



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

Essay Writing Contest Winners

Earlier this year the 7th and 8th grade students, as part of their social studies and computers classes, wrote essays with the theme "*What Makes America Great.*" These essays were submitted to the VFW Patriots' Pen essay writing contest. The contest begins at the Post level. Congratulations to Olivia Kukor for placing 3rd and Izzy Sholty for placing 1st for Post #12100. The girls will be presented with their awards by a member of the VFW at our chapel families activity tomorrow afternoon.

Congratulations to all students for demonstrating strong writing abilities and ideas and to Izzy and Olivia for their success, and to Miss Jackson for organizing the project.

Chapel

Each Wednesday we have Chapel service. A couple reminders about that:

1. It is great to see how many kids dress up for chapel, but it would be even nicer to see all kids doing that!
2. Chapel offering are way down from previous years. Remember, everything we collect each month we give to a mission outreach. It would be nice to see all students bringing money each week to help support our missions.

God's Peace in this Christmas Season!

CHRISTMAS STORE – DECEMBER 19TH

It's almost time for our annual Christmas Store. Information about the Christmas Store was sent home yesterday.



Shopping will take place during school hours for school age kids. After school hours are 3:00-5:00pm. Families can come shop for stocking stuffers and other items for the kids while enjoying festive music, snacks, fellowship and beverage. Gifts will cost between \$0.25 - \$10.00.

The link to sign up to help is: [Christmas Store](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

DECEMBER 14TH FROM 9-11AM



COOKIE WALK

Disposable tins were sent home on Monday for your Cookie Walk donation. In order for this to be successful, we are requesting that each school family donate at least **4 dozen homemade cookies**. Please use the index card provided to label your cookies. We are hoping that we will have a wide variety of cookies for people to choose from.

Cookie Drop-Off Times:

Friday, December 13th before school 7:30-8:15am (Grant & Lincoln)

*Cookies can also be left in the kitchen at the Lincoln campus throughout the day on Friday, December 13th.

*3K Families: If it is more convenient for you, feel free to drop off your cookies before or after school on Thursday, December 12th.

SHORT SHOTS



Short Shots is right around the corner! Registration slips went home with children in grades K-3 before Thanksgiving. Short Shots will run this year, Saturdays from January 11th – February 15th from 9:00am to 10:15am. Payment and registration was due by Monday, December 9th. If you have any questions about his program, please contact Mrs. Zellmer or Miss Petermann.

CHOICE MEETINGS

As most of you know, St. Paul's participates in the Wisconsin Parent Choice Program and the Milwaukee Parent Choice Program. One of the stipulations of the Choice Program is to hold two meetings per school year to meet with all families to answer any questions about the Choice Program, get any information about the Choice Program, and learn about the Choice Program. Our first meeting this school year was held on November 21st. The second meeting is set for February 20th. School Board members will be available to answer any of your questions. This meeting is for all of our families, not only families who are in the Choice Program this year or may be in the Choice Program in future years. Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.

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

Acolyte Schedule:

Saturday, December 14

5:00pm – Isabella Avila

Sunday, December 15

8:00am – Anna Carson

10:30am – Ashley Matusewic

ADVENT DINNERS

December 18 – baked potato soup, tossed salad, ham and rolls, fruit cup & dessert. Kids Meal of chicken nuggets, chips and fruit, milk, juice or coffee.

FROM THE PASTOR

God's blessings be with each of you and your families as you prepare for Christmas. This time of year is always filled with exciting times right alongside of stress and busyness. It is a joy to see Christmas lights appear all over town and the Christmas tree get set up in our

homes, if that is part of your Christmas tradition. Of course, there is all kinds of special foods that we make to celebrate. Don't forget the Cookie Walk this Saturday; there are sure to be some delicious and decorative cookies and even some wonderful Ginger Bread houses to be had.

In the church, we call this season of preparation "Advent," which comes from a Latin word meaning "coming" or "arrival." That's because all of the lights, decorations, and celebration is all about the coming and arrival of Jesus. Jesus is the greatest gift of Christmas. The almighty God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus saves us, first and foremost, from our sins and God's righteous judgment against sin.

Yet, there is more to this gift. Jesus reminds us that we have a God who loves us. Jesus is the evidence that God is "with us," Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23). Jesus came because our God is "for us." (Romans 8:31-39). Jesus brings us the light of salvation, so that we need not fear. (Psalm 27:1). Jesus brings us hope in the midst of the darkness of our world (Isaiah 9:2). Jesus will one day come to recreate a world of perfect peace (Isaiah 11:6-9).

That is what Christmas is all about. Our school students shared with us the many "Signs of Salvation" in our midweek service on Wednesday. I hope you were able to make it. Our littlest students (3K-5K) will share a birthday celebration next Wednesday. I hope you can come. Of course, we have services on Christmas Eve, December 24 (4, 6, 11pm) and on Christmas Day, December 25 (9am). I hope you will join us.

As the old saying goes, "Jesus is the reason for the season." He is the very best reason of all to celebrate Christmas.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**
- **JV Boys Basketball**
Monday and Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm
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Monday 5-6:30pm and Thursday 3:15-5:00pm
- **Varsity Boys Basketball**
Tuesday and Friday 3:30-5:00pm
- **Varsity Girls Basketball**
Tuesday and Thursday 5-6:30pm

SINGING SCHEDULE

December 18		3K, 4K & Kindergarten Christmas/Advent Service 10:00am & 6:00pm
January 25	5:00pm	NLSW Celebration 3K,4K,Kind., 1-8 Grades LAST NAMES R-Z
January 26	8:00am	NLSW Celebration 3K,4K,Kind., 1-8 Grades LAST NAMES A-H
	10:30am	NLSW Celebration 3K,4K,Kind., 1-8 Grades LAST NAMES I-Q

SPORTS SCHEDULE

December 14		Varsity Girls vs. Granville @ Granville 10:00am Varsity Boys vs. Elm Grove @ Granville 11:00am
December 16		JVGirls vs. Our Fathers @ St. Paul's 4:30pm JVBoys vs. Our Fathers @ St. Paul's 5:30pm
January 8		Varsity Girls vs. HC @ HC 4:30pm Varsity Boys vs. Our Fathers @ St. Paul's 5:30pm
January 11		Varsity Boys vs. St. Martini @ Elm Grove 12:00pm Varsity Girls vs. Mt. Calvary @ Mt. Olive 1:00pm



December 14	Cookie Walk 9-11:00am
December 18	Christmas Service 3K, 4K & 5K 10am & 6pm
December 19	Christmas Store
December 21-Jan 5	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 6	Classes Resume
January 11	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
January 17	End of 2 nd Quarter
January 18	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
January 20	M.L. King Day – NO SCHOOL
January 25	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
January 27-31	National Lutheran Schools Week

