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Monday through Friday

7 am to 3 pm.

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6:30 am to 3:30 pm.

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The month of February means so many different things to folks all over. Right from the get go, all eyes are once again on Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, as Phil, the greatest of groundhogs, will be consulted for his meteorological expertise. Will winter stick around, or will it come to an early end? For the sports fan, Super Bowl Sunday will be one to watch. Will the Cincinnati Bengals, a 32 year underdog, come out victorious? Will this time honored tradition remain on a Sunday or will we see the big dance moving to Saturday night? On February 14th , the smell of chocolate will fill the air as we celebrate Valentines Day. This month, we also celebrate Black history through various platforms, Catholic Schools Week, winter pep rally, Theater Workshop, and February Vacation. So many things are happening for one small month.

Racial Equity Coalition Club

The Racial Equity Coalition has created this unity mural composed of hands of different colors. Students and staff were invited to participate by signing their names to a hand representing their stand on equality. The mural is posted outside the cafeteria for all to see. We are proud to celebrate our different cultures and ethnicities as one community.



Art Exhibit Thank You

On behalf of the Art Department we would like to send out a big thank you to all the parents, faculty, and students who came out to support the first ever Saint Paul Knight's *First Semester Art Exhibition 2021-2022*. Please take a look at some of the talented pieces from the exhibit. We cannot wait to see you at our next show!







The Theatre Workshop

Perhaps you are wondering what a workshop actually is. Here is the answer to that question.

A workshop production is a minimalist theatre production with no set, few costumes, and few props. It is an opportunity to engage interested students with little theatrical experience to perform in a ten-minute play or a monologue. Students who have performed in theatre before, continue to hone their craft by acting in ten-minute plays between the fall and spring productions.

This season, Saint Paul's Fine Arts Department presents a collection of ten-minute plays and monologues. Come watch a variety of life's moments from a suburban housewife who JUST loves the theatre, to a woman compelled to have a reckoning with herself!

The Theatre Workshop will be held, Friday and Saturday evening, February 18 and 19 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.00

Cast members include Maria Kelley, Alphonsus Nguyen, Jianne Diaz, Milon Sneed, David Romaniec, Izzy Caprioli, Martyna Myslinski, Allie LaFlash, Molly Hewins, Becky Stearns; and Aiden Edmonds

Saint Paul Service Award

As we celebrated the Feast of the Conversion of our Patron, Saint Paul, Mr. Clark awarded the inaugural Saint Paul Service Award to our beloved school nurse, Mrs. Robin Resteghini. Joining us to present this honor were Mrs. Resteghini's husband, Matt, and daughter Julia '24. The Saint Paul Service Award is the

highest honor conferred by Saint Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr High School to an adult staff member. The Award honors exemplary and meritorious service in advancing the mission of our school. Like Saint Paul himself, the recipient's inspiring zeal sets a standard of servant-leadership for others in the Saint Paul community to model. Thank you for all you do for our school community, Mrs. Resteghini!





Founded in 2010 by the United Nations Foundation, Girl Up gives girls the resources and platform to start a movement for social change wherever they are. Girl Up helps girls access their inner power to advance the skills, rights, and opportunities of girls everywhere.

The Saint Paul Knights Worcester Chapter was established in October of '21. Our chapter is currently 42 members strong, and growing. Over the course of the last four months, members of Girl Up have researched topics such as gender equity in sports, women in engineering, real life super heroes such as Malala Yousafzai and Khalida Brohi, and the young women's robotic team from Afghanistan.

In Addition members of Girl UP have also:

Shared in an afternoon viewing of the movie Hidden Figures, and then had open discussions on the content of the film.

Participated in letter writing campaign to Senators Warren, and McGovern asking them to support the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021 (the original expired in 2018).

Made Christmas Cards and Ornaments for Saint Francis Home Residents

Spent some time discussing self-care strategies such as dealing with anxiety and stress, navigating busy time schedules, and creating healthy routines.

