



Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Paschal Baylon Catholic School is to foster Christ-centered values while providing students with a challenging academic curriculum in an environment of dignity and respect.

We Will Walk With God

Week of: August 28, 2017

Calendar of Activities

Preschool Staggered Start Week

Monday— First Full Day for Kindergarten Students
Chromebook Distribution for Grades 6-7-8

Tuesday—

Wednesday— All School Mass—9:00 am

Thursday— Parent Open House—6:45 pm in Church

Friday—

Welcome!

We have been in school for only a few days, and we have already become a family. We welcome three new staff members and 14 new students! The following is a little about our new staff members.

Mrs. Carrie Hanus is starting her fifteenth year in Catholic Education. She formerly taught both 4th and 6th grade at Sacred Heart of Jesus in South Euclid. Mrs. Hanus will be teaching 5th grade Social Studies, Science, and Health as well as 6th grade Science and Health. She lives in Aurora with her husband and two children. Mrs. Hanus tells me that she appreciates the warm welcome from staff, students, and parents and looks forward to a great school year.

Mrs. Anna Peko formerly taught junior high at Saint Hilary School in Fairlawn. She has taken on the position of our 7th and 8th grade math teacher and describes herself as being “blessed” to be able to do so. Mrs. Peko, along with her husband George, is the Catechetical Leader at SPB facilitating PSR, RCIA, Baptism Preparation, and Confirmation. Mrs. Peko lives with her husband and two boys in Twinsburg. She looks forward to continuing the Saint Paschal Baylon mission.

Mrs. Elizabeth Uzzo is entering her tenth year of teaching. She formerly taught at Saint James and at Gesu. She is married and has two girls who attend Saint Paschal Baylon. She took some time off to stay at home with her children, but has worked at Saint Paschal for the past two years as a substitute teacher and a teacher’s aide. The Uzzo family are parishioners of Saint Paschal. She tells me that she is excited to be part of the faculty full time! You will find Mrs. Uzzo with her third graders in Room 12.



I look forward to recognizing our new families at Parent Open House on Thursday, August 31 at 6:45 pm in Church. See you then!

Gradelink App

Gradelink is our new student management system, and we hope you have had the opportunity to explore some of the features. We wanted to make you aware that Gradelink also offers an app available for both Android and Apple smartphones and mobile devices. It is a free download available through the iTunes App Store or Google Play. It is a convenient way to view a quick snapshot of your child's academic performance as well as assigned homework. Check it out!

Physical Education News

Many families took advantage of purchasing physical education uniforms during our Meet Your Teacher night. If you did not order and realized that you still need physical education clothing, please send in an order by Friday September 1. Some of the youth sizes sold out at the sale, so these items are on backorder and will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

We would like to thank Colleen Grossner for arranging all the help for the uniform sale. Thanks to Diana McAndrew, Jackie Slife, Deb Koeberer, Corey Lightfoot, Barb Karim, Mollie Barnes, Kathy Andru, Barb Speyer, Pauline Yurchenko and Diane Raguz. Without your help, the sale would not have been successful.

If you need an order form, have your child see Mrs. Widener or they can pick up an order form in the plastic box outside the physical education office door. Order forms are also available on the PE page of the website.

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Prep Class

We are pleased to announce that Saint Paschal Baylon Catholic School will host a high school placement preparatory class for interested eighth graders beginning September 7th. A representative of Test Preparation & Tutoring Services will offer four sessions taking place on Thursdays during September that will help our students prepare for the Catholic High School Placement Test (HSPT). Students will learn test-taking techniques and strategies to increase their scores on the standardized tests. We are very excited to offer this to our students once again this year as we help them hone their skills for high school. Registration forms were sent home last week and are due to the office by Friday, September 1st.

Renaissance (AR) Home Connect

The most effective way for parents to monitor their child's Accelerated Reader (AR) progress is through Renaissance Home Connect. Renaissance Home Connect allows parents and students to log in to a website and view his/her progress for the quarter, review quiz results, conduct book searches, and more. In addition, parents can have quiz results emailed to them once their child has taken a quiz. You can access Renaissance Home Connect through the school website under the Parents tab. The login information is what your child uses to login to AR. We strongly encourage you to monitor your child's progress by accessing this website. New families will receive an informational letter in today's communication folder. Please contact us if you have any questions.

S.T.A.R.S. Program

Do you have a student in grades 3-8? Does your student have homework? If so, we invite your student to attend our STARS Homework Advisory Program. S.T.A.R.S. stands for "Students Taking Academics Really Seriously". S.T.A.R.S. Homework Advisory Program is an after-school program that provides a quiet, structured environment for your child to do his/her homework. It is designed to increase homework completion and help students enhance academic success. S.T.A.R.S. Homework Advisory Program will meet Monday through Thursday from 2:30pm-3:30pm for the entire school year, with the exception of faculty meeting days, holidays, and school breaks. The program will start up on Monday, August 27th. The cost for S.T.A.R.S. Homework Advisory Program is \$5 per daily session attended. Students must also have a completed registration form and a signed student contract form in order to participate. Registration forms and student contract forms will be available at Open House and through your child's homeroom teacher.

Lunch Room and Recess Volunteers

We thank the eighth grade parents who have signed up for a day or two to help at lunchtime. Your children will be thrilled to see you here! There are a few parents who have not taken the opportunity to sign up. Remember, we are only asking for two spots to be filled for the entire year! Are you able to find that time within your schedule? We welcome substitutes if you can't personally make it in.

Seventh grade parents, it's your turn. You received an email invitation from Sign Up Genius. Please sign up for two spots during the month. Remember, you are signing up to monitor our students on the playground and at the lunch tables. You will also be asked to wipe down the tables after each lunch period. We really do appreciate the time you spend with us and with your children!

Organizational News

PTO Uniform Exchange: The Uniform Exchange Program had another successful year! The program ran from August 5th to the 19th. The items were displayed in the Julie Billiard Room which allowed families to "shop" before going out to purchase new school uniforms, gym wear and spirit wear.

Approximately 50 families participated as sellers and 60 families participated as buyers. Families earned between \$3.00 and \$38.00, while our gymwear program earned \$5.00. The PTO received \$426.00 from donated pieces. The entire program showed a profit of \$633.00.

As in years past, the Uniform Exchange Program continues throughout the school year. Should families need pieces, please contact the school office during regular school hours, or you may contact Allison Spinos, Denise Coreno, or Stacie Minichello. Donations are accepted at all times during the school year by dropping off at the school office.

Heinen's ABC Reward Program: For the 9th year, Heinen's is once again offering the ABC Reward Program to our families! Last year we received a donation of \$3,088 after 137 families signed up. Please remember that you need to resign up every year. There is no additional cost to you if you are a Heinen's shopper. They will match up to 1% of all we spend on groceries. Families and friends can sign up and designate "Saint Paschal Baylon" at the service counter while in store, or call 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337 and ask to register.

Community Activities

Please visit the Community page of the website for further information on these activities:

Lyndhurst Home Days

Mater Dei September 8 Junior High Dance

Mayfield Fall Registration

Mayfield LBJ Basketball 2017