



**Hello Spalding Families,**

We want to once again say welcome back to Spalding Catholic for another great school year. We are already a couple weeks into the year, and we have seen some incredible enthusiasm from our students and staff. Our students' relationship with Christ grows stronger each day, and you can see his blessings through them. Proverbs 22:6 states "Train a child in the way we should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." This is so true for all our students here at Spalding. Our parents and teachers have done a tremendous job of showing our children how to behave in ways that Jesus talked about. It's a blessing everyday coming to school knowing we have the best students to work with.

This month Spalding has some exciting activities coming up. We will begin our FAST testing. FAST will give our educators a better gauge on where our students' may need some extra focus in reading, and where some are excelling and to push them to continue to grow their skills in reading. The data we collect will be used for intervention work in small groups or 1 to 1. This is a great program for Spalding to be a part of to enhance our students' learning. We have very strong reading scores already as a school, but this will make us even stronger. This month we will also have early outs on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Make plans accordingly for your children. School pictures will be Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Wendy will send out more information as it gets closer to the date. Also, if you still have any forms for the office, please get those sent into Wendy as soon as possible. Finally, remember to check your emails daily as we will be making announcements there when we need to share important information. Any questions feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,  
Bryan Paulson, Spalding Catholic Principal

### Upcoming Events

- 9/6: **Preschool begins**
- 9/8: **8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton**
- 9/9: **2hr Early Out - teacher inservice**
- 9/15: **8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton**
- 9/16: **Harvest Festival in Sioux Center**
- 9/19: **Picture Day**
- 9/22: **8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton**
- 9/23: **2hr Early Out - teacher inservice**
- 9/29: **8:30 Mass @ St. Marys, Alton**



**We are all so excited to be back in school.  
Thank you for your support of Spalding Catholic.**