



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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IN ALL THINGS
Colossians 1:15-20

December 21, 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As this calendar year winds to a close, I want to take a moment and thank you for your support of our staff and school as we all, together, continued to navigate these confusing times.

Vaccines? Boosters? Mandates? Home tests? PCR tests? Quarantine? Close contacts? Social distancing? Masking? All these questions and more continue to swirl around us as opinions and facts constantly change.

It is our prayer that during this busy and crazy time of year, you are able to carve out some time to safely celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Merry Christmas from the staff of SPWA!



THANK YOU!

A special THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Dawn Wantoch for stepping in and teaching our 4th during Mrs. Ploetz's maternity leave. Mrs. Ploetz returns from maternity leave after Christmas break.

**THANK
YOU!**

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Our planning for playground construction continues to move ahead. Bids are being collected from demolition companies, fencing contractors, and landscape companies. It is our goal to have it all done for the 2022-2023 school year.

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.

GYM LIGHTING

Look for new gym lights sometime in January. We will be putting in new, bright, energy efficient LED lighting. These are being paid for from Color Run profits!

WOMENS RETREAT

"Rest + Recharge" is a retreat for women Jan 21-23, 2022 at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI. The retreat is designed to help you feel the peace of Jesus, continue accessing it beyond our time together, and leave recharged in the purpose and possibility God gives. Contact Heather Sanchez or Natalie Romano for more information. Or visit thisonewildlifeco.com/retreat.

PANTHER PAW MAGNETS

Is it time to replace your worn, lost, or faded Panther Paw magnet? Another way to display your school spirit, we are selling Panther Paw Magnets for your vehicle or your refrigerator for only \$5. You can purchase them from the school office or from the SCRIP table in back of church after all worship services.

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

Just a reminder that in the morning, **children should not be dropped off at the 79th Street doors before 7:45am and left unattended.** These doors remain locked until 7:45, and we do not want children waiting outside the building with no adult supervision. Prior to 7:45am, students can be dropped off at the Lincoln Avenue doors but will need to go to Before School Care in the Fellowship Hall IF THEY ARE REGISTERED and pay the \$5/hour fee.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

June 20- June 24, 2022

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 Thursday, November 18th. The second meeting is set for February 24th. School Board members will be available to answer any 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 meeting if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED

St. Paul's Child Care continues to grow; therefore we are looking for part time help 2-5 days per week between the hours of 11AM-6PM. Benefits of the job include no weekends and no late evenings. If you enjoy working with young children, this is a great place to be. Interested individuals should contact Amy Puechner at amy@splcwa.org or call 414-430-2542.

HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

January 19	Sloppy Joe's
February 16	Mac & Cheese

JANUARY TUITION PAYMENT DUE

If you signed up at the beginning of the year to make two tuition payments for this school year, the second payment is due by the end of January. Please call the school office if you have any questions. Thank you.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SIGN-UP

Dear BSC/ASC Parents:

I am writing to let you know that I need your help. I really must know the days and times your child will be attending Before/After School and the hours within 15 min of start and pick up times. This plays a huge part in staffing. Schedules are due **Thursday at noon for the next week.** It is extremely difficult to have 17-20 children one night and then drop down to only 4 children on another night. St. Paul's will do our best to help

out with last minute emergencies if needed but this shouldn't happen on a regular basis. You can send one schedule for the whole year if your schedule doesn't change but if your schedule changes you can let me know via email at amy@splcwa.org Last minute changes should be texted to 414-430-2542 no later than 1:30 PM on the day care is needed. Thank you to those families who have faithfully sent schedules to me by Thursday at noon. To all of our families, St. Paul's appreciates the opportunity to care for your child/ren. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

God Bless,
Amy Puechner

FROM THE PASTOR

The Blessing of Little Children and Christmas

Jesus said, I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

One of my favorite parts of the Advent and Christmas season is watching and participating in Children's Christmas programs. Sadly, this year we had to cancel our St. Paul's Lutheran School programs. The pandemic reared its ugly head once again and leadership had to make a tough call.

The reason I love the Children leading us in those times of worship is that we all need to be children!! Jesus says so! If you won't receive the kingdom of God *like a little child*, you will never, ever enter it. So Christmas is a time to recapture the wonder of the birth of the Savior of the world. I love how children's eyes light up pondering the birth of baby Jesus. I love how they sing with gusto, even if they are off key. We "grown-ups" need to recapture that wonder and awe and child-like faith.

Since we didn't have those programs, we had the students sing a couple of songs from the programs that "would have been." Then we had a "hymn sing" of many Christmas songs. Hands went up left and right. We sang four or five songs and carols. But there were twenty or thirty hands up in the air that I couldn't call on. So I encouraged them to go home and tell their parents, "We need to go to church for Christmas!!" I hope you will take this encouragement to heart.

We have candlelight Christmas services at 3pm and 5pm on Christmas Eve, December 24; no reservations needed. We have candlelight and communion service at 11pm that same night. We have Christmas Day service at 9am on December 25; my son, Pastor Doug

Bender, will be a guest preacher. We have one service on the first Sunday after Christmas on December 26.

Come and celebrate. Come to be filled with joy and hope and peace and love. Come with child-like faith. Come and worship Christ our Lord and Savior and the King of kings!

In Christ's love and service

Pastor Bender

WINTER SPORTS PRACTICES

- **JV Boys Basketball – Monday & Wednesday 3:15-5:00**
- **JV Girls Basketball – Monday 5:00-6:30 & Thursday 3:15-5:00**
- **Varsity Girls Basketball – Tuesday & Friday 3:15-5:00**
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Optional Friday 5:00-6:30

SINGING SCHEDULE

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

January 22	5:00pm	All students 3K-8 th grade last names I-Q
January 23	8:00am	All students 3K-8 th grade last names R-Z
	10:30am	All students 3K-8 th grade last names A-H
February 20	10:30am	Grades 3-5

UPCOMING DATES

December 22-31	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
January 3	Classes Resume
January 14	End of 3 rd Quarter – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
January 17	M.L. King Day – NO SCHOOL
January 23-30	National Lutheran Schools Week



DECEMBER

Lillianna Gosling
Wyatt Hinkes
Sophie Schulz
Cooper Klich
Henry Sanchez Loomans
Paityn Radtke
Kayla Knapp
Braelyn Zellmer
Gabriel Russell
Sariyah Butler
Audrey Segura
Juliana Rivers Garcia
Malachi Allmann
Kaylen Emmer
John Belsha
Owen LaMach
Ester Candelaria



DECEMBER

1 – Juliana Rivers Garcia
4 – Autumn Lovas & Reagan Lovas
10 – Owen Geitz
12 – Denver Rudig
14 – Blake Kosek, Emilia Kosek & Ainsley Kosek
30 – William Minor
31 – Taylor Cannon

May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!