

PTA NEWS & MORE

Pocket Calendars!

Beautiful 3 3/4 x 6 1/2 calendars customized with important St. Paul School events, dates, holidays, etc. (Month-At-A-Glance format running from September 2005 - August 2006). Color picture of SPS on cover. Cost is \$7 each. Buy enough for Mom, Dad, grandparents and caregivers. Reserve your calendars now! Send your checks (made out to SPS PTA) to Sue Maloney c/o Erin - 2A by Friday, June 10th. Calendars will be delivered at Back to School Night.



Sincere Thanks

The PTA offers their most sincere thanks to the following fund raising chairpersons who are passing their responsibilities on after serving so graciously:

Nancy Taylor (Ten Week), Marilyn Pavia (Rummage Sale), Carol Link and Mary Jo Marino (Book Fair), Sandra Wagner and Monica Heucke (Innisbrook), Debbie Rosetty (Box Tops), Freda Howard (Cafeteria Liaison) and Sue Maloney (School Calendars). Maureen Scheckel will be passing the Shamrock Auction baton to Jennine DeSilets and the PTA encourages you to contact Jennine during the summer with any ideas, donations or offers of volunteer service for the 2006 Shamrock Auction.

Thanks Linda Daly

Linda Daly (mother of Marissa, Patrick & Brendan) has organized the Mother/Son and Father/Daughter outings for three years now. Each year they have become more and more successful. The Mother/Son outings have included going to see the Trenton Titans, the Harlem Globetrotters and Motorcycles & Quads on ice. The Father/Daughter dance was held at Cedar Gardens the first year and then at the Bridgewater Manor. A special thank you to Pat Vizzoni for donating this fantastic venue to SPS.

In Linda's own words "Ever since my 8th grader was in Kindergarten, I wanted to do this. I wanted to create memories for the families of SPS that they will always have." We thank you for all your time and effort that you have put into these memorable times and look forward to next years events.

INDUCTION OF NEW PTA OFFICERS



Msgr. Nolan and Mrs. Barrella join the new PTA Board Officers at their induction ceremony on May 17th. Congratulations to (l. to r.) Sue Brauer, Treasurer; Kris Keimig, Vice-President; Linda Bamford, Secretary; and Suzanne Eberhard, President.

Check Presented for \$25,000

Outgoing PTA President, Bridget Carnevale, presented Mrs. Barrella with a \$25,000 check designated to reduce the Science lab debt, the third consecutive gift of this size donated by the PTA over the last three years. In addition, due to the overwhelming, collective success of the 2004-2005 fundraisers, the PTA also donated \$5,000 to the St. Paul School Scholarship fund. These two donations reflect the amounts remaining from the PTA's fundraising efforts after payment of: expenses incurred to run the fundraisers, the annual assessment to the School, teacher bonuses, student enrichment (including assemblies, Thanksgiving lunch, second grade retreat, confirmation breakfast, DARE graduation, and Catholic School Week celebrations), eight grade graduation and trip expense and additions to the collections in the Technology and Media Center. The PTA thanks all of the St. Paul School families for their generosity and gifts of time, talent and treasure.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2005



June 2005



Dear Parents:

As another school year comes to an end, it seems hard to believe that your children are another year older. I enjoy the sounds of laughter and joy I hear each recess and will miss these sounds over the summer.

However, the children have worked very hard this year and I wish each and every one of them a safe, fun and happy summer. Parents, please enjoy the summer months with your children as you know better than I how fast their time with you goes by. I ask you to continue to come to Mass throughout the summer to celebrate the Eucharist as part of our parish community. It is through prayer that we unite as a faith community and as a family. I thank you for choosing St. Paul School for your children and for being a part of St. Paul Parish. Bless You.

Monsignor Walter E. Nolan

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Parents/Guardians



The school year always seems to go so fast, but this year appears to have flown by. I can hardly believe that in just a few short weeks St. Paul School will be closing for the summer. I think it's been a very joyful and fruitful year for all and on behalf of the entire St. Paul School family, I thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the class of 2005. We hope that their experiences at St. Paul School have been spiritually uplifting and educationally sound. I know that for the graduates, the time spent here has been meaningful and memorable. The class of 2005 is extraordinary and we wish them well in all their future endeavors. I know that they will bring the love of Christ that dwells within them everywhere they go.

