



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**"Be Still and Know that I am God"**  
**Psalm 46:10**

February 28, 2019

A few notes and reminders:

- **Drop off and Pick Up**-thank you to everyone for your cooperation and willingness to work on our new procedures, they seem to be working out very well. A few key reminders about the process:
  - **By city law there can be no parking and waiting on the WEST side of 79<sup>th</sup> Street NORTH of the alley.**
  - Once in the "**Cone Zone**", please keep pulling up as far forward as possible.
  - Children are not allowed to cross 79<sup>th</sup> Street anywhere but at the corner
  - Please refrain from entering 79<sup>th</sup> Street from the North.
  - If your child is not ready for pick up, please do not park and wait in the "**Cone Zone**". Instead, circle the block.
- **Sick Children Belong at Home-Well Children Belong at School**
  - The health and safety of our students at St. Paul's is of the utmost importance. In regards to that:
    - We follow the "**24 Hour Rule**" suggested by the West Allis Health Department which says children should not return to school until **24 hours after their last episode (fever, vomiting, etc.). Do not allow them to return to school simply because they feel better. Wait the full 24 hours please!**
    - **In regards to fever, the reading on our thermometer is final.**
  - **Please take the time and read the attachment from the West Allis Health Department, it has a lot of great information in it in regards to child health.**
- There **IS** school on Easter Monday to make up a snow day.
- Thank you to all of you that helped make our boys tournament a great success again this year!

**REAL.PRESENT.GOD.**

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In Christ, the community of St. Paul's Lutheran School partners with families to equip children academically and prepare children and families spiritually to witness and serve.

## **CHOICE ENROLLMENT**

**Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) will begin again on March 1st for the 2019-2020 School Year.**

**Please remember to bring in your residency verification and any income verification, if necessary, by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month you applied. If you have any questions about the Choice program, please contact the school office.**

## **2019-2020 REGISTRATION**

Registration is ongoing for the 2019-2020 school year. We have attached to this newsletter the 2019-2020 Schedule of Tuition and Fees and the Contract for Enrollment. Just a note that the Re-enrollment Fee **is per student and NOT per family**. Deadline to receive the \$75.00 per student Re-enrollment Fee is March 15<sup>th</sup>. After that the fee goes up to \$150 per student. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

**Chapel offerings for February and March  
will go to Hearts for Jesus.  
Money will be used to purchase Bibles for the Milwaukee  
County House of Correction.**

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK  
ORDER FORMS DUE IN THE OFFICE BY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019**



## **CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY RETAKES**

If you still need to get your picture taken for the new Church Directory, the retake date is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up in the church narthex or call the church office at 414-541-6250.

**Effects of Tardiness on Your Child's Education**

## **Be Aware**

*We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school **occasionally** won't cause a major disruption. Inevitably, children will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to the national initiative Attendance Works, missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early grades causes many students to struggle in primary school, and lateness in later grades is associated with increased failure and dropout rates. Fortunately, parents can help prevent tardiness from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.*

### **Disrupted Routines**

*One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organized, scheduled and predictable. Students depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When students are repeatedly tardy, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Tardiness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful.*

### **Social Criticism**

*The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and his or her ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other students are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or assignment and toward the child who has just arrived. Over time, classmates may begin to criticize this child, affecting how they feel about themselves in school. During adolescence, children are especially conscious of fitting in and being accepted by peers. If your child is repeatedly tardy, they may become a target or outcast over time, and negative peer interactions can hurt their ability to concentrate on learning. According to the [Encyclopedia of Children's Health](#), children with steady friendships throughout the school year enjoy school more, and children who can make new friends tend to perform better academically.*

### **Low Achievement**

*Perform Well, a nonprofit policy research and educational organization, reports that frequent tardiness is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardized tests. It is also linked to low graduation rates. In addition, students who are routinely late at the primary and middle school levels are more likely to fail in senior school -- or even drop out. In many classrooms, particularly at the primary level, morning routines are critical to daily lessons. Warm-up activities may introduce topics that will be learned later in the day, or review work offers students an opportunity to review previously learned skills.*

