



# News & Notes

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## Coming Home Today

- Emergency Cards (2 per child) DUE BACK TOMORROW
- Milk Order Forms
- RSPS Parent – Student Handbook
- Tommy’s Food Service Letter
- STEM Event Flier (Girls 6-8 only)
- Blood Drive Flier
- 2012 Sweatshirt Order Form (8th grade only)
- Brownie Invitation (3rd grade only)
- Library Volunteer Flier

### Save the Date!

**Fri., Sept. 2**

No School

**Mon., Sept. 5**

No School

Labor Day

**Tues., Sept. 6**

Back to School Night

Gr. 4-8

7:00pm

**Thurs., Sept. 8**

Back to School Night

PreK—Gr. 3

7:00pm

## A Message from Mrs. Murphy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year, at last! Thank you for your cooperation as we waited for our electricity to be restored. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Our theme this year is “Reflect the Light”. As Christians, we believe that we are all created in the likeness and image of God and as such, we have God’s inherent goodness in each one of us and our mission here on earth is to *reflect* that goodness in our thoughts, words and actions. What a big task that is asked of us, but one we are fully capable of completing!

We are blessed that after the first of the year, our school will be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding. For 90 years, our school has been providing a quality Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Throughout the year we will be *reflecting* on how the school has accomplished this mission.

We are proud to report that our school has had a bit of a facelift this summer! New carpeting was installed in the main offices as well as one of our first grade classrooms. Our entire first floor received new updated lighting in the main hallway, stairwells and all of the classrooms. The more natural lighting is not only more conducive to student learning, but more energy efficient as well. Our first floor girls bathroom received a new coat of paint and our kitchen received a bit of a makeover in preparation for our new vendor. We can’t wait for Back to School night next week so that you can see some of these changes first hand. There

is definitely a new sense of pride in our building.

In addition to the physical changes, our website has received an updated look. While all of the same features are still present, we have added a few new ones we think you will enjoy. Visit us at [www.resstpaul.org](http://www.resstpaul.org). When you click on the panther in the lower left hand corner, you will see a page where each week we will focus on both a student and staff member at RSPS and explain how they are *reflecting* Christ’s light this year! Many thanks to Mrs. Karen O’Connell who worked throughout the summer on these changes. Please remember that all of the weekly newsletters will be sent electronically this year.

Our staff this year is just incredible. They have been working for the past two weeks to get their classrooms and lesson plans ready. Last Monday, we had the opportunity to gather with 2,000 colleagues from the Archdiocese of Baltimore for a convocation to kick off the start of the school year. For three days last week, the teachers attended 7-hour training classes provided by Discovery Education, which focused on collaborative, creative and integrated lesson planning as part of our STEM focus.

Can you tell we are a bit excited about the prospect of this new school year?! Can’t wait to see all of you at our Back to School Night meetings next week!

Peace,  
Karen Murphy  
Principal

## In Our Prayers

*For all of those who are sick and are in need of God's healing presence. Especially:*

Lewis Goode

Luke Borgert (former student)

### **Important Bus Update**

Bus 771 will move all pick-up times **15 minutes earlier** in the morning beginning Thursday, Sept. 1st. This change was necessary in order for the bus to complete it's run before school begins. No changes to the afternoon drop-off times.

## Notable Notes

### **Attention New Parents**

Parents of new students, if you haven't provided your student's immunization record and other required health records to the nurses, please do so immediately. Students without documentation of required immunization will not be able to attend school after September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Girl Scout Troop 4968 Seeks Your Support**

Girl Scout Troop 4968 is working toward the Bronze Award. In order to fulfill the service component, they will be collecting animal supplies or monetary donations for Friskey's Wildlife Sanctuary during both Back to School Nights, next week.

### **Welcome Baby Evelius!**

Congratulations to Paul and Katherine Evelius on the birth of Marin Katrina who was born on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Marin joins brother John (grade 2). The whole family is doing well.

### **Flier Reminder**

Please be reminded that, with the exception of today, fliers will go home the first and third Wednesday of every month. Fliers are to be used for special events, major announcements, lengthy information or information requiring a form to be returned to an individual or group. Fliers should also be submitted to Mrs. Murphy for approval one week prior to the Wednesday they are to be sent home.

### **STAND Certification**

The Archdiocese of Baltimore requires all volunteers who come into contact with minors to be STAND certified. The online training session and application are available through the school website. Please remember completion of this process can take up to several weeks.

### **Volunteers Needed for Picture Day, Sept. 12**

We are in need of STAND certified volunteers to help with picture day on Monday, September 12. Volunteers are needed beginning at 9:00 am until about 2:30 pm. If necessary, you can work in shifts. Please contact Mrs. Bateman at [vbateman@resstpaul.org](mailto:vbateman@resstpaul.org) to sign up. Thank you!

## A Glimpse Into the Classrooms

### **Document Cameras for Each Homeroom**

Over the summer, Mr. Buchta ordered 20 IPEVO document cameras for each homeroom. The document cameras can be used as digital cameras and web cameras.

"The document cameras are extremely useful in the classroom and easy to use," said Mr. Buchta. "They are a tool teachers can use to enhance instruction. For example, in the lower grades, if a teacher is reading a story to the students, the teacher can focus the camera on the pages of the book and they will be projected on the whiteboard for the entire class to see."

Likewise, a teacher can project something from their iPad onto the screen or even scan the room so students can see themselves as they participate in classroom activities.



### **First Day, Settling in to 4B**

### **Important Numbers**

Main Line  
410-461-9111

Reporting Absence  
Ext. 250

Mrs. Murphy  
Ext. 243

Mrs. Cottrell  
Ext. 272

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