

Educating Men for Others

May 23, 2025



Dear Members of the St. Paul's Community,

Subject: Everyone Welcome Mission Week

From June 2 to 6, St. Paul's High School will observe our third annual Everyone Welcome Mission Week—a school-wide initiative dedicated to fostering a community where every student feels safe, valued, and respected. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to educating hearts and minds in the Ignatian tradition and to forming young men who are open to growth, committed to justice, and capable of building inclusive communities.

As a Catholic, Jesuit high school, we believe in the God-given dignity of every person. Inspired by the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus and grounded in our school's mission to form "Men for Others," this initiative seeks to accompany and support students—particularly those who may feel marginalized or excluded—and to deepen our understanding of what it means to be people of compassion, courage, and conscience.

Everyone Welcome Mission Week includes opportunities for learning, reflection, and prayer. Our goal extends beyond awareness, with a genuine invitation to grow in empathy and build the kind of community we aspire to be—one where every student is known, loved, and supported.

Highlights of the week include:

- A school-wide assembly featuring St. Paul's alumnus Liam Gallagher '23, who will reflect on his experience as a student and speak about the importance of inclusion and belonging.
- Core group discussions led by teachers to help students reflect on key questions around empathy, allyship, and the impact of our words and actions.
- A prayer service in our chapel, focused on building a faith community rooted in justice, love, and welcome.
- Visual displays, stickers, and optional buttons that feature the school approved *Everyone Welcome* logo. Wearing a button is a personal choice and should always reflect a spirit of inclusion, not pressure.
- A casual dress day in support of St. Ignatius Parish's Building Bridges Ministry, which works with 2SLGBTQ+ Catholic youth and their families.

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The conversations and activities we engage in during Everyone Welcome Mission Week are intended to strengthen the culture of care and respect that defines St. Paul's. We know that some students, especially those who identify as part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, may face social pressures, bullying, or feel isolated. Words matter. Silence matters too. Everyone Welcome is our invitation to speak and act in ways that affirm the dignity of all.

To our parents and guardians: thank you for the positive values you model at home. We ask you to continue those conversations and support your son in reflecting on how he can help build a community where all are truly welcome.

Thank you for your support as we continue this important work together.

Sincerely,



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President



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