



# 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

February 13, 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### SIXTIES POP-CULTURE

Popular things come and go. Some things maintain their popularity, others lose their attraction. Consider this list from the early Sixties:

Barbies	Bell-bottoms	Beatle boots	Gogo boots
Lava Lamps	Granny glasses	Smiley faces	Turtle necks
Slinkys	Frisbees	Hula Hoops	Silly Putty

One thing from the sixties that has not lost its popularity is the **St. Paul's Basketball Tournament**. This year marks the **59<sup>th</sup> Annual** tournament. Clearly, when it comes to local grade school tournaments, ours is the standard of comparison. Being the **longest running Lutheran tournament in the area**, we are part of the Pop-Culture of Milwaukee basketball! Come and be a part of this long-running tradition by volunteering and hanging out with friends. Use the [Sign Up Genius](#) link to sign up. It's groovy man!

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### ADDITIONAL ESSAY ACCOLADES

This past weekend 8th grade student, Isabella Sholty, was presented with awards by the State Commander of the VFW for her "Patriots Pen" essay. After Izzy won 1st place at the Post level late last year, her essay on "What Makes America Great?" went on to win 2nd place at the district level. (Greater Metro area). Izzy's essay concluded with the following words: "America is a unique nation unlike any other. We have freedoms and rights, love and unity. That is what makes America so great." Congratulations Izzy on your success.



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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.

- Please make sure to stay current with your tuition and Extended Care payments.
- Do you know about using the Scrip program? It is a great way to raise funds for our school and all you have to do is purchase gift cards to where you normally shop! Call the Office for details.

**REGISTRATION has begun and is in full swing!** Act early for a couple of reasons:

1. Half-price registration fees through March 15<sup>th</sup>
2. Class sizes are limited. Make sure to register early to guarantee a spot in your desired class.

**ACHIEVEMENT TESTING DATES**-please set aside the following dates for Grades 3-8 Achievement testing. Make sure there are no scheduled appointments, vacations, etc. during those times.

April 14-17      Grades 3,4,8

April 20-24      Grades 5.6.7

**TOURNAMENT** is coming up fast! Check out the [signup genius](#) link on the web page for volunteering. We showed great school spirit showing up in droves for the Frozen movie, now let's do the same for the tournament!

**Boys Tournament - Volunteer Sign-up**  
**Please click on the link below.**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eabaf2aa57-stpauls16>**

**PANTHER PALOOZA FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020**

Panther Palooza is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for March 13<sup>th</sup>. A flyer was sent home yesterday and is also attached to this newsletter, explaining this event.

### **2020-2021 REGISTRATION**

We have started to register for the 2020-2021 school year. We have attached to this newsletter the 2020-2021 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.

### **TUITION TAX DEDUCTION**

Thanks to advocacy by WCRIS (WI Council of Religious and Independent Schools), state law continues to allow WI parents to deduct private school tuition on their taxes for grades K-8. Information on this was emailed to all families that paid tuition for 2019. If you paid and did not receive an email, please contact the school office. We can forward you the papers.

### **CHOICE ENROLLMENT**

**Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) began February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 2020-2021 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.**

### **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 21<sup>st</sup>. The second meeting is set for February 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **CALLING ALL ST. PAUL'S ALUMNI & FRIENDS**

Come join the St. Paul's pep band on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to help support our team during the St. Paul's boys' basketball tournament. You may play for our pep rally Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30pm before the games begin AND/OR during our first team game at 7:15pm. Contact Michelle Prince: [michelle@splcwa.org](mailto:michelle@splcwa.org) or the school 414-541-6251, to let us know if you can join us! Let's praise the Lord with our instruments and celebrate our team!



## **LENT**

Lent brings with it the opportunity to worship at 6 pm each Wednesday evening as we prepare our hearts for the Lent season and Holy Week. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 26th. Beginning Wednesday, March 5th, you are invited to join us in the parish hall for a simple evening meal, prepared for you and your family. If you have already attended these meals, why not bring a friend this season? This meal is available not only to encourage fellowship with our church family, but also to create time for you to relax and not worry about cooking a meal before worship. Supper is available from 4:45-5:50 pm. Participants are asked kindly to give a free will offering to cover only the cost of the meal, however this is not mandatory. Menus for each week are posted in the school newsletter, weekly church bulletins, the Herald, as well as in the narthex. There is always a kid friendly menu available as well. It is our hope that this would be a blessing to you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Mueller @ 262-613-3657.

