



# *The Quill*

## St. Paul Catholic School

March, 2017

Dear Parents,

During morning Mass on March 10<sup>th</sup> Father Rod gave an excellent homily focused on Matthew 5:21-25:

*"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, "Raqa (meaning imbecile)" will be answerable to the Sandedrin, and whoever says, "You fool," will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother and then come and offer your gift. "*

Father Rod's homily was particularly moving for me. I have been troubled for some time with the ways in which our children and many adults are using social media to hurt others. Recently, I have read many angry comments posted by parents on Facebook in particular, that are based on untruths. Instead of someone stepping up to the plate to stop the thread of rumor, many people choose to chime in with even more offensive comments. While these people may not have been the person who first said the untruths they are supporting the continuation of doubtful or uncertain truths. Once the untruths are posted online they are there for everyone to see even our *children and our children's friends*.

We can't take our offensive comments back once we have posted them online but we can reach out to those who have hurt us or whom we have hurt to reach some form of reconciliation. As bystanders we have the responsibility to encourage the reconciliation by being part of the solution as opposed to being part of the problem. We can't just stand by and watch while someone's character and reputation is being defamed by exaggeration, misleading half-truths, or a manipulation of facts.

I realize that the majority of people who read this are not engaging in this type of behavior. However, it only takes a few negative comments to damage a person's reputation or character. And bottom line, it is against what Jesus teaches us. In this reading He offers us a solution for confronting our anger and making peace with others. Lent is a good time to reflect on those people in our lives we have hurt or those who have hurt us in some way. May we bless others by extending them the same love and mercy that God shows us each and every day. May we also remember that God has given us the responsibility to teach and model His truth to our children.

God bless!

Kathy Norris, PhD  
Principal – St. Paul School



*"...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."*



## ATTENTION ALL 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT VACCINE NOTIFICATION\*\*\*

#### OHIO LAW STIPULATES:

Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have:

- 1 dose of the Tdap Vaccine AND
- 1 dose of the Meningitis Vaccine (\*new last year)

**Please check with your child's pediatrician to make sure all immunizations are current. If your child needs the required vaccines, please get them completed ASAP.**

**Please provide an updated immunization record to the school nurse ASAP. The doctor's office can fax the updated records to the attention of the school nurse to 614-882-5998.**

For any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks so much!

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# IMPORTANT TUITION INFORMATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Mark Your Calendar with the following information regarding Diocese of Columbus Tuition Assistance for the 2017-2018 School Year!

- ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE DONE **ONLINE** AT  
([www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com))
- SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY **March 15, 2017**.  
If you do not have internet access, please check with your local library or see if you can make arrangements with your school.
- FILE 2016 TAXES EARLY!!

To be considered for the Diocese of Columbus Tuition Assistance Program:

1. You must be registered in one of the Diocesan schools by March 15, 2017.
2. The Diocese will only accept ONLINE APPLICATIONS ([www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com)). The application must be submitted by March 15, 2017 and supporting documentation must be postmarked by March 15, 2017. (Please file early in case additional documentation is requested by FACTS).
3. Payment of the \$30.00 application fee must accompany the application.
4. Only one application per family is required.

Please remember that if there is a financial need, families have two options: 1). Application can be made through FACTS Tuition Assistance (deadline March 15, 2017) and 2.) Registered families may apply for tuition assistance through the parish. However, in order to be considered for financial assistance from the parish, families must first have applied through FACTS Tuition Assistance. Parish assistance application due by **May 1, 2017**.

# Upcoming Events

March 14	6th grade musical, 7 pm, AC
March 15	FACTS Tuition Assistance Application due
March 16	Early dismissal - 1:30 pm
March 17	3rd Qtr. ends, 8th grade Dads & Donuts, Stations of Cross 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
March 18	District Science Fair, Silent Auction
March 20	FastScrip orders due, 7th grade butter braid orders/money due
March 24	Early dismissal - 1:30, Stations of the Cross 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm
March 27-31	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