Thanks for a job well done, 2004-2005 Student Council

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| President—Kristine Printon | Vice President—Jimmy Lamb |
| Secretary—Jimmy Coonan | Treasurer—Caitlin MacKay |
| Commissioner of Athletics—Maura Giordano | |
| Commissioner of Publicity—John Rodrigo | |
| Commissioner of Religious Activities—Bridget Maley | |
| Commissioner of School Spirit—Madeline Vizzoni | |
| 8A Representatives—David Santa Maria, Adrianna Vizzoni | |
| 8B Representatives—Samantha Kuczinski, Laura Russo | |
| 7A Representatives—Dondre Gumbs, Stephanie Heuke | |
| 7B Representatives—Brittany Barbet, Nicole Rosetty | |
| 6A Representatives—Claire Larson, Sean O'Connell, Colleen Trombetta | |
| 6B Representatives—Brian Lynch, Patrick O'Connell | |
| 5 A Representatives—Joseph Motola, Kathryn Wembacher | |
| 5B Representatives—Hannah Dentino, Nicole Stevens | |
| 4A Representatives—Victoria Gras, Collette King | |
| 4B Representatives—Anthony Marino, Tess Solazzo | |

Congratulations to all who ran for 2005-2006 positions. Below is our new Executive Board. Class representatives will be picked in September 2005.

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| President—Rebecca Sass | Vice President—Bridget Maley |
| Secretary—Emily Bamford | Treasurer—John Rodrigo |
| Commissioner of Athletics—Patrick O'Connell | |
| Commissioner of Publicity—Sean O'Connell | |
| Commissioner of Religious Activities—Jenna Wandishin | |
| Commissioner of School Spirit—Stephanie Heuke | |

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the members of the PTA, School Advisory Boards, Endowment Committee, Marketing Team, Spirituality Committee and the Athletic Committee for all the effort, hard work, and generosity you offered this school year. The various cooperative efforts of these groups and the administration/staff have been rewarding. Many projects would not have been possible without your help, support and encouragement. Special thanks to our departing members and we warmly welcome all the new volunteers to our various committees.

Please encourage your children to read all summer long... not just what is required of them, but more. They will be enriched for it.

All of us at Saint Paul School wish all of you a very healthy, safe and restful summer. Be assured that you will be remembered in my daily prayer.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Barrella

BARNES & NOBLE June 2005

For more information please contact: Nancy Nicholson
Community Relations Manager
Barnes & Noble Princeton
3535 U.S. Route 1 South
Princeton, NJ 08540

Free Books for Children

We have two exciting promotions for you this month. Students in grades 1-6 are encouraged to stop by our children's department and fill out a summer reading journal. When they complete the journal they are entitled to a free book from a list of selected titles.

Buy 2 DVDs get the 3rd Free

Visit our music department through June 30th! DVDs are a wonderful gift for Father's Day, Graduation or just for summer enjoyment. Educator's and Institutional Discounts do not apply to DVD sales, SO this is a great way to get extra DVDs for your home or classroom! Buy 2 and get a 3rd Free! (The lowest price DVD is free.)

Thanks for Our Comfort

Has anyone noticed that the old dingy chairs in the gym have been replaced by new, nice and comfortable chairs? St. Paul School would like to give a big "Thank You" to Nancy and Frank Taylor, who generously donated the chairs for all of our comfort. The Taylor's thoughtfulness and endless generosity is greatly appreciated and graciously noted. When we are enjoying our new comfort in the gym, we can think of this wonderful donation and say "Thanks Nancy and Frank Taylor!"

KIDS CORNER



MAY CROWNING

In a beautifully moving ceremony attended by parishioners, students and faculty, the St. Paul Church May crowning was held on Wednesday, May 18 in honor of the Blessed Mother. Shown in the photo are Stephanie Scalice, who crowned Mary, assisted by Katrina Low-Beer and Caitlin O'Brien Black. Jennifer Berko of K-1 and Alex Case of K-2 carried Mary's crown.

