



SEPTEMBER 2016

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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“BE KIND”

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear SPS Family,

It is with a full heart that I say, “Welcome Back,” and to those families that are new - “Welcome to the Family!” St. Paul School is a family and we pride ourselves on that principle. I hope that all of you feel that as you enter our building.

A few changes have happened over the summer. One of those changes can be felt instantly as you walk through our doors - Air Conditioning! The new Air Conditioning and Heating System that we have been working so hard to purchase is now up and running. Thank you to everyone who has supported us on this adventure.

Another change is my Be Kind Initiative. By now everyone should have received a copy of the initiative, it is a simple message, but I truly believe it will have a major impact on the culture at St. Paul School. Be Kind!

The curriculum at SPS continues to improve every year and this year is no different. I am proud to announce that we have partnered with the Jefferson County Educational Service Center to provide classes, that otherwise would not be available, to all St. Paul School students.

The SPS One to One Program kicks off this year with grades five through eight having their very own Chromebooks to use at school. The program will continue to expand to other grades year after year until all students have access to their own Chromebook. The program will be up and running by mid September.

I am dedicated to making St. Paul School the foremost Catholic School in the area. I will build upon the foundation that those before me have already set and with your continued support we will make SPS shine!

God Bless, Irish Pride, and Be Kind,

Mr. Parsons

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 31-Sept 2-Camp Magis for 7th graders

Sept 5 -NO SCHOOL- LABOR DAY

Sept 7-All School Mass-Led by 8th grade @ 9:30
Scholastic Book Fair 5:00-6:00
Open House 6-7:30 PM

Sept 8-Scholastic Book Fair 8:00-12:00
(for students only)

Sept 12- 9/11Program 9:30AM
PTO meeting 6:00 PM

Sept 14-All School Mass-Led by 7th grade @ 9:30

Sept 21-All School Mass-Led by 6th grade @ 9:30
Progress Reports

Sept 28-All School Mass-Led by 5th grade @ 9:30

FYI:

Students are to be dropped off at the main door until 7:30 AM and will be considered before care. Please do not drop students off at the side door until after



It's important that you call the main office by 8:30 AM if your child will not be in school that day.

BE KIND INITIATIVE

Initiative One is to be kind to students. If there is a problem pull the student aside after class and have a discussion with them - you wouldn't believe what you learn from simply asking why. More is accomplished with talking.

Initiative Two is to be kind to fellow staff members and parents. They will have your back if they know you have theirs.

Initiative Three is to be kind to your classmates. I am instating a Zero Tolerance Policy, which means if students are disrespectful to one another they will be sent home that day. If a student is sent home for this offense there will be a discussion with Father Larry whether or not that student will return to St. Paul School.

Initiative Four is to be kind in your words. It is our job, all of our jobs, to communicate clearly and in a timely fashion.

Initiative Five is to be kind to your school. That includes cleaning up after ourselves - staff, teachers, students, and parents. It also means not downgrading our school on social media, and representing our school on the athletic field and stands that would make us all proud.

It is my goal to create a culture at St. Paul School where everyone feels safe and loved. If you have any type of problem, my door is always open. There is too much hate in the world - Be Kind!