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And just like that, summer has come to an end. A buzz of nervous excitement filled the air as our faculty and student body returned to Saint Paul ready and eager to begin the new school year.

From day one, teachers and administrators waited to offer a warm smile and greeting to everyone. New students settled in, getting used to their new home; and returning students were happy to see familiar faces, sharing lots of stories and a few hugs. Senior Orientation Leaders spent their time making everyone feel welcome as they gave tours, served pizza at lunch, and offered a helping hand to anyone in need. SPD is alive and ready to go!

Moving forward, there are so many new and exciting things to share with all of you, so we have created the "Saint Paul Monthly" to help keep you up to date on all the school happenings. This publication will be sent via email and can also be found on our website under Knight Life, Updates and News. The school website can be found at <https://www.saintpaulknights.org/knight-life/school-calendar.cfm>. We are so excited for a more normal schedule of events this school year. From sports to music, theater arts to masses, clubs to special events, we don't want anyone to miss a thing. Daily announcements can also be found at <https://www.saintpaulknights.org/knight-life/parentresources.cfm>. It is our hope that you will find having all the updates and current information in one location will be both helpful and convenient. But do remember that our website and monthly calendar are always updated with events, dates, and times.

School and Main Office Hours

The Main Office is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3 pm

The school is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call: 508-852-5555

I.D. and Senior Photo Make-up/Retake Day: Wednesday, Sept. 29

For anyone who missed having their I.D. photo, senior photo, or staff I.D. photo taken for the 2021-22 school year, you will have the opportunity to do so on Wednesday, September 29th beginning at 9 am.

Any student that has already taken their photo but needs a retake will also be photographed during this time. Students will be called down to the auditorium in alphabetical order by class throughout the day to be photographed.

Staff/Faculty may be photographed when they have a free period.

Dress Code

Senior Boys must wear a dress shirt and tie

Senior Girls must wear a blouse, shirt, sweater, or dress. No spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, or low plunging necklines are allowed.

All other students may be dressed casually, but appropriately if they are going to purchase a photo package.

Again, no graphic tees, bare shoulders, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines, ripped jeans, or yoga pants.

Students who are not purchasing a school photo package but need an I.D. photo taken should be in uniform.

For any questions regarding photos, please contact Mrs. Seger: cseger@saintpaulknights.org.

Attendance Policies/Procedures

All absences must be reported to the school. In the event of an absence, please call 1-508-852-5555: Health Office ext. 121; Main Office ext. 100.

Medical appointment absences require verification by an official doctor's note stating Date & Time of appointment within one (1) week of the appointment date.

Students cannot have more than ten (10) absences per academic year – no more than five (5) in a quarter.

Tardy students must report to the Main Office – they will be excused with an official medical note.

If you know your child is going to be late, please call the Main Office. Students who reach five (5) tardies in a semester will make up time missed.

Consistent tardiness may result in disciplinary sanctions and a meeting with parents/guardians.

Dismissal notes are the preferred method of dismissal. A note should be brought to the Main Office upon arriving at school in the morning.

Students who drive to school and are dismissed early are required to have a note from their parent.

All dismissal notes should include the following: Student's first and last name, date, time of dismissal, reason for dismissal, the name of the individual picking up if different from parent/guardian, and a signature and cell number of parent/guardian.

Back-to-School Night

Thursday, September 16:

6:30 pm to 8 pm

When starting off the school year, it is always nice to be able to put a name with a face: here is your opportunity to do just that. On Thursday, September 16th, Saint Paul will be hosting a Back-to-School Night for parents from 6:30-8pm.

This evening will allow you to come into the building, meet your student's teachers, and get to know them; to learn what their classes are all about, what their expectations are, and what it takes for a student's success in their classroom. It will also give you a moment to ask questions, and to learn the best way to communicate with each teacher.

We hope to see you there!

Calling All Photographers

If you love going to events and taking pictures, then we need you!

The Yearbook staff is looking for help capturing special moments at school events. Whether you are a student or a parent with a camera or a great phone to shoot photos, we would love it if you could share your pictures with us. They can be everything from candid shots to student life, sports to the arts, and special events.

For more information on how to be a contributing photographer, please see Mrs. Seger or email her at cseger@saintpaulknights.org.

Auditions for Fall Play

Auditions for the first Saint Paul Jr./Sr. High School in-person, onstage play, "12 Angry Jurors," directed by Mr. Vilandre, will take place after school on Monday, September 13, from 2:15-3:15 pm, and Thursday, September 16, from 2:15-3:15 pm.

Everyone auditioning will be asked to do a cold reading from this show.

This show is open to all students, grades 7-12.

Performance dates are November 19-21.

With any questions, email: dvilandre@saintpaulknights.org.

Senior/Freshman Day

Calling all Seniors and Freshmen! Come help begin a new tradition as Saint Paul holds its first ever Senior/Freshman Day.

Join the fun on Saturday, September 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Freshmen will be buddied up with Seniors as they compete to win the three-legged race, pie eating contest, and so much more. This fast-paced, fun-filled day is the perfect way to get to know your classmates, as well as meet and form relationships with the class of '22.

All Students should dress comfortably and appropriate for field games. (Sneakers are a must.)

