



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Matthew 20:28**

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What do you wear to work? A suit and tie? A dress? Coveralls? Of course, the answer depends on your vocation and what you happen to be doing that day. The same holds true here at school. If you are working in early childhood, you dress differently than in the middle school. The gym teacher may dress differently than the art teacher. Perhaps you have “casual Fridays”. What you wear depends upon your role and circumstances.



This week we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week. Our staff are all “dressed for action” in their vocation through their baptisms. There, they have been clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness. Lutheran schools are special places with a lot of action taking place. The action goes beyond the steps down the hallway or through the gym. The action goes beyond directing the choir or coaching the team. The actions are those that encourage the fellow staff member having a bad day, or taking the hand of a hurting child. The actions are the caring conversations with a parent concerned about their child or their marriage.

All of the above actions are actions that I witnessed this week alone at this place we call SPWA. We are blessed beyond measure with a staff that genuinely cares and truly serves their Lord and Master in their calling. NLSW is a time to celebrate our teachers and recognize them for all that they do, and for what they are-true servants. I encourage you to take the time to lift our staff up in prayer and to thank our Heavenly Father for the gifts that truly are.



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.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Starting February 1st, we will begin to register students for the 2021-2022 school year. All paperwork was emailed to you yesterday. Non-Choice families will need to pay a \$75 registration fee per child, as long as it is before March 15th. After March 15th, the registration fee goes to \$150 per child. Choice families will need to fill out all the paperwork that was sent out yesterday. Please call the school office if you have any questions. **Try to get registration completed as soon as possible to insure your child gets a seat.**



Talk Us UP!

Word of mouth is the number one method of advertising for a school.

CHOICE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) begins February 1st for the 2021-2022 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 Thursday, October 29th. The second meeting is set for February 26th. 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 if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE CENTER

St. Paul's Child Care Center is located at 7835 W. Grant Street and provides care for children ages 6 weeks-14 years of age. The hours of operation are from 6:00 AM-6:00 PM (Monday-Friday). Our goal is for parents to leave with "peace of mind" knowing their child's needs are being met and learning is happening. Please call Amy Puechner for a tour (414) 430-2542 or email amy@splcwa.org.

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.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for the month of January will be used to buy food and gift cards for the church to give to people who come here looking for help.

FROM THE PASTOR

Who is the Greatest?

Dear friends in Christ,

We humans like greatness! We recognize and are even in awe over the great things that people do. We acknowledge great acts of heroism, and so we have honored front line medical workers in these days of pandemic. Yes, even the NFL has acknowledged this by giving free Superbowl tickets to 7,500 health care workers. Yes, we love greatness: great leaders, great artists, great performers, and even great athletes.

Well, in just over a week or so, two of the greatest quarterbacks in our day will battle it out on the gridiron. Tom Brady, who has been given the title "G.O.A.T.," that is, the Greatest of All Time will match up with the young kid, Patrick Mahomes. Brady's career is impressive: in his 21 seasons as an NFL QB he has reached a conference championship game 14 times, will be playing in his 10th Superbowl on February 7, and has won six superbowls with a shot at a seventh.

I don't know about you, but I will be watching. It could be one of the greatest matchups in superbowl history, especially as Patrick Mahomes is hoping to become the youngest quarterback to ever win back to back superbowls. And, no doubt, he is hoping to exceed Tom Brady's accomplishments in his career.

Well, enough about football. Who is the greatest in the eyes of Jesus? It truly isn't the person with great athletic prowess. It isn't the person who succeeds and prospers with riches in the business world. It is not CEO's of big tech companies or even people who rise to the top of the political ladder.

Who is the greatest in Jesus' eyes? The person who serves, who gives for the benefit of others, who even makes themselves slave for others to serve them in their needs. Jesus says a husband and father who works hard to provide for his family and who sacrificially loves and cares for them . . . that man is great. A mother who works tirelessly for the benefit of her family . . . that is a great woman. A child who is always ready to serve, to help out, to offer help to a fellow student . . . that child is great . . . in the eyes of Jesus.

Jesus teaches us that we are "Sent to Serve." That's our school theme this year. Of course, Jesus served us all, laying down His life on the cross to benefit us and bring us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in His name. Since Jesus has so served us, may we all take up the call daily that we have been sent by Jesus to serve others.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor Bender

UPCOMING DATES

February 5

March 1

March 15-19

March 26

Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL

Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL

Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

End of 3rd Quarter

