveway and parking lot.

Also, **CONGRATULATIONS** to Benjamin Speaker who held his Eagle Scout Ceremony in Winsted this afternoon. Quite a testament to all three students considering less than 8% of Boy Scouts achieve this honored status.

FOOD SERVICE

Stella has announced starting this week the menu will be expanding to include a daily soup (i.e. Monday will be chicken noodle) and a hot entrée (i.e. Monday will be chicken fried rice and pasta on Tuesday). The weekly menu will be posted on the website.

STUDENT PARKING REGISTRATION

A reminder that all student vehicles must be registered with the Dean of Student Life and all cars must display a numbered parking sticker. This year, the parking fees reflect a 50% discount to \$25/semester or \$50/year to reflect credit from last spring.

DISMISSAL PICK-UP

For the safety of students being dismissed at 2:12 pm, a reminder to parents, guardians and grandparents **NOT** to park in the front of the school (i.e. in the area of the portico where the curbing is marked in yellow) so students don’t need to walk between cars. Parking is allowed in front of the flagpole or front circle area. Thank you!

BIRTHDAY WISHES (October 5 – 11)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes go to: Daniel Bond, Madelyn Kronen, Yujoung “Martina” Joung, Alexandra Rediker, Danielle Rediker, Patricia Richardson, Christian Roach, Emily Walker and Mrs. Pisani.

FINAL WORD

The original student newspaper, **The Sword**, is being resurrected this fall by an ambitious group of students who are committed to getting literary tradition back off the ground! We're grateful to Olivia Lanteri, Sammi Bray, Amanda Cansdale, Emma Schatz, Elizabeth Speaker, Lana Marie David and Nicholas Couillard. Others are welcome to get involved. Be on the lookout for the first online edition to be released this week.



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Game plan to stay in school – 3 W's

**Wear a mask, Wash your hands and Watch your distance,
all of us ... all the time!**

Stay well ... stay vigilant.

St. Paul, pray for us!

Cary M. Dupont '72
President/Chief Administrator