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DEAR ST. PAUL'S FAMILIES:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. This year promises to be another successful and important year that will continue the rich tradition of St. Paul's School.

The National Catholic Education Association theme for Catholic Schools this year is "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life". The theme for this year highlights the special role Catholic Schools play in the development of our students into valuable and productive members of our society. At St. Paul's School, we do this through our **Core Values** of:

A Journey in Faith
A Journey as Family
A Journey of Discovery
A Journey through Service
Prepared for Life

I invite you to contact me at any time with a comment or concern about our school. You can call me at 877-6308 or e-mail me at cmeagher@stpaulchruchken.org. I always enjoy hearing from you.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Since our August mailing, we have had a few changes in the staff at St. Paul's School. The former Universal Pre-School Aide, Mrs. Martha Schwing, has resigned. We have hired Mrs.

Jean Rizzo as our new Universal PK Aide. The former Computer/Technology teacher, Mr. Terrance Duran, resigned to take another position at another school. We have hired **Ms. Denise Taboni** as our new Computer/Technology teacher. Please join us in welcoming these new staff members.



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

We ask that children do NOT arrive earlier than 7:30 AM unless they take a bus to school.

At 7:30 AM children are admitted to the building and proceed directly to their classrooms. We cannot provide supervision for children who arrive early and remain outside the building. If your child must arrive to school early, please send a note to the school office to that effect.

Remember – school begins at 7:45 AM. All students should be in homeroom by this time. If you bring your child to school, please leave them at the school entrance.

GREEN REGISTRATION FORMS

Please complete the student registration forms and return them to school by this **MONDAY**. We must ask for this information each year in order to update our records. Please fill one out for each child.

SWINE FLU UPDATE

Enclosed in today's Communicator is a flyer from the Centers for Disease Control entitled, "Action Steps for Parents to Protect Your Child and Family from the Flu this School Year." More information is available at :
<http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/index.html>

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We, at St. Paul's, are blessed with a very active and enthusiastic Home School Association. We would encourage you to become involved. Your child's education is enhanced by the contributions of this organization. It is not only an obligation, but a privilege to belong to this support group for our school. Dues for the Home School Association are paid through your registration fee. The first meeting of the school year will be held on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM** in the school hall.

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Please plan to attend and have the opportunity to meet new people, have fun, and help our children through your participation. This year we will have both the Mock Schedule and Open House on the same evening to try and make it more convenient for parents. The Mock Schedule for Grades 6, 7 & 8 will be held at 5:45 PM and Open House for Grades Pre-K – 5 will be held at 6:00 PM. All parents are expected to attend the meeting following Mock Schedule/Open House.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from **Monday September 14,** through **Thursday, September 17.** Please plan on stopping by the Library for some wonderful and educational books for your children. Information was sent home with your child this week.

WRAPPING PAPER SALE

On **Friday, September 18,** our Home School Association wrapping paper and accessories sale begins. Pamphlets will be distributed to each student. All students receive a bonus, no matter what they sell. A kick off assembly will be held on **Thursday, September 17** at **1:00 PM.**

ABSENCES

If your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you phone the school office (877-6308) anytime before 8:00 AM (we have an answering machine to receive calls during the night and early

morning). This is a measure taken for your child's safety.

Written excuses for tardiness and absences are required by State law. Homework and missed class work will be automatically provided during your child's absence. Please make arrangements for picking up assignments and books by calling the school office or having another student responsible for picking up the work.

Please use the form provided in newsletter. Additional forms are available.

Please refer to the Attendance Policy on pages 6 and 7 of the Parent/Student handbook.



MEDICINE

If your child needs to take medicine during school, it must be brought to the office by the parent (or by a responsible adult) with written permission and directions. A form is included in this newsletter. Our school nurse will be in our building each day from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

SPEECH SERVICES

Children with moderate to severe speech and/or language development problems will receive services on a regular basis.

To receive intensive services, a child must be identified as Speech Impaired and recommended for these services by the Committee on Special Education. Less severe problems are dealt with through the Speech Improvement Program. The Speech-Language Pathologist will screen all referred Kindergartners before December 1, 2009. Third grade students will receive a speech screening in September. Parents will be notified of screening results only if the child requires speech-language therapy services, or appropriate follow-up services. Parents may contact the Speech-Language Pathologist through the school office.

Speech services will be provided by the Ken-Ton School District at our school for the students who qualify. Ms. Lisa Gaurino will be our Speech-Language Pathologist this year.

PARENT / SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Once again this year, we will have a Weekly Communicator that will go home each Friday (or the last day of the week school is in session) and must be returned the following Monday. It will have a newsletter, all communications that need to go home with your child and any information you have to come to school.

This procedure should help to get all the information sent out by organizations – Home School, etc. into your home with more organization.

Information will go

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out with each student. If you misplace or lose your envelope, there will be a \$3.00 fee for a new one. Thank you for your cooperation with this procedure.

Report card and 5 week reports will be sent out in the same type of envelope. We have had much success with envelope returns and parents receiving information on time. Each student will have their own Report Envelope.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please review and return the volunteer sheet included with this newsletter. Return as soon as possible to your child's teacher.

All adults who have regular contact with youth in their work in the Diocese of Buffalo must attend a "Protecting God's Children" workshop. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please call the school office or for information on seminars go to www.buffalodiocese.org.

SWIM TEAM

The first Swim Team Meeting was held on **Wednesday, September 9** for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are not able to attend this meeting and if your child is interested in joining the swim team, please Mr. Russell La Duca at 835-8608 or the school office for more information.

Our team is in need of swim in all age groups especially 8 and under. It is a wonderful sport under the direction of very good coaches.

ENJOY THE CITY BOOKS

Enjoy the City Books will once again be on sale this year with proceeds to benefit the 8th grade students for their class trip. Look for details and pricing information in the communicator.

TAPES AND LABELS

St. Paul's School will again be collecting Campbell Soup labels (complete label, please), General Mills Box Tops and Tyson Products labels in order to raise funds for school improvements. Our goal again this year is to raise \$2000 among these different programs. Please see the inserts in the newsletter for more information. Remember, these incentives are great ways to raise valuable dollars for our school **WITHOUT** spending additional money. Thanks for all your continued support!



CALENDAR CHANGES

We **already** have some changes to our school calendar. Please note these changes on your school calendars:

October 21 – Home School Association Meeting 7:00 PM

January 20 – Home School Association Meeting 7:00 PM

May 12 – Home School Association Meeting/Fine Arts Meeting 7:00 PM (Moved from May 19)

Non-uniform days – These days have been moved to the preceding **Thursday** in every month **except for March**.

GYM UNIFORM SHORTS

The gym shorts worn on gym days should be plain either navy blue or black and knee length. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

We ask that you respect the privacy of the St. Paul's School staff and not call them at home, unless a staff member has given permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

CALENDAR

Sept. 14 – Full Uniform begins

Sept. 15 – School Liturgy 8:00 AM

Sept. 16 – Mock Schedule Gr. 6-8, 5:45 PM

Open House Gr. PK-5, 6:00 PM

Home School Association Meeting 7:00 PM

Sept. 17 – Wrapping Paper Sale Assembly 1:00 PM

Sept. 18 – Wrapping Paper Sale begins

God Bless,
Mr. Meagher