### **Responsibility**

*Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials. Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in the working world, as noted by William Kirby in his 2010 article "School Attendance Tied to Academic Success".*

*Attendance and punctuality are ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance depends on his parents' ability to help him be on time. Parents can teach their children organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.*

*("Effects of Tardiness on Your Child's Education" 2016)*

**THANK YOU PARENTS**

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the fund to purchase gift cards for Mr. Haas. The gift cards were presented yesterday and he was very surprised and thankful.

### **5<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HANDBELL CHOIR**

The 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade handbell choir plays for church at St. Paul's this Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:30am service. Please arrive in the balcony by 10:10am.

**Church at St. Paul's: Saturday - 5:00pm; Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am;**  
**Sunday School/Adult Bible Class - 9:15am**

#### **Acolyte Schedule:**

**Saturday, March 2**

**5:00pm – Cameron Skenandore**

**Sunday, March 3**

**8:00am – Alexis Plumeri**

**Sunday, March 3**

**10:30am – Luna Ramos**

### **JR. HIGH YOUTH**

Sunday, March 3 our Jr. Youth group will be meeting at New Berlin Ale House Bowling alley at 4 pm for bowling and pizza. Youth should be dropped off at the bowling alley by 4 pm. Cost per person is \$10. This will cover all costs for bowling and pizza afterward. Please let Pastor Noah know if your youth is planning on attending this fun event! ([noah@splcwa.org](mailto:noah@splcwa.org)) We need to just have an idea of how many lanes to reserve. Any questions should be sent to Shelly Mueller text 262-613-3657 or [ssmajn@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmajn@yahoo.com). Parents should plan on picking up the kids by 6:15 pm. Thank you!

Our Jr. High youth did a spectacular job serving St. Paul's Advent dinners! We will also be serving Lenten dinners on March 27th and April 10th. Plan to arrive at 4:30. Students are welcome to come to the kitchen after school to do homework in the Parish hall as I will be there to supervise if need be. Hopefully this helps with not having to make two trips for parents. I know that our church family sincerely appreciates your efforts in serving both God and your fellow believers!

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

Family gatherings and meals together, those are special times indeed. In fact, nearly 90% of Americans say that eating together as family is something important for their family and they would like to do it more often. However, in a recent study 40% of those surveyed said that their families eat together three or fewer times per week; 10% said they never eat together as a family. Gatherings and feasting together is something that I believe is important. Indeed, I believe that every meal is a holy blessed event when your family

prays, thanks God for his provision, and enjoys conversation with one another that is “seasoned with the salt of God’s grace and beneficial for building one another up.” (Colossians 4:6)

Gatherings and feasts are going to be the theme of our midweek Lenten services held each Wednesday in Lent. Lent begins on March 6, with Ash Wednesday. The theme of that service will be “A Gathering of Repentance,” for Lent is a season of special devotion and repentance of sin coupled with renewal of life. Our midweek services will focus on several feast days/weeks in the Old Testament which find fulfillment in Jesus. Midweek services are held at 10am and 6pm each Wednesday.

Starting on March 13, each evening service will be preceded by gathering together for a meal in our fellowship hall. Food is all prepared and you simply give a free will offering to help cover costs. It is a wonderful time of fellowship with other Christians. Then, after feasting on food prepared by our God we gather in church and feast on his holy Word. Please come and join us. Both body and soul will be nourished plentifully!

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Bender

### **PRACTICE SCHEDULES**

- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**

### **SINGING SCHEDULE**

March 3	4-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir 10:30am 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir 10:30am
March 9	2-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Choir 5:00pm
March 13	6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir 6:00pm

### **UPCOMING DATES**

March 15	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Panther Palooza
March 18-22	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 30	Lutheran Schools Night at Miller Park 6:10pm