## **BAND NEWS**

Band students were given contest day information at their lesson this week. If your child forgets to share it with you, it should be in their band folder. Report cards were handed out in January. Please sign it and return if you haven't already. The band will play at the Pep rally and Tournament on February 22.

## **CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER**

- Sunday, February 16th 2020
- St Paul's Gym.
- 12:30pm or immediately following the late church service.
- Fun for the whole family, play games, win prizes, eat carnival food.

## **ECC VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers to be greeters at the Early Childhood Center during school hours. Volunteers\* will sit at the front desk and let families into the building. There will be a morning shift (7:45-11:30) and an afternoon shift (11:30-3:00). You could do it once a week or just once a month.

If you would be interested in serving our Lord this way, please contact Barb Heimsoth ([barb@splcwa.org](mailto:barb@splcwa.org)) or call the school office (414-541-6251).

\*St. Paul's policy says all volunteers are subject to having a background check through the school office.

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

**Acolyte Schedule:**

<b>Saturday, February 15</b>	<b>5:00pm - Keira Hutchins</b>
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>	<b>8:00am – Ashton Poritz</b>
	<b>10:30am – Olivia Kukor</b>

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Jesus, Matt. 22:39) “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (Jesus, Matt. 7:12) These two quotes of Jesus are instructive for every relationship we have in life. Have you also taken note that both of these teachings have us looking out for others? They are “outward” focused instead of being self-centered.

The trouble with consistently putting these into practice is that, because of our sinful nature, it is much easier to think of self first. Without even thinking, we tend to put our own interests, our own wants and needs ahead of others. Yet, with the help of God's Spirit and by the grace of God, we can actually put these teachings into practice.

Think about what life would be like if you, and everyone around you, put these things into practice. What if spouses looked out for each other with no thought of self? What if children actually listened to parents, obeyed, and loved each other by looking out for others first? What if neighbors and friends always sought to do for each other over self? Oh my goodness, what a wonderful world it would be!!

Of course, even if we strive as hard as we can, none of us can ever fully do that. That's why Jesus came. Jesus looked out for us. Jesus went to the cross for us, for the many times we have been selfish and self-centered. Jesus bled and died for all our sins. He is the only One to ever walk the earth that fully loved His neighbors as Himself.

Inspired by His great love, we can seek to love others and look out for others. That's what we want to teach our children. That's the model of life we want to display for them in the life that we live. Our children watch us very closely. So let's all take to heart Jesus' words and "live a life of love." (Ephesians 4:32-5:2)

In Christ's Love,  
*Pastor Bender*

## **PRACTICE SCHEDULES**

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

February 16	6-8 Grades Choir & 4-8 Handbells 10:30am
February 29	K-1 Grades Choir 5:00pm
March 4	4-5 Grades Choir 6:00pm
March 9	2-3 Grades Choir 8:00am
March 11	6-8 Grades Choir 6:00pm

## **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

February 13-16	JV Girls and Boys Tournament at Elm Grove Lutheran Varsity Boys and Girls Tournament at Grace MF
February 19	Varsity Boys vs. St. Martini @ Immanuel 4:30pm
February 21-23	St. Paul's Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament



February 15	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
February 21-23	St. Paul's Boys Basketball Tournament
February 24	Teacher In Service – NO SCHOOL
March 4	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (chicken & rice casserole, green beans)
March 11	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (baked potato soup, veggies, bread)
March 16-20	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
March 18	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (minestrone soup, Italian bread)
March 25	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad)
March 26	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
March 27	Teacher In Service – NO SCHOOL
April 1	Lent Worship 10am & 6pm Lent Dinner 4:45pm (tacos, chips, corn)
April 4	Clothing Giveaway at the ECC

