



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

January 23, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Toys I had when I was growing up: Hot Wheels, GI Joe stuff, footballs, BB gun, football helmet and pads, bike, basketball and hoop...that's about it. Notice anything that is missing? Yep- like many of you, I was **lucky enough** to be raised in the pre-electronics era. But electronics are here and are part of our lives as well as those of our kids and we have to be wise in how we deal with them. For the record, I am not anti-electronics, I love them, but as a wise friend of mine always says, "Everything in moderation." A few thoughts....

What are some positives to video games and electronics?

- They offer a global community; they help users connect with others.
- They provide a platform to learn problem solving and creativity.
- They help widen acceptance of different ethnicities.
- They furnish the satisfaction of accomplishment and progress.
- They can help users learn to read and search for answers.

What are some negatives to video games and electronics?

- While joining a community is positive, social gaming can be toxic. Anonymity allows users to be bigger jerks than they'd be to someone's face. Criticism and bullying are huge.
- Current video games allow users to make weird and destructive choices without showing the downside or consequences to those choices. Violence is just entertainment.
- Fantasy fulfillment takes place with no authority and few guardrails. You can do whatever you want to others and begin assuming its normal.
- Games are addictive. This year, parents sued "Fortnite" for its addictive elements on their son. Video game companies build in addiction mechanics like Las Vegas casinos use to get people hooked.

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 read the following article about screen time and kids. It is very informative, and even better, it is very short!

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/screentime-bigkids.html>

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEKEND – THIS WEEKEND SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

All students in grades 4K-8th grade will be sitting in the front pews on the pulpit side of the church this weekend. Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the worship service time your child(ren) are singing. We will have teachers up in front to help direct your child to a place to sit. Students in 3K will sit with their families until it is time to sing. Thank you for helping us begin our week of celebration of our Lutheran school.

REMINDER:

- Saturday 5:00pm last names beginning with R-Z
- Sunday 8:00am last names beginning with A-H
- Sunday 10:30am last names beginning with I-Q

If you are unable to make your “assigned” service, just come to another one and join us! We want **ALL** our students to join us!

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. 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.

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.

- 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.

CHOICE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) begins February 1st for the 2020-2021 School Year. 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 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.

TOURNAMENT SHIRTS & SPIRIT WEAR

An email was sent home on Wednesday regarding tournament shirts. The link was in the email, it can be found on our website, or listed here:

<https://dunnssportinggoods.net/online-stores/spwatourney20>

The online store closes on January 26th at 11:59pm.

This is the link for spirit wear: **ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 2ND**

<https://dunnssportinggoods.net/online-stores/spwaspirit20>

WINTER SPORTS PICTURES

On Tuesday, February 4th pictures will be taken of our basketball teams and short shot participants for the year book. JV and Varsity players will also have the opportunity to have individual pictures taken for parents to purchase. Order forms will be sent home the week of January 27th. Basketball players should bring their uniforms and short shot students should wear their shirts that day. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING TO ST. PAUL'S

- Sunday, February 16, 2020
- This is a church youth fundraiser
- An afternoon of fun, games, food and prizes
- See you all there!
- Watch for more information to come

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) 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:

Saturday, January 25

5:00pm - Logan Rauter

Sunday, January 26

8:00am – Brooklyn Hoffman

10:30am – Carolyn Baars

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends and families of St. Paul's,

I pray that you are doing well here, at the beginning of 2020. It is a pleasure to be your pastor and lead you into a new decade!

There's been something on my mind that I'd like to share with you and it is this: I am easily distracted. I feel like I have so much going on in life, with family, in the workplace, in the media, communication with people, and so forth. It's easy to lose sight of what is really important and priorities can change. The 21st century makes it easy to become distracted I believe. I constantly need reminders and need to be called back into focus.

Life pulls us in many directions and it is easy to feel stretched. Do you ever feel this way?

In this week's Gospel reading Jesus calls his first disciples to a brand new and focused life. In Matthew chapter four, Jesus speaks two words: "Follow me" and Peter and Andrew, and James and John leave EVERYTHING to follow Jesus. This is a great reminder to me. As a disciple of Jesus, there will be times where I need to drop it all and focus on Christ and where he is leading me. Where are you distracted and need to be more focused with your relationship with your Heavenly Father? Maybe work is a distraction. Maybe the news station is a distraction. Maybe the NFL playoffs are a distraction. But when we think about it, many of our distractions lead to hopeless places. But Jesus, is the light in our darkness who leads us into eternal life! Join me this week and this month following the light of the world!

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Noah Kegley

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

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

SPORTS SCHEDULE

January 23-26	Varsity Boys and Girls Tournament @ Immanuel Brookfield Girls 1 st game Thursday @ 4:30pm Boys 1 st game Friday @ 4:30pm
January 29	JVGirls vs. Divine Redeemer 4:30pm JVBoys vs. Divine Redeemer 5:30m Varsity Girls vs. SPOC @ Immanuel 4:30pm
February 1	Varsity Boys vs. Grace Oak Creek @ Our Fathers 12:00pm
February 3	JVGirls vs. Christ-St. Peter's 5:20pm JVBoys vs. Christ-St. Peter's 6:10pm
February 5	Varsity Girls vs. Hales Corners @ Immanuel 4:30pm
February 6	Varsity Boys vs. Granville @ Elm Grove 4:30pm
February 8	Varsity Girls vs. Mt. Calvary @ Elm Grove 11:00am Varsity Boys vs. GROC @ Elm Grove 1:00pm



January 24	Survive Alive House grades 1 & 4; 9-10:30am
January 25	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
January 27-31	National Lutheran Schools Week
January 30	Movie Night at the Ridge
February 1	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
February 4	Winter Sports Pictures
February 7	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL
February 8	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
February 15	Short Shots 9:00-10:15am
February 21-23	St. Paul's Boys Basketball Tournament