



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I count myself as blessed, and perhaps a little weird. I am one of an ever shrinking part of the population that really loves and finds satisfaction in their work. I love school. I loved it as a kid, I loved it as an adult in graduate school, and I love it now more than ever. Especially *this* school! We have something special going on here at St. Paul's. Is it the kids? The staff? The parents? The answer to all those questions is **YES!** We are blessed in so many different ways! I was reminded of that last night at the Oscar's fundraiser when one of our new students came up to me, gave me a big hug, and said, "Thanks for letting me come here, I love it here."

After he walked away, I looked around at the **BIG** group of parents, students, grandparents, and church members crowded into Oscar's and it dawned on me as well. I love it here! I am blessed to be a part of this ministry we call SPWA. I am blessed to be surrounded by others who truly love what they are doing as well. I am blessed by the fellowship we have and the friends I have made. I am blessed by the kids. And, yes, I am a little bit weird because I still love being in school! **Thank you for being a part of team SPWA!**

A few notes:

- Our fundraising goal for this school year is **\$10,000**. This will allow us to continue making security upgrades, especially the installation of the security film on the ECC windows and entrances.
- All the security film is in place at the Lincoln building. Over the summer a security film was added to the outside doors and 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows of the Lincoln building. This film makes the glass harder to breach and it also holds the glass together if it is shattered. With this new film we will also need to be careful with what we put on the windows as we cannot use a razor blade on the film. Please do not put anything up on the windows or doors without contacting Mr. Haas or Mr. Burkee first.
- I will be working with the WAPD on other ways to improve our facilities and make them even more secure.

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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.**

- Our largest fund-raiser of the Fall is going to be our first ever **Color Run**, held October 13 at Martin Luther High School! This takes the place of selling butter-braids as we have done the last couple years. LOTS more information about this super-fun event will come home with your child tomorrow (Friday).
- Car-line has been going pretty well. Please remember that you may not park or wait on the west side of 79<sup>th</sup> street before the alley. All cars should be heading north bound on 79<sup>th</sup> and pulling into the “Cone Zone”.
- Next Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is our first spirit day of the year. In recognition of the NFL season getting underway and the Packers playing the Bears that night, all students are invited to wear their Packer gear or Packer colors to school that day.

### **FAST DIRECT UPDATES**

All families are asked to log in to their **Fast Direct** account and update any information that needs to be changed. Please make sure to check emergency contacts, as well as updated phone numbers, **cell phone provider**, email addresses, etc. We use this information for communicating many things. **If you need log in information, please contact the school office.**

### **OPENING PTL MEETING**

On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> the first PTL meeting of year will be held at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for parents to get involved, and will be talking about the different events for this year and ways that parents can help out! Look forward to seeing you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.



### **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Dear Parents,

All children attending before and after school must have paperwork on file with the child care.

**If your child is not registered, they should not attend school before 7:45 AM and must be picked up by 3:10 PM.**



If you are interested in registering for before and/or after school care, please see Amy Puechner at the Grant Street building or email her at [amy@splcwa.org](mailto:amy@splcwa.org)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The box top program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school. Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. See the attached sheets for further explanation or contact Jeanette Myren with any questions.

### **MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS LUTHERAN NIGHT 2019**

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. vs. Colorado. See the attached flyer for more information.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Order forms will be sent home the week before pictures are taken.



### SPIRIT WEAR

Every Friday at St. Paul's is Spirit Day where kids are invited to wear their St. Paul's spirit wear items and help build school spirit. Included with the newsletter is a flier with items available for purchase this year. NOTE: This is an online store and it closes SEPT. 8.

The link to order items from **Gym Treasurers** is:

<http://www.gymtreasures.com/st-pauls-west-allis/>

**THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NOW HAS  
THEIR OWN PHONE NUMBER:**

**414-485-6000**

### FORMS

Please be sure to turn in the following forms ASAP:

- ✓ Student Health Information Sheet
  - ✓ Milk Option
- ✓ Prescription/Non Prescription Medication Sheet
  - ✓ Athletic/Physical Forms

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

**Saturday, August 31**  
**Sunday, September 1**

### Acolyte Schedule:

**5:00pm – Griffin Lemberger**  
**8:00am – Alexis Plumeri**  
**10:30am – Olivia Kukor**

### *From the Pastor*

I don't know about you, but I kind of like a "routine." This past summer I was all over the place! We took a couple vacations (one to see family in Colorado and one to gather with my entire family in Missouri). I went with 17 youth and a few other adults to the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota to grow spiritually with young and old alike. I was our circuit's representative to our Lutheran Churches synodical convention in Tampa, Florida. I am really ready for getting back into a routine!

One of our hymns begins this way: "Awake, my soul, and with the sun, thy daily stage of duty run. Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise to pay the morning sacrifice." Every day we have the race of life to run. Every day should begin with prayer and praise, asking God to guide us and thanking Him for all His goodness towards us. God and our connection to Him should be part of our routine. Even as a pastor, some weeks are better in my spiritual life and other weeks not so good. But God is good, all the time.

With that in mind, I would like to extend the invitation to attend our "Adult Instruction Class" here at St. Paul's. We cover the central teachings of Christianity. We grow together in faith, life, and the knowledge of God. We also provide all materials necessary for the class: a Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and a notebook. There are no tests. At the end of the class, you may officially join St. Paul's if not already a member. Sign up in the church lobby or call the church office: 541-6250.

I would also like to invite you to our "Celebration of New and Old." This is an event sponsored by our *Unified Connections* group which organizes activities for both church and school families. All are welcome and there is no cost. An Italian Pasta bar will be the meal and at this gathering we acknowledge new church members, new school families, new staff, and some people celebrating significant birthdays. A sign-up sheet is also at the information table in the church lobby, or once again you may call the church.

May our God bless each of us in our "routines" and may we grow together as a family in Christ.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Bender*

## **PRACTICE SCHEDULES**

- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**
- **Cross Country – Monday Grades 7 & 8 3:15-4:30pm**  
**Thursday Grades 3-6 3:15-4:30pm**  
**Friday Grades 3-8 3:15-4:30pm**
- **JV Girls Volleyball – Monday & Wednesday 3:15-5:00pm**
- **Varsity Girls Volleyball – Tuesday 6-7:30pm**  
**Thursday 3:15-5:00pm**

### SINGING SCHEDULE

September 14	6-8 Choir and 4-8 Handbells 5:00pm
September 22	4 & 5 Choir 8:00am
September 29	K & 1 Choir 10:30am



### UPCOMING DATES

September 2	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
September 3	New Student Band Meeting @ Milwaukee Lutheran HS 7:00pm
September 4	Open House for grades 6-8 6:00pm
September 9	Opening PTL Meeting 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall
October 1	School Pictures
October 13	Color Run
October 16	Fall Musical
October 24	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS  
FOR SEPTEMBER WILL  
BE GOING TO THE  
DEAF MINISTRY.**