



St. Paul's Lutheran School



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1 & 4	LABOR DAY – No School
Sept 7	6 th Grade Open House
Sept 25	MAP testing 1-8
Sept 26	School Pictures
Sept 29	Prof. Development - No School
Oct 2-6	Book Fair
Oct 8	Color Run
Oct 27 & 28	Play

From the Principal

Our theme for the 2023-2024 school year is **“CONNECTED”**.

CHILDREN CONNECT. They connect in play with building blocks, puzzles, and games. They connect socially with classmates, family, and friends. They connect through technology in the classroom and in many other contexts. Connections familiar to children and adults will be featured this year.

The most important connection for any child (of any age) is with Christ. The Good News of Christ connecting Himself to us in our Baptism and through His Word is the focus of our school year. Lutheran schools connect.

Lutheran schools connect children to a variety of curricular subjects and experiences. Lutheran schools connect with families, emphasizing that Lutheran education is always a partnership with the home. Lutheran schools connect with the congregation, emphasizing that the Lutheran school is an integral part of the mission and ministry of the congregation. Lutheran schools connect children to Lutheran worship through chapel services, where children will hear the Gospel. Lutheran schools connect with the communities in which they are located. Lutheran schools connect students and staff to the Great Commission.

In all things, **Lutheran schools connect** to Christ. This connection to Christ will be the emphasis of each chapel talk. But the connection to Christ goes well beyond the weekly chapel time. Teachers and staff will emphasize putting Christ into every aspect of the school day and school year. Our goal is that the connection to Christ goes with each child from chapel time and the classroom into the home and neighborhood.

No Pets Please

Many of us love our family pets, but for liability reasons and out of respect for others' fears and allergies, please do not bring pets to school.



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FACTS

Remember to set up your account in our new Student Information System, FACTS. Instructions on how to do this are attached to this email. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

The current student/parent handbook was email to all families on Tuesday of this week. Please read through this information, then sign and return to school page 3.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures are scheduled for
September 26th

At both Lincoln & Grant Campuses

Pictures can be ordered online here:

<https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering>

Use the drop down menu to select your school name



COLOR RUN

2023 Color Run

October 8, 2023

Our total school goal is \$12,000

Our goal is to have 100% of all students registered online! It's easy, FREE, and takes a few quick minutes!

Each student is encouraged to raise \$80

Be an Overachiever Superstar by raising \$150

Information will be sent home today!

PLAY-"CACTUS PASS"

St. Paul's Lutheran School is excitedly beginning a new drama department. Our children will be performing our school play, "Cactus Pass" on October 27 and 28. To put this production on we're looking for help. We're going to need help with building the set, collecting props, and costumes. To help defray the cost you are welcome to adopt a flat, which will be part of the wall of our set. Each flat will cost \$50.00. The plan is to save these flats for future productions. If you are willing to help in any way please contact me at katie.librizzi@splcwa.org or the school office.

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

Aevery Moonen
Zach Myren
Klaytin Greer-Metcalf
Jacob Lemieux-Petrovic
Alysse Partl
Zeke Schulte
Blake Kosek
Kayla Gennerman
Devin Thornberry
Vincent Sanchez Loomans
Jasmine Sayavong
Lucy Lang
Angela Paskiewicz
Olivia Kassa
Mila Sentkowski-Miller

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST BAPTISMS

5 – Brady Romano
16 – Eli Galindo
16 – Nadia Galindo
22 – Maks Burkee
26 – Logan Romano
26 – Gus Gutowski
28 – Abigail Geitz
29 – Claire Zimmer

May God continue to keep you in your
Baptismal Grace!

FROM THE PASTOR

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Abide in Me and as I abide in you, you will bear much fruit." Jesus, the Gospel of John, chapter 15.

"Connected!" That's the theme of our school year based on the above Scripture passage. Jesus wants us to be connected to Him . . . intimately. Jesus wants us to be connected to Him . . . in order to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be connected to one another, because that's the way the Body of Christ, His Holy Church, is built up.

We live in a world that gives us opportunity to connect in so many different ways: Email, texting, Facebook, other social media sites, face-timing, and talking on our cell phones. Yet, I would throw out for your consideration that all of these "technological" ways to connect can sometimes "disconnect" us from the most important way of being connected: face to face interaction and in-person fellowship in the church.

I would also like you to ponder that raising children in life and in the faith has never been a more challenging task than in this 21st century. In fact, parenting has always been a challenging job and things going on in this century have simply made it even more so.

So, connection to Jesus is absolutely essential for our families. Here at St. Paul's, we want to encourage and help you. We have a new Sunday School program **for the whole family!** Jesus wants children and parents connected together and growing in faith. So our Sunday School program is for children, youth, parents, adults, and grandparents. We will be meeting as a whole group to start; break up for age appropriate learning in the middle, and gathering together for a closing. I hope you and your family will come.

We will also have some parenting classes at the end of September and early October. "Parenting with Love and Logic . . . and the Lord" is the title. Watch for more information to come your way. Also, if you have always wanted to know more about the Bible, we have an Adult Instruction Class on Saturday mornings at 9am starting on September 9. If you want more information or want to sign up, just contact Tammy Evers, our wonderful school administrative assistant.

So let's all get more connected this year at St. Paul's. It will bless the heart of Jesus and will bless your hearts as well.

In Christ's love and service,

Pastor Bender