## February Student of the Month

**Kindergarten** – Olivia Ballard, Blake Trotter, Ian Eckstein, Sophia Lechiara

**First Grade** – Joshua Elgin, Nathan Powell

**Second Grade** – Travis Anderson, Kaitlyn Weldele, Gavin Etheridge

**Third Grade** – Ellery Monnin, Jack Bigelow, Jocelyn Green

**Fourth Grade** – Karris Stuttard, Charles Rizek, Ian Mann

**Fifth Grade** – Grace Dziazkowicz, Andrea Miranda, Brooke Eader

**Sixth Grade** – Reece Hanley, Lara Worth, Nick Pieroni

**Seventh Grade** – Andrew Shoemaker, Emily Hawking, Jillian Green

**Eighth Grade** – Emma Fantine, Sabrina Pesce, Ashlynn Garnon

**Mrs. Power** - Lauren Clayton

**Library** – Will Woodruff

**Gym** – Eli Gamble, Matthew Kirby

**Music** – Lily Carlos, Chloe Smith

**Art** – Brady Fletcher, Mia Slanoc

**Nurse** – Patrick Long, TJ Martin

**Band** – Shelby Hoopes

**Spanish**— Lauren Keating

**Computer**— Faith Gantz, Ruby Rupp



# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The St. Paul Battle of the Books team competed Monday, March 6th against six other Diocesan teams at St. Francis DeSales High School. Our team performed extremely well; it was a close competition.

Please join us in congratulating them for a job well-done!

Eighth grade team members are:

Lauren Coleman  
Nicole Corn  
Lauren McCann  
Maya Steiger  
Leah Vanasdale



Seventh grade team members are:

Anna Granata  
Chase Jackson

Congratulations!



## School Closing/Delays

**When Westerville schools close or are delayed due to inclement weather, St. Paul School also closes or is delayed since Westerville transports the majority of our students.**

**When Big Walnut, New Albany, and/or Olentangy schools close and Westerville schools remain open, parents from these districts must provide transportation to **and** from school.**

**When Big Walnut, New Albany, and/or Olentangy schools are delayed and Westerville schools remain open parents from these districts must provide transportation to school only. Busses will be here at dismissal.**

**Please only follow Westerville City Schools closures and delays. We do not follow closures/delays for Columbus Catholic Schools.**

# ST. PAUL/HARPSTER SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

## FEBRUARY 25, 2017

Congratulations to our St. Paul Harpster Science Day winners! Forty-nine of the eighty-eight projects received a Superior rating which is the top rating!

- Ashleigh Zehala won 1st place and will receive a \$200 scholarship.
- Kevin Heil and Jason Zehala won 2nd place and each will receive a \$175 scholarship.
- Lillian Metzger, Aidan Williams and Ryan Gustafson all will receive \$150 Scholarships.
- Scholarships of \$125 were won by Nathan Stevenson, Julia Mauger, Lauren McCann, Emma Fantine, Haley Weis, Elena Marchese and Mia Gehrlich.
- And \$100 Scholarships were won by Sydney Eader, Marley Jackson, Alex Michalec, John Protz, Narit Mongkollugsana and Mia Slanoc.

The scholarships are made possible by the very generous donation of Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Marilyn Harpster.

- Tommy Donnelly, Kendall Gonya, Margaret Owsiany, Ella Reither, Nick Hartman, Colin McClain, James Foos, Max Lee, Evelyn Sarle and Lauren Coleman were awarded \$15 Gift Cards to Barnes and Noble Bookstore which were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bozymski.

Alex Hatcher, Lauren Keating, Gabriella Mahaffey, Ben Franz, Audrey Callahan, Cara Jewett, Madelyn Nagel, Nick Trostel, Lily Carlos, Marlee Kroll, Noah Kistler, Isaiah Rush, Josh Thomas, Luca Ricci, Maya Steiger, Alexis Jacobsen, Nathan Fanning, Nick Lusky, Nicole Corn and Bridget Javitch also received Superior Ratings.

All students receiving a Superior Rating will have the opportunity to attend the District Science Fair held at Columbus State Community College on March 18th.

All other participants received Excellent Ratings. Thank you to all students, parents, judges and staff for a wonderful and successful science fair. It was an amazing day made possible by the help and support of many generous people!



## Hello from St. Paul Madness Auction

We are still accepting RSVP's for this Saturday night! Send in a check with your RSVP or go here to buy tickets:

<https://stpaulauction.afrogs.org/#/tickets/event>

*Bet on the March 18th "March Madness Game". Anyone can buy a square and you could win cash. Only 50 squares left to buy.*

*If your square matches the halftime score or final score of the game on Saturday night - you win \$100 / \$200!*

*Winners need not be present. Details are on the website.*

New this year - an after party! Once the bidding ends the dancing will begin and go longer this year! More details coming!

**This really is a great night...**

You want a reserved table? No problem,

You want to come with just other moms? No problem,

You want to wear jeans? No problem,

You want all your drinks and food included in the price? No problem!

Check out our website to see all the great items that will be up for auction and the beautiful projects that kids have done!

If you have any questions just reach out to us.

Thank you!

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