

December 13, 2020

SUNDAY EVENING NEWS

*The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday.
Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.”*

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.”
(Philippians 4:4,5)*



Peace & Greetings,

EVENING REFLECTION & PRAYER

Rejoice, the Lord is near! The Advent season continues, but today on the Third Sunday of Advent, the Church pauses for just a quick second to show hope and joy at the dawning of Jesus' birth just two weeks from now. The Church can't help but get excited for Christmas. We always rejoice in hope. As followers of Jesus we must always live our lives in joyful hope – a hope which does not disappoint, a hope that holds firm to the end. That is what this Advent season is all about: rejoicing in hope.

Let us pray,

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Have a safe week.

Fr. Glen, Chaplain

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week of December 14 – 18

All classes will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for 30-minute periods with 15-minute breaks and a 30-minute lunch.

Daily Bell Schedule

Homeroom/Period A	7:55-8:30
Period B	8:45-9:15
Period C	9:30-10:00
Period D	10:15-10:45
Period E	11:00-11:30
Period F	11:45-12:15
Lunch	12:15-12:45
Period G	12:45-1:15
Period H	1:30-2:00

Wednesday, December 16 will be utilized as a project work day or assessment makeup day. Teachers will be available to meet individually with students or small groups for extra help and support from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and in addition will have open Zoom meetings (office hours) during specified times based by academic departments for either conferencing or to schedule another time on Wednesday to meet by Zoom.

It should be emphasized that this is NOT a day off from school. It's an opportunity for students to get work done, make-up homework or missed assessments, meet with teachers or schedule extra help, etc. Take advantage of this time ... plan ahead!

Office Hours per Academic Department

8:00-9:30	9:30-11:00	11:00-12:30	12:30-2:00
Unified Arts & Social Studies	Math & Science	World Language & Religion	English

Week of December 21 – 23

All classes will meet Monday and Tuesday for 30-minute periods with 15-minute breaks and a 30-minute lunch break. Wednesday, December 23, originally scheduled as a noon dismissal, will now be a non-instructional day and instead the beginning of the Christmas break.

If you have any technology issues while at home, please don't hesitate to email Mr. Cooper, jcooper@spchs.com.

GUIDANCE NEWS

January 1 College Deadline

Seniors, please remember if you have a January 1 college deadline you need to fill out the transcript request form by December 18 at the latest to ensure we will be able to send it before we leave for Christmas break. <https://forms.gle/E95LnEpXe2M8wkfx8>

Junior College Night

Juniors and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the Virtual Junior College Night to begin their college search process.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL
Informational Panel of Admissions Counselors
to kick off the College Process
Tuesday December 15
6:30-8:00pm

An invitation link was sent out last week. We will have admissions reps from UCONN, Salve Regina University, Tunxis Community College, Western New England University and CCSU! Please email any questions you have for the panel to emancini@spchs.com.

Freshmen should have received an email from your School Counselor last week. They will be meeting virtually with you either Tuesday or Thursday this week for Freshman Seminar! Please check your email for more information.

College Acceptances

CONGRATULATIONS to the following seniors on their recent college acceptances:

Lana Marie David	University of St. Joseph
Brycen Kennedy	Hartwick College

Seniors are reminded to notify their school counselor if they want their college acceptances to be acknowledged.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Show Must Go On-Line This Fall

The St. Paul Catholic High School Performing Arts fall production, **Monologue Mashup**, premiered last Thursday evening for the drama student's families. A link to the performance for the entire St. Paul community to watch is now available, <https://youtu.be/K-OPSpKw5uM>

Monologue Mashup highlights dramatic classic shows like Our Town, St. Joan, The Crucible, The Diary of Anne Frank, Charlie Brown, Anne of Green Gables, Brighton Beach Memoirs and a host of others. We encourage everyone to enjoy this wonderful virtual stage production.

ATHLETICS

Student-Athlete Home Workout



All St. Paul student-athletes, especially those planning on participating in a winter sport, are encouraged to join the **TeamBuildr** app. Based on the winter sport you plan to play, there are codes & passwords listed on the St. Paul website www.spchs.com, under Athletics, At Home Workouts. If you would like to be part of the workouts as an out of season athlete use the Out of Season code. As part of logging into your workouts there will be a mental health assessment questionnaire meant to encourage you to think about things like proper sleep habits, nutrition, and productive mental health activities as helpful tools to assist you in navigating these unique times.

All winter sport athletes are encouraged to sign in and use this App. Winter sport coaches will be using **TeamBuildr** to check in and post information. If you have any questions or need assistance logging into or using the App please contact Coach Joe or Mr. Dennehy.

Core Values in Action

Congratulations to Byron Jones '10 who was recently nominated by the Miami Dolphins as their Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year. <https://www.miamidolphins.com/news/byron-jones-named-miami-dolphins-nominee-for-walter-payton-nfl-man-of-the-year>

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

United Way of West Central Connecticut Toy Drive



THANK YOU!

Note from Nancy Miclosky, United Way of West Central CT: "Once again SPCHS goes WAY ABOVE and FAR BEYOND. As a bonus, your students are always so polite and so poised and best of all so genuinely happy to help ... Merry Christmas to all our friends at SPCHS!!!

Student Government will be sponsoring two events this Christmas season.

- **Macy's Make a Wish Santa Letter Campaign**, which for every emailed letter to the link below, Macy's will contribute \$1 for every letter up to a million dollars to Make a Wish Foundation. <https://www.macys.com/social/believe/>
- **Christmas Cards for our Troops**, remember our CT National Guard this holiday by sending a Christmas card to Connecticut troops stationed overseas in Jordan. Thanks to the Toland family for providing this information.



Any questions about either of these events, please email Mrs. Kendrick, nkendrick@spchs.com.

COMFY SWEATPANTS DAY FOR KIDS RESCHEDULED

Friday, January 8, 2021 is the rescheduled date for our **Comfy Sweatpants for Kids** fundraiser in honor of all the courageous kids at **Connecticut Children's**. All funds raised will be in support of their cancer and blood disorder patients. For \$3.00 or more, you will be allowed to dress down in your favorite comfy sweat pants (no pajamas) on that day.

SPIRITWEAR



Still have some gifts to buy for Christmas??

Our Online Spirit Wear Store is open featuring NEW ITEMS and a HOLIDAY SHOP! There are new Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, Sweatpants, Pajama pants and so much more! [**CLICK HERE**](#) and place your order right online for curbside pick-up on this **Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18**. Times are listed on the order page.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (December 14 – 20)

Happy Birthday wishes go to: William Barton, Luke Foley, Benjamin Foligno, Brandon Foligno, Daniel Gaffney, John Gaffney, Madison Howe, Sophia Howe, Michael Lodge, Alek Rencurrel and Mrs. Gunn.

FINAL WORD



IT TAKES ALL OF US!

Make it a great week!

Stay well ... stay safe! Take care of yourself and your family.

St. Paul, pray for us!

Cary M. Dupont '72
President/Chief Administrator