

St. Paul School



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Calendar of Events September 2016

- 9/2 No School (Labor Day Break)
- 9/5 No School (Labor Day Break)
- 9/8 Headstart Meeting – 5:30 PM
Cafeteria
- 9/9 School Pictures
- 9/23 End of 1st Six Weeks

School Closes at 1:00 PM

Teacher Workday 1:00 -
3:30 PM
- 9/30 Report Cards Issued

St. Paul Welcomes New Personnel

The St. Paul School family would like to welcome two new faces to our school: Miss Autumn Fink, a former SPS student, has come back home to us and is on board as a first-grade teacher. Also, we would like to welcome Ms. Dawn Osborne to the family. She will serve as an aide in the Title I program.

St. Paul is also proud – and

fortunate - to announce that Student Resource Officer (SRO) “Gator” King is now full time at the school. We are thrilled to have his presence in the building both for safety reasons and for the rapport fostered between him (law enforcement) and our students.



Happy to Be Back!

On August 10th students entered the doors of St. Paul School, looking immediately for familiar faces. Hugs and hellos followed and soon turned to thoughts of homerooms, teachers and schedules. Below are just a few pictures of day one.



*Seventh graders -
Back for our final year!*

SPS Title I Home & Connection Newsletter



Home & School Connection is a monthly newsletter that is sent home to all K-5 parents. Electronic copies of the newsletter will be on the school website under the Newsletters link for your convenience. These letters are filled with practical ideas that promote parent involvement and school success. The ideas provided in the newsletter promote strengthening the home and school partnership. It gives parents ideas on how to strengthen family life and how to build both positive character

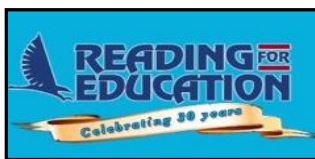
traits and effective parenting skills. Occasionally, the newsletter will include other types of information.

The Title I staff hopes this newsletter will be beneficial to you and your family. It is purchased with Title I funds and is considered a parent involvement activity!

Fundraising Made Easy!

As you already know, it takes quite a bit of money to keep any school afloat. While much of that money comes in the form of state and local government funding, there is need for money beyond what is allocated to each school site. Our goal at SPS is to make the necessary evil of fundraising as much fun and as rewarding for students as possible. So, please join us and our PTO this year and be on the lookout for the many fundraising events that will be scheduled both in the school and in the school community.

Fun, Fast Fundraising



1 - Send back those booklets with addresses inside! We get \$5.50 for each one completed!



Boxtops, Tyson Labels, Sunny D Labels and Labels for Education

2 - Just clip, count and send to school in a baggie.



3 - Recycling! It doesn't get much easier!



4 - Friday Spirit Days and/or Hat Days will also be scheduled each week. Students will pay \$1.00 to wear their favorite spirit wear or hat.

5 - Popcorn and Soft Drink Days

And, as always, thank you for your support!

Seventh Graders Use New Chrome Books

As a new school year begins, every student in the SPS building has his or her own personal Chromebook for use at school throughout the school year. With education continuing to take significant turns toward technology, students have a stronger need than ever to utilize and to familiarize themselves with any new device offered through the public school.

Below, students in Mrs. Utt's English 7 class use the new devices to compose a character analysis in Google Docs. These essays will go through peer editing and author/teacher edits as documents are shared and eventually entered into Criterion, the online writing assessment and portfolio program utilized by Carroll County Public Schools.



Students type the introductory paragraph in a teacher-directed writing exercise.





Breanna Faw uses her Bubble Map to assist in drafting an expository essay.

**Treasure Search
Enhances Vocabulary**



Students in Speech/Language class will be exploring different ways to solve problems this fall. Pictured here a student is using tools to discover hidden objects in tubs of pinto beans! These "Junior Archaeologists" are honing their vocabulary skills by looking for specific items which belong in a category of objects. It's a fun, hands-on activity, and the students are highly motivated to find the treasures!

**Bus Safety
Reminder**

Safety First!

68 drivers injured
328 bus occupants injured
1 passenger killed



**Drivers, watch, be alert
and be prepared to stop.**



**Students, be alert to
traffic as you wait, board
and disembark the bus.**

**Also, do your part to
help your driver stay
focused on the road.**

*2014 Bus Accident Statistics
(2014 VA Traffic Crash Facts)*

**AmeriCorps
Staff Changes**



We are happy to have two new faces at St. Paul this year. Please help us welcome, Jennifer Boyd, and Miranda Haynes. These two ladies will be joining Autumn Sechrist who

is a returning aide from last year.

**What is
AmeriCorps?**

AmeriCorps & National Service is often described as the "domestic Peace Corps." A network of service programs offers the opportunity for 70,000+ Americans to serve and meet community needs. Members serve with nonprofits, public agencies, and community organizations.

In return, organizations serve these members by creating jobs and providing pathways to opportunity for young people entering the workforce. Thousands of young adults get the job experience they need from their intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship while providing a great service to their communities and schools. For more information about National Service in Virginia, contact AmeriCorps@dss.virginia.gov.

**Bluegrass Event
Scheduled at SPS**

**Bluegrass Fundraiser
Honoring James King**



**Saturday, October
8th 5:00 – 9:00 P.M.
St. Paul School**

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a headstone for James. Any money over the cost of the headstone will be donated to St. Paul School's music education department.

