



MONTHLY

December 2021 Fourth Edition

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Monday through Friday

7 am to 3 pm.

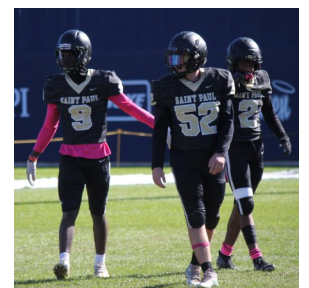
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It's the most wonderful time of the year. Families were finally able to gather to share a wonderful meal accompanied by some story telling, moments of laughter, and old family traditions. The air is crisp, and the world is looking a bit brighter as we don our homes and streets with the colorful lights of the season. The kids are getting excited for their yearly visit from the North Pole, and we adults, sit back and reflect as 2021 comes to a close. As we think about everything we have done or seen over the past year, it is always interesting to see what our mind will choose to remember, and what we will hold in our hearts for years to come.

Here on the hill, we have so much to be thankful for, and to look forward to as we move into 2022. We would like to share a few memories that we will treasure, as we wish you and yours a happy healthy holiday.



Winter Concert '21

It has been long since these hills have been so alive with the sound of music. It is absolutely glorious to see and hear the music room buzzing with excitement as they prepare to do their first ever Saint Paul live concert.

We had the chance to sit down with Dr. Murray for a few minutes, so that we could get the inside scoop on what we are about to see. Here is what we found out:

Since the beginning of the school year the 50+ students who make up our band, chorus, piano, and music theory program, have been passionately working together to create an all new music department, and spectacular first concert. For some, they have classes daily with Dr. Murray, while others are a part of the after school band and chorus.

This concert will be broken into sections, so that the kids can bring to you a taste of everything they have been working on and rehearsing thus far. In section one, you will hear everything from the "Russian Sailors Dance" to Broadway Melodies. You will hear the newly written extended version of our school fight song "Black & Gold." This song is special to us because it took parts of the HN and SPM fight songs and blended the two together to create an all new song for Saint Paul.

In section two, you will hear the Christmas Classics, which will include "The Nutcracker," the "Hallelujah Chorus," "Carol of the Bells," and a few others. We have added a few special selections like a mash-up of "Pachelbel's Cannon" with "The First Noel" and "A Night of Silence"

We will introduce you to an all new tradition entitled "Dona Nobis Pacem" which means "Grant us Peace," as well as a special performance by our very own "Granite Street Quintet" And let's not forget our special visitor from the North Pole.

It is so hard not to give it all away, in fact we should save a few surprises. But one thing we can tell you is that we promise a night of toe tappin' sing-a-long fun.

So please join us on:

Wednesday December 15th at 7 P.M

The Burke Center For Performing Arts

Admission is free to students, \$5 for adults & invited guests

Congratulations

A big congratulations to Corey Rondeau, Zaylee Ramos, and Marcy Suarez from the Class of 22 who were recognized and awarded scholarships at the 36th annual Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence event! This annual event honors students throughout Central MA for excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and leadership.

Fittingly, this year's event theme was "Stronger Together." Congratulations, Corey, Zaylee, and Marcy!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

A big thank you to everyone who participated or donated to our annual Thanksgiving food drive. Because of your kindness and generosity, we were able to put together enough turkeys and food baskets to feed 33 families this year. And we had enough left over to get other baskets started.

It is important to remember that it does not have to be Thanksgiving or a Holiday to make a donation to your local food pantry.

Thank you again for all that you do.



Saint Paul Musicians Selected

This year has been like no other when it comes to the performing arts. Covid has really thrown a major curveball into all aspects of the arts. But we here at Saint Paul have been working hard to do whatever we can to make the music happen. We are pleased to announce that several of our music students have been recognized and have been selected for Central District Massachusetts Music Educators Festival.

These students include:

Chorus: Ben Duval, Cole Fitzgibbons, Sophie Kassini, Aadarsh Punnamaraju and Claudia Symonick.

Band: Ronald Pataky and Dominic Porcelli

Dominic, Aadarsh, and Claudia received the additional distinction of an All-State recommendation and will audition to be a part of the All-Massachusetts ensembles.

Congratulations to Dr. Murray and his talented students!



College Signings

On Wednesday November 17th, surrounded by their teammates, coaches, and families, softball athletes Natalee Horton and Kya Birtz signed their National Letters of Intent to play collegiate softball. Natalee will play for [UMass Amherst](#) and Kya will play for [Adelphi University](#)!

Congratulations ladies!



Peer Tutoring

Peer tutoring is available for all grades at Saint Paul in the Academic Success Center. Students can seek extra help from fellow classmates during study or after school. If you are interested in being tutored, scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please contact Ms. D'Alessandro for more information.



National Honor Society

Our future is looking bright. On November 9th and 10th, Saint Paul was able to host two ceremonies inducting 41 students into both National Honor Society, and National Jr. Honor Society. Each Candlelight Induction Ceremony led by Mrs. Loin and Ms. Bonczek included a prayer service, guest speakers, and refreshments to follow.

Congratulations to all!



Twelve Angry Jurors

On the weekend of November 19th, the cast of *Twelve Angry Jurors* took the stage and wowed their audiences. This show marks the first live and in person theatrical performance we were able to produce here at the Burke Center for Performing arts. Under the direction of Mr. Vilandre, cast members were able to successfully show the many personalities and conflicts of each juror, creating reasonable doubt that kept us thinking, and guessing all throughout the play. Congratulations to the cast and crew on a job well done!



Remember there is no school on the following dates:

Friday December 10th: Professional development day

Thursday December 23rd through January 2nd for Christmas Break. We will return for regular classes beginning on Monday, January 3rd.

Happy Holidays and many blessings to you and yours!

● THE COLLEGE SEARCH ● FINDING THE RIGHT FIT ● TESTING
● ADMISSIONS PROCESS ● TIMELINES ● FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

READY...GET SET...GO!



SAINT PAUL DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR JUNIORS

Wednesday, December 8th

6:30 p.m.

Saint Paul Burke Auditorium

All college bound juniors and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. This presentation will introduce you to the college search and application process and provide details on what you should be doing NOW to prepare. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kelli Reyngoudt, SP Director of School and College Counseling

Any Questions: KReyngoudt@saintpaulknights.org

Leaping Lizards

It's Finally Happening!!

No More “Hard knock Life” for us kids. Audition time is here!

Come and be a part of this timeless classic as we get ready to audition for our first ever, Saint Paul Spring Musical!

Annie

Whether you have done a show before, or this will be your first time, *Annie* is the perfect show for you. This show has a large cast /ensemble with many roles to try out for, familiar and ear catching music, and lots of fabulous choreography. There is something for everyone.

Auditions will be held December 16th & 17th from 2:30 to 5

Call Backs, if needed, will take place Monday December 20th

Actors should come prepared to sing, dance, and read from the script. More specific information about characters and music selections will be coming soon.

Listen for school announcements.

This show will be Directed by: Ms. Bonczek, Music Direction by: Dr. Murray, and Choreography by: Mrs. Seger.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on our production team. We can't wait to see and hear you all!