



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE

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Dispatches from St. Paul's Episcopal School

From the School Director:

I think that our parents and staff would agree that our first week back to school was a success. The new online app is an awesome tool that assists both teachers and parents in keeping up with and tracking the children in our care. So far all of our families are using the app, which allows for remote check-in from the parking lot. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our children, staff, and their families.

Thank you and God Bless,

Lakyn Journey

From the School Board President:

"Excitement" and "vitality" are my two best words to describe the atmosphere at St. Paul's School. The teachers are happy and productive. The school looks great, and all the classrooms were all repainted and refurbished. New technology is helping keep our teachers and our school families safe. Teachers are sending updates through the day to parents to keep them aware of what is happening with their children with our new room tablets. A happy and competent school director is developing happy and competent teachers. The last two weeks of July were busy and sometime stressful as there was a lot to finish and new things to do, but I am proud to say the staff and volunteers made a great effort and the School Board applauds their efforts. As we move through the school year, we will be calling on parishioners to help with school projects, so please give your times for those opportunities.

Jim Mauldin

From the Rector

It took a lot of time, energy, and effort to reopen St. Paul's School. The school board, school director search committee, and vestry all worked towards the common goal of creating a safe, loving environment for the children who attend St. Paul's School. There were moments of uncertainty and sadness, but they were thankfully outnumbered by moments of grace and determination. Lakyn Journey and Jim Mauldin have put in countless hours preparing for the opening of the school; their dedication and hard work made it possible to open the school on August 3rd. Several church members have also given their time, talent, and energy to making sure the school could safely reopen. Lakyn and Jim both did a wonderful job vetting and rehiring the staff needed to operate the school. Lakyn is working on a year-long curriculum that will soon be implemented, and she is also working with the teachers to help them learn how to create and stick with lesson plans. Each week will have a theme, and each class will do all their work through the lens of that theme. The teachers that came back are committed to giving their students love and attention, as well as helping them begin to learn, develop, and master age appropriate concepts and milestones. As Paul wrote to the Romans, God works all things for good; in the midst of so much bad, it can be hard to see what good may come of it.
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But the pandemic and resulting quarantine have allowed St. Paul's to reorganize and reset; with intentionality, prayer, and candor, the leadership of the church and school have rededicated themselves to making the school the best it can possibly be. It is our hope and prayer that we will continue to bring you news of good tidings from the school, and we humbly request that you pray for the school - the teachers, students, and parents, and that we all do our best to keep God's face ever before us.

More Mask News

From Representative Trent Kelly:

And the good work by St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Columbus continues. Church volunteers have sewn masks for elementary students in the district. Their first load was 1,170 masks. More were delivered today! Jennet Lacey tells us that they also had a wide range of talent - from a professional seamstress to a high school student who loves to sew.

The above statement is from Representative Kelly's Facebook page; there will also be a small write up in his monthly newsletter.

SCHOOL WISH LIST:

- Children's Songs CD's (Lullabies, etc.)
- New/gently used Board Books
- 2 gently used/new Rocking chairs
- Stacking toys
- Nesting toys
- Touch and play toys
- Musical toys
- Walmart/Kroger bags
- Crayons, new or gently used
- Ziplock bags, quart or gallon size

Tax deductible, monetary donations
also accepted.

Sundays

10:30AM - Holy Eucharist

Monday - Saturday

7:30PM - Compline

All services are recorded and may be found online. The best place to go is St. Paul's webpage, at: <https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/> Links to the videos are on the main page, in an article titled, "A Message from Father Jason and the Vestry."

Until further notice, Bishop Seage has placed a hold on all face-to-face worship in the church of more than 10 people.

Office Hours

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Monday - Friday

662-328-6673

Please Note: Anyone wishing to talk with Father Jason is encouraged to do so; please call the office to make an appointment.



Back to School!