



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 30, 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sports: A winning attitude. Everyone likes winning. Right? Losing? Well, maybe not so much. I know I wasn't very happy to see the 49ers pummel the Packers the way they did a couple weeks ago. Youth sports have recently become a bit of a hot topic. Some parents swear that sports are very beneficial for their kids' development and health; others will not let their children participate in organized sports because of other parents and coaches that are "off the charts."

We are in the midst of the basketball season with lots of things going and lots of games and tournaments still to be played. Please, do your best to be positive, supportive examples for our young athletes and for our volunteer coaches who give so much so that youth sports remain a positive experience for all concerned here at SPWA.

Here are some ways your youngster can be a good sport no matter the situation:

- Cheer each other on when good things happen ("Nice catch!"), and sympathize when they don't ("You'll get the next one!").
- Shift your child's thinking. Instead of focusing on coming in first or scoring the most goals, suggest that he work on beating his personal best.
- When you watch sports together, point out examples of good sportsmanship. Perhaps his favorite basketball player helps an opponent up after a fall.

To help make playing sports an enjoyable experience for those involved, remember these words:

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it."

Knute Rockne

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.

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 15th. 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.

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 3rd for the 2020-2021 School Year. Please remember to bring in your residency verification and any income verification, if necessary, by the 20th 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 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.

WINTER SPORTS PICTURES - TOMORROW

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.

CALLING ALL ST. PAUL'S ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Come join the St. Paul's pep band on Friday, February 21st 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 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!



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, February 1

5:00pm - Isabella Avila

Sunday, February 2

8:00am – Anna Carson

10:30am – Eric Brofka

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends, there has been a lot of troubling and sad stories in the news lately. There were a couple of horrible car accidents where people have died. The Coronavirus is spreading, especially within China, with thousands afflicted and over 100 people dead. Then this past Sunday, we heard the very sad news story of the helicopter crash that killed former NBA star, Kobe Bryant, his little daughter, and seven others. Death can be a very scary thing.

According to God's holy Word, the only reason that "death" is in the world is because of sin. Death entered God's good creation when Adam and Eve sinned. Death has brought sadness and sorrow to so many over the centuries and many people in the year 2020. I can only imagine how hard it must be for Vanessa, Kobe's wife, and their three living daughters to have to bury two loved ones. Pray for the Bryant family and all those affected.

Death! It hurts. It's so hard. It can devastate. That is why we need Jesus, God's Son. Jesus came into the world to bring salvation from both sin and *death*. The author of

Hebrews writes of Jesus: *“Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death— that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.* (Hebrews 2) Those who believe and trust in Jesus will overcome both sin and death, through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

There’s a happy ending to the Kobe Bryant life story. You see, Kobe was raised in the church but fell away. When he had some troubles in his life well over a decade ago, he turned back to the church. He knew he had been living contrary to God’s will and turned back to Christ. Since that time he has been a regular worshiper in the one holy Christian and apostolic church. Indeed, reports have come forth that he went to church the morning of that terrible crash.

The troubles of life in all their forms is what should turn each of us back to Christ and His church, to worship, to pray, to receive Christ’s supper . . . and to know the never failing love of Jesus that had, indeed, overcome both sin and death. So when it comes to troubles in life . . . and even death which will come to us all, hear the words of Jesus: *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.” (John 14)*

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 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
February 10	JVGirls vs. Our Redeemer @ OR 4:30pm JVBoys vs. Our Redeemer @ OR 5:30pm Varsity Girls @ Brookfield Christian 5:00pm Varsity Boys @ Brookfield Christian 6:00pm
February 12	Varsity Girls vs. SPOC @ SPWA 5:30pm Varsity Boys vs. Our Fathers @ SPWA 6:30pm
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



January 30	Movie Night at the Ridge 6:00pm
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