Joined the Boston Coalition's International Pen Pal program.

Formed a book club presently reading and discussing A Long Walk to Water

If Girl Up sounds like something you would like to be involved with ,this club meets every Wednesday morning at 6:45, and every Wednesday afternoon at 2:00. So you can pick a time that best fits your schedule. New members are always welcome.

Candy Grams

On February 7th through the 11th the National Honor Society will be selling Candy Grams during lunch in the cafeteria. For \$2 you can purchase a candy gram and write a small message to be sent to your favorite person on Valentines to brighten their day.

All proceeds from the sales will be used to purchase gifts for the nurses of a local nursing home. In addition, members of NHS will also be designing cards for the residence of the nursing home.

Jazz for the Governor

If you tuned in to Governor Baker's State of the Commonwealth Address on January 25th, you might have seen and heard two of our talented Saint Paul musicians! Dominic

Porcelli '22 and Olaf Minnich '23 were two of only three students in the state invited to perform jazz music at this event.





National School Counseling Week 2022 is Feb. 7-11, 2022. It focuses public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems, highlighting the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Saint Paul is fortunate to have three full-time, professional School Counselors. Ms. Reyngoudt, Director of School Counseling, works with our juniors and seniors with a particular focus on their post-secondary planning. Ms. Haylon counsels students in grades 7-11 and is the primary point of contact for all junior high students. Mr. Watson counsels students in grades 9-11 and is the primary point of contact for our international students/families.

The Saint Paul School Counseling program promotes and enhances the learning process for all students — ensuring the academic, career and personal/social development of our Knights. School counselors help all students:

- Apply academic achievement strategies
- · Manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills
- Manage concerns with family or friends
- Facilitate teacher and parent interactions
- Manage challenges including stress, anxiety, and transitions
- · Course selection advisement
- Plan for post-secondary options



Campus Ministry

Calendar of Events

January 31- February 4: Catholic Schools Week

February 15th: Sophomore Class Retreat

March 2nd : Ash Wednesday. This Mass will be celebrat-

ed with Bishop McManus.

All-States

Congratulations to Saint Paul Musicians, Dominic Porcelli and Aadarsh Punnamaraju for their acceptance to the 2022 Massachusetts All-State Music Festival. They will have the distinction of performing in a <u>live</u> concert at Symphony Hall in Boston on March 5th. Way to go!!

Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School Welcomes

Ms. Sherry Callahan as New Director of Institutional Advancement

Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School welcomes Sherry Leger Callahan as the Director of Institutional Advancement.

Ms. Callahan comes to Saint Paul most recently from the non-profit organization, Veterans Inc., where she served as the Communications and Fundraising Events Manager. Her vast experience in development, corporate sponsorship, and event management, combined with her own personal experience and passion for a Catholic education makes her an ideal fit for Saint Paul.

Prior to Veterans Inc., Sherry served as the Corporate Experience Manager for the Worcester Bravehearts developing many business relationships in Worcester. Early in her career Ms. Callhan was appointment Vice President of Marketing for a large commercial real estate firm in Boston, MA; and then went on years later to start her own successful marketing consulting business. Sherry has served on a variety of local boards and associations including the North Worcester Business Association, Worcester Rotary Club, and various Junior Leagues. She is a graduate of St. Bernard's High School (Fitchburg) and Framingham State University.

"I am thrilled to be part of this exciting time for Saint Paul. The opportunity supports both my professional passion for advancement and my personal sentiment for a Catholic education." states Callahan.

Houston Signs with Brown University

Congratulations to Hayley Houston '22 who signed her National Letter of Intent to play soccer for <u>Brown University!</u> Hayley was joined on February 2nd by her mom Heidi, grandparents, cousins, and Saint Paul soccer teammates. Way to go Hayley!!



There is no school Monday February 21st through Friday the 25th.

Classes will resume on Monday February 28th.