Other participants were Caitlin MacKay, Kristine Printon, James Coonan, James Lamb, Kindergarten, First Grade, and Fourth grade Students.

We are certain that Mary, Our Mother, was pleased and will bestow many graces and blessings upon St. Paul School.

2004-2005 Pop Warner All American Scholar Team

Kathryn Wembacher; Pop Warner Cheerleading, Cameron Farmer; Pop Warner Football and Joseph Motola; Pop Warner Football, have been selected as the 2004-2005 Pop Warner All American Scholar Team. As recipients of this year's All-American Team, they rank in the TOP 1% of approximately 380,000 children that take part in the national Pop Warner Little Scholars Cheer and Football Programs. They received this award based on academic excellence, honor awards, community service and other extra curricular activities. Kathryn Wembacher, Cameron Farmer and Joseph Motola have been invited to attend the 45th annual Pop Warner Little Scholars National All-American banquet in Disneyland, California over the Memorial Day weekend.

We are extremely proud of them and their accomplishments.

INVENTION CONVENTION



The first annual St. Paul School Invention Convention was held on May 13th showcasing the ingenuity and creativity of our 3rd graders. Complete with marketing plans, business cards and a "patent pending" for each invention, the 3rd graders proudly presented their inventions to family and friends, all under the leadership and guidance of Mrs. Maley and Mrs. McMullan.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer comes in all shapes and sizes. Prayer can be singing, prayer can be deep sighing, prayer can be deep mediation, or prayer can be simple conversation with God. The amazing thing is that we are always welcome to approach the great God of the universe for a personal audience through prayer.

But for so many of us, prayer can be one of those things we think we have to do “correctly;” even the disciples asked, “Lord teach us to pray.” Thankfully, that’s how we ended up with the Lord’s Prayer. Last time we explored using the ‘Five Fingers of Prayer.’ Today let’s look how we can take the great Priestly Blessing of Numbers 6:24-26 and use the B L E S S model, as created by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend.

B – Body. *Pray for health/healing, for ‘daily bread’ and our physical needs to be met.*

L – Labors, *Pray for God’s help in the person’s work, school, daily tasks.*

E – Emotional needs. *Pray for comfort, reassurance, hope, joy, peace, etc.*

S – Social needs. *Pray for societal needs/injustices, for healthy relationships with family, friends, and associates.*

S – Spiritual needs. *Pray for a continually deepening relationship with God.*

Remember, prayer is one of those tricky, yet great tools of our Christian walk – fast dialog or long, slow conversations with God are all heard. And even in times of trouble or great distress - when we can’t bring ourselves to pray, we are provided the greatest privilege of all....”In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” Romans 8:26

Prayer doesn’t get anymore beautiful is that.....



Dare Graduation

Annual Dare Graduation of the St. Paul School 5th grade classes was held on April 6. Shown in the photo with the fifth grade class, Officer John Bucchere, and USA Olympic gold medalist Jason Reid who spoke at graduation.

A Heartfelt Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at SPS for all of the support given to us during my recent illness.

The Administration, faculty, students and their parents have been so kind and wonderful. Your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, gifts and dinners promoted a restful and healing environment. You have really been the light of Christ to all of us. SPS is such a special place for our children, even parents that did not personally know me, called or sent a card with their prayers – What a blessing to be a part of this school!

An extra special thank you to 8A, 8B and 2B for their home made “Get Well” cards and goody baskets. A special thank you to their teachers – Mrs. Dasgupta, Mrs. Von Spreckelsen, Mrs. Maddalon and Mrs. Wembacher.

Last, but not least a very special thank you to Sue Maloney for coordinating the dinners that so many wonderful parents brought to our home. The dinners were delicious, and my daughter coined them “Meals on wheels”. My kids definitely missed seeing the drop off dinners and reading the cards that came with them.

I am feeling much stronger now, but I ask you to please continue to keep us in your prayers, as I continue my treatments. Please know that all of you are in our daily prayers. May God bless you all.

Love,

Noreen, Phil, Tim and
Caitlin Bertucci