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## From the Halls of St. Paul's

March 4, 2011

### Thought for the Day...

*In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)*

### Office Notes

**Soup, Salad & Bread Lenten Dinners** - The parish is holding *free* Soup dinners on **Wednesdays during Lent**. Dinners are March 16, 23, 30 and April 6th from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm in Damascus Hall (see Flyer in link). There will be a "free-will" offering to benefit the Rays of Hope for Haiti Fund. Beth Kolenda is **looking for volunteers (adults and students 5th Grade and older) to help with set up (starting at 4:00 pm), serving and clean-up**. Various service opportunities include greeting guests, cleaning tables, re-setting tables, and helping to carry food/drinks from serving area to tables. Please contact Mrs. Kolenda if you can help on any of these dates!  
[bkolendaspa@yahoo.com](mailto:bkolendaspa@yahoo.com) or phone: 949-4170, ext. 243.

**Calendar Note** - St. Paul does not have school on Friday, Mar. 11. The teachers will be at the Diocesan Professional Development Day.

**VIRTUS Training** - Immaculate Heart of Mary is hosting a training session on Saturday, April 30th. The program begins at 9:00 am and lasts no more than 3 hours. Go to [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org) to register or contact Sue Jakubowski @459-2468.

**Sympathy** is extended to the Sullivan Family (Tim/Julie & Brendan - Gr. 8) - Julie's father, Brendan's Grandfather, passed away this week.

**Kudos to SPA Alumni** Mackenzie Hollern, Megan Tietema, Chelsea McWain and Stephanie Saumier who are on the CC Competitive Cheer Team that qualified for the STATE competition to be held March 5th.

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday, March 5

Bishop Hurley celebrates Mass at SPA @5:00 pm. Jr. Choir sings. Students wear school uniforms.

#### Monday, March 7

2nd Grade Metric Olympics @8:15 am in Gym  
*After School Care*

#### Tuesday, March 8

Shrove Tuesday Breakfast  
Hot Lunch Pre-Orders  
*After School Care*

#### Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday 12:30 pm  
Liturgy, 5th Gr. Choir sings  
*After School Care*

#### Thursday, March 10

Hot Lunch Pre-Orders  
*After School Care*

#### Friday, March 11

**Whitecaps Summer Reading Club** - Read during the month of March and receive 2 free Whitecaps tickets! St. Paul students in Pre-School through 6th grade are eligible to participate in this fun program. Official Bookmarks (to document reading) were handed out to students and need to be turned in by the end of the month.

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### Reminder from the Principal...

Bishop Walter Hurley will celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Paul on **Saturday, March 5th**. I would like to encourage all of our school families to attend this Mass if possible. Our Jr. Choir will be singing at the Mass. **Students are asked to wear their school uniforms to church that day.** We are proud of our school and want the Bishop to experience St. Paul's as a vibrant and growing parish and school community!

- Ms. Lori Salva

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### Newsletter Note...

**Thank you** to the many families who are opening and reading our newsletter via email - approximately 60% of you! We still have some families that need/prefer a hard copy, and you may have noticed that at times you are receiving the entire newsletter packets on Fridays. When the office needs to send home forms or important information, logistically it is easier to send the entire packet home with all students. Next year, we hope to transition to ALL electronic newsletters and forms. We are making progress towards a "greener" St. Paul School!

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### Newsletter Information Link

**Click link below for all newsletter attachments.**

[http://www.stpaul-school.org/news/from\\_the\\_halls\\_of\\_st\\_paul](http://www.stpaul-school.org/news/from_the_halls_of_st_paul)

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### Cougar Sporting News

To download SPA Athletic Forms go to:

[www.stpaul-school.org/activities/athletic\\_forms](http://www.stpaul-school.org/activities/athletic_forms)

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### Uniform Turn-In Day - March 10th

Attention Student Athletes: Please return your CLEAN uniform in its entirety and join us with your families on **Thursday, March 10 between 6 - 7:30 pm** in the St. Paul Gym. The Athletic Department will provide pizza and sports drinks. If possible, bring a dessert to share (cookies and brownies seem to work the best). Thank you and Good Luck with the rest of your season! **GO COUGARS!**

**Friday, March 11**

### NO SCHOOL

*Diocesan Professional  
Development Day for Teachers*

### Highlights

#### Safety Duty

GOLD Team is on the week of March 7th.

#### Hot Lunch Menu

**Tuesday** - BBQ Meatballs, Cheesy Potatoes, Broccoli, Pears, Mardi Gras Pretzel

**Thursday** - Chinese Chicken, Egg Roll & Rice, Mandarin Oranges, Fortune Cookie

**Use link below for entire monthly menu / Hot Lunch Order Forms.**

[www.stpaul-school.org/news/hot\\_lunch\\_calendar](http://www.stpaul-school.org/news/hot_lunch_calendar)

### SCRIP NEWS

**Scrip Packers** for Wednesday, March 9th - Jeanne Kortz & Stacie Lauria

**IMPORTANT:** A Scrip Coordinator for St. Paul is needed for next year - Please contact Jen Trudeau or Office if interested.

### Registration 2011-12

All Registration forms and fees should be returned to the school office as soon as possible and **no later than May 3rd**. After that date, we cannot guarantee or hold a spot for current students who have not

**3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** - St. Paul's "March Madness"  
Tournament is Saturday, March 19 at CC Gym. **Registration forms  
are due by March 5th** - Forms available in School Office or Go to  
[www.stpaul3on3.com](http://www.stpaul3on3.com)

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registered and paid fees for next  
year. THANK YOU!

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