



Saint Paul School Monday Memo

October 9, 2017

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Activities Happening This Week

- 10/10 Grade 8 visit to ECHS
- 10/11 “Planning for High School and College” 6:30-8:00 PM
- 10/12 Rosary Procession 9:00-10:00 AM
- 10/12 Mock Trial practice
- 10/13 Grade 8 visit to NWCHS
- 10/14 Cross Country meet at Sage Park (Berlin)

More Events

- 10/16 Recycling Club 3:00-4:00
- 10/17 Individual School Pictures
Students may dress up instead of wearing their school uniforms
- 10/18 Lyman Pie orders due
- 10/18 **Class Pictures – DRESS UNIFORMS ARE REQUIRED!**
- 10/19 Grades 4 and 5 – Retreat
Holy Family Retreat Center

Uniform Changeover Notice: As many of you know, it has been our practice in the past, to change over to winter uniforms on the Tuesday following the Columbus Day weekend. **This year, because of the mild weather that we have all been enjoying, we have decided to move the official changeover date to Thursday, November 2.** Until that date, students may have the choice of either the fall or winter uniform, depending on the weather. In the meantime, please review the winter uniform requirements on page 14 of the Student/Parent Handbook, including the winter requirements for footwear.

Attention! All parents of students in grades five through eight are invited to an important education planning seminar on Wednesday, October 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the school gym. Jim Newman of Peak Point Capital Management, and Kate Lawson, Principal of Portland High School, will give a presentation, “Planning for High School and College.” Jim will discuss private high school and college costs, as well as information about financial aid. Kate will discuss factors to consider in choosing a high school program for your child and questions to ask when looking at schools. Q&A and coffee will follow the presentation. Please join us!

Our Lyman Pie Sale is well underway. All orders will be due on Wednesday, October 18. Extra forms are available in the school office. **This year, the student who sells the most pies will present Mr. Grant with “a pie in the face” on Wednesday, November 22, right after morning meeting!**

Save the date: The first open meeting of the SPS Home & School Association will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and share their ideas and hear about future HSA plans. Wine and cheese will be served! There will also be a special door prize of one Principal's dress down pass for each family represented. Come and join us in supporting our school!

We are also in the process of organizing our Athletic Booster Club activities for the year. If your child will be participating in any sports this year, we need your help! We especially need parents in leadership roles for the basketball season – concession, set up, clean up committees, etc. There will be a mandatory Booster Club meeting for all parents of athletes on Thursday, October 19th at 6:00 PM in the school gym.

As the holidays approach, it is time again for the **Berlin Police Department Stuff-a-Cruiser Competition! Each year, from October 1-20, the elementary schools in town compete to see who can bring in the most non-perishable food items for the Berlin Food Pantry!** For the past two years, Saint Paul School has been the champion and the trophy has stayed in our front foyer! Let's work hard together to keep the trophy here again this year!

A notice about Chromebook security for students in grades K-5! Largely through your generosity at the auction last spring, we have been able to expand our student access to Chromebooks to include all students in grades K-5 this year. We now own two Chromebook carts of 30 Chromebooks each that can be moved among the elementary classrooms for special projects and age appropriate programs. Each student now has his/her own Saint Paul Google account to use to sign onto a Chromebook in the classroom. As we extend Chromebook use, we also extend our comprehensive security package, Securly, that continually monitors all activity on our student Chromebooks. As part of the Securly package, you periodically will receive an email report of all of the websites that your child has visited. This is a good way for you to start a conversation with our child about his/her Chromebook use; moreover, as we continue to build technology into all of our school programs, we will also be building student knowledge and skills regarding the importance of online safety and responsibility.

The Home & School Association and SPS Booster Club are happy to announce the sale of new personalized spirit wear items including Drifit T-shirts, long sleeve warm up shirts, and winter hats. Orders may be submitted from now until October 20, with checks made payable to Saint Paul School. (Note: *These items may not be worn to school unless a dress down pass is used.*)



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