



# Spartan Newsletter

## St. Paul of the Cross 2022-2023 School Year

School-Wide Learning Expectation: Academically Prepared; Spiritually Evolving; Active Catholic-Christian; Life-Long Learner **January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### 65 Years of Developing Students Academically and Spiritually!

### Principally Speaking:

#### Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a very HAPPY, WARM, SAFE, WONDERFUL and MAGICAL CHRISTMAS vacation! It is great seeing all the students full of renewed energy. It is hard to believe that it is now **2023**. I have heard many stories of family fun festivities and other ways the children spent their holidays.

However, students need to get back into their school routine. We are in our second trimester and they need to hit the books again. Please help your child to re-organize their backpacks, school supplies, masks, homework spaces, and uniforms. Parents, please check your children's homework, sign homework and planners. This will let their teacher know, that you are aware of their assignments and the quality of work your children are turning in. It is also important to talk to your children about turning in all classwork, homework, and projects on time. This will help your children enjoy and succeed during the rest of the school year.

We are all working hard to continue moving the school forward. We are striving to grow academically, spiritually, and produce life-long learners.

I pray that God's Blessings keep you healthy, safe, and prosperous in this New Year!

**Ms. Hernandez**



### \*\* DATES TO REMINDER \*\*

#### NO SCHOOL ON:

<b>Monday, January 16</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	<b>April 7 – 14</b> <i>Easter Vacation</i>
<b>Monday, February 20</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	<b>May 29</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>

#### UP COMING EVENTS:

<b>Wednesday, Jan. 4</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Gr Patio Prayer</i>	<b>Thursday, Jan. 19</b> <i>COVID Testing</i>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 5</b> <i>COVID Testing Resumes</i>	<b>Friday, Jan. 20</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Gr Mass</i>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 5</b> <i>Finger Printing</i>	<b>Saturday, Jan. 21</b> <i>Mother/Son Event</i>
<b>Friday, Jan. 6</b> <i>Student Council Mass</i>	<b>Wednesday, Jan. 25</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Gr Patio Prayer</i>
<b>Monday, Jan. 9</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser Due</i>	<b>Wednesday, Jan. 25</b> <i>Student of the Month</i>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 11</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Gr Patio Prayer</i>	<b>Thursday, Jan. 26</b> <i>COVID Testing</i>
<b>Friday, Jan. 13</b> <i>8<sup>th</sup> Gr Mass</i>	<b>Friday, Jan. 27</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Gr Mass</i>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 18</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Gr Patio Prayer</i>	<b>Sunday, Jan. 29</b> <i>School Mass/Open House</i>
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 18</b> <i>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; TK/K Grad Pictures</i>	<b>Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 5</b> <i>Catholic Schools' Week</i>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandatory Fundraiser

Parents:

Our second **MANDATORY \$100 FUNDRAISER IS DUE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**. We will be having a Raffle of Baskets. Each grade will make up a basket worth, \$100. Each family will receive 10 tickets to be put in for a chance to win the basket(s) or your choice!



## Open House

**SAVE THE DATE:**

*Sunday, January 29, 2023*

*12noon to 2:00pm*

The best marketing tool we have is

**WORD OF MOUTH!**

Invite someone that is looking for a small Catholic School and bring them with you!

## STAR Testing

*STAR Testing Window 2*

Begins on Thursday January 5, 2023. Please make sure your children get a good night sleep, so that they come prepared and alert for the tests.

## Football-Mania Winners

*Congratulations!*

*Week 14: Mike Tandiana*

*Week 15: Joshua Brownfield, Kevin Ruiz,  
Hilario Hernandez*

*Week 16: Krystal Leal, Olivia Limon, Joel Pezzulio*

*Week 17: No Winners*

## Fingerprinting

*Just a Reminder:*

*If you made an appointment to get  
Fingerprinted it's on Thursday, Jan. 5*

## Student of the Month

*Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Fairness  
(After Patio Prayer)*

## Prayer Corner

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer corner, please  
send in their name by Monday morning. Thank you.*

**Please Prayer for:**

Fr. Chan

Ms. H

Parents & Staff

**For The Repose of the Souls of:**

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** – Our formal Pope

**Elizabeth Iglesias** – Ms. H's Sister

**Eugene A. Gleason Jr.**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer.*

*~Philippians 4:6-7*

## The Significance of the 3 Kings

January 6 marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas, better known as The Epiphany, or Three Kings Day. This holiday is celebrated as the day the three wise men (*Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar*) first saw baby Jesus and brought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Guided by a bright star that lead them to stable in Bethlehem, where Christ was born. On this day, loved ones often gather to celebrate with the rosca de reyes, or "bread of kings." The rosca is a sweet, ring-shaped bread. Even the shape is symbolic, representing both the shape of a crown and as a symbol of eternal and never-ending love. The colorful quince, nopales, and cherries represent the jewels of the crown, with the color green representing faith and gold representing power. Hidden inside the bread is a baby figurine which is symbolic of Mary and Joseph hiding away their baby from King Herodes' persecution.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Parents please sign-up.**

You need to do 5 BINGOS throughout the year.:

**\*\*Bingo Hours are on Fridays from 5:30 - 10pm**

January 6	We need 3 more Parents
January 13	We need 3 more Parents
January 20	We need 2 more Parents
January 27	We need 3 more Parents
February 3	We need 4 more Parents
<b>BINGO SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL</b>	

## ~ Bingo ~

**Parents, it is very important to show-up for  
the Bingo slot you signed-up for. Thank you.**

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	January 13 <sup>th</sup>
Brianna Ferrer: 5 <sup>th</sup>	Brianna Ferrer: 5 <sup>th</sup>

## Scrip Sales

**You can order Scrip on Monday and get it  
on Thursdays or sign-up online to buy  
scrip.**