Students must bring their own water bottle.

Following our morning of fun, all students are invited to walk up to the football field and cheer on our Saint Paul Knights as we take on Oakmont at noon, so pack your lunch! If you decide not to stay for the game, students must be picked up at 11:30 am.

For sign-ups, listen to school announcements, or ask your Class Moderator.

Welcome To Class



While it is always sad to see our favorite teacher or staff member retire or move away, it is equally exciting to introduce some new members to our Saint Paul Community. These talented individuals are thrilled to be here sharing what they love most with all of us. And they have hit the ground running!

(Pictured here from left to right: Chris Towns, Paul May, Michael Clark, Stephen Murray, Olivia D'Alessandro, Margarett Leveque, and Giulia Sena. Not pictured: Bernadette Harris)

Ms. Olivia D'Alessandro...rejoins Saint Paul in a new capacity as our Academic Success Coordinator. Last year Ms. D'Alessandro made for a ready resource to students as a long-term substitute teacher. In matching her degree work and her previous experience at both Saint Paul and St. Peter's Elementary, our students seeking additional support with coursework and organizational management will be in good hands with Ms. D'Alessandro leading the Academic Success Center. Ms. D'Alessandro is a Holy Name graduate and earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Salem State University.

Ms. Bernadette Harris...joins the Saint Paul World Languages department as a Spanish teacher. Ms. Harris is a veteran teacher of both Spanish and German. Her previous experience includes teaching at both the junior and senior high school levels at Quabbin Regional (Barre) and most recently at St. Mary's (Worcester) where she also chaired the school's multicultural committee. Ms. Harris is a graduate of Holy Name, received her undergraduate degree in Foreign Languages (Spanish and German) from Assumption College where she graduated magna cum laude, and earned a Master of Education with a concentration in Spanish from Worcester State College.

Ms. Margarett Leveque...joins the World Languages department as our French teacher. A native of Haiti, Ms. Leveque has been in the field of education for her entire adult life. She has served as both a teacher of French (among other disciplines) and as a school administrator. An active member of the Haitian community of Worcester, Ms. Leveque has been a generous volunteer at both the parish and diocesan level. Ms. Leveque has completed degree studies in both her native Haiti as well as in the United States, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood education from Becker College.

Mr. Paul May...joins the Saint Paul staff as our Director of Enrollment. Previously, Mr. May served as Senior Associate Director of Admissions at Becker College. His experience in enrollment comes with depth, holding various enrollment positions at Nichols College, St. Leo University (Florida), and Norwich University. Coupling his experience as the former Director of College Placement and Transition at Nativity School (Worcester) with his tenure at Becker, Mr. May brings a broad and in-depth understanding of enrollment practices and student perspectives to his roll, especially as experienced in our region. An active member of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. May earned his undergraduate degree in Communications from Norwich University

Dr. Stephen Murray...joins the Fine Arts department as our music and chorus instructor. Dr. Murray is recently retired from the Wayland Public Schools where he established and directed an accomplished music education program that achieved several student honors at both the district and state levels. If Dr. Murray looks familiar, perhaps that is for good reason. A mainstay on the local theatre scene with both Calliope Productions and Worcester County Light Opera, Dr. Murray has performed extensively within our region, both on stage and in the pit. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts & Music Education from Boston University.

Ms. Giulia Sena...joins the Fine Arts department as our studio art instructor. Ms. Sena's career path has taken her into the world of fashion design and mixed media art as a concept designer. In the classroom, Ms. Sena earned academic distinction as a graduate of the Mass College of Art and Design. Closer to home, Ms. Sena is a graduate of St. Peter-Marian and has volunteered as a catechist at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Mr. Christopher Towns...returns to diocesan education after serving as a mathematics teacher in the Southbridge Public Schools. Previously, Mr. Towns served as a mathematics teacher at St. Peter-Marian where he quickly earned praise among his junior high students for his work with integrating technology and math. Mr. Towns is a Holy Name graduate, earned his undergraduate degree at Arizona State University, and possesses Massachusetts licensure in mathematics.

Fall Sports

Fall sports are underway, and we are off to a great start. However, nothing can make our season better than having a strong cheering section of support: the louder the crowd, the better the game.

Please take a moment to visit the school calendar on our website to see the teams that are playing each day. If you place your cursor over the day you want, the time and location of the game will pop up.

We hope to hear you cheering in the stands!

Reminder to Sign Student Handbook

Just a reminder that your student handbook form must be signed and submitted. You should be doing this through the Family Portal on RenWeb.



Spirit Wear

Wear your school colors and let everyone know that you are proud to be a knight! We have everything from T-shirts to sweatshirts, shorts to hats, and much more. To visit our Squad Locker Store, all you must do is go to the Saint Paul Website, go to Knight Life, then click on Campus Store. From there, just follow the link and shop away!

Class Moderators

Class of '22 Mrs. Susan Russo & Ms. Wendy Yakstis

Class of '23 Mr. Greg Marcotte & Mr. David Valandre

Class of '24 Mr. Tom Decoteau & Mrs. Kristen Lund

Class of '25 Mrs. Julie Kreuz & Mr. Nick Vallani

Reminder: Early Release Day

Wednesday, September 15, at 11 am for all students.