



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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**IN ALL THINGS**  
**Colossians 1:15-20**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*We love because He first loved us.* 1 John 4:19

Whew! What a frantic time Christmas was! So many people to buy gifts for! How many people were on your list?

But just why do we buy, give, and receive gifts? Sometimes, we have to admit, we do it for the wrong reasons. We might have given a gift out of duty or obligation, another to keep up with the neighbors, or like Clark Griswold, just to get in good with the boss! Let me ask you this, how many of those gifts were bought and given purely out of love?

During the holiday season, we know we were supposed to be focusing on the greatest gift of all, the baby Jesus. But that often gets lost in the shuffle, doesn't it? God gave us His son as a present. As believers we receive yet another gift---the gift of eternal life. Now those were gifts given purely out of love!

So, just why do we give gifts at Christmas? Because God has given us the gift of His son, we return our thanks by showing love and giving tokens of our love to one another. We give and we live generously because God first gave to us. If you lost sight of that fact during the crush of Christmas, don't worry. God has blessed us with numerous ways and opportunities to Live Generously, all we need to do is open our eyes!

**COVID**-yesterday you received an email with a document explaining some changes/adjustments made to our COVID protocols in light of recent CDC guidance. All other COVID protocols remain in place (i.e. hand hygiene, masking, spacing, pre-wrapped and store bought food treats, student water bottles, etc.)

**THANK YOU**- a huge shout-out to the following volunteers who help make SPWA a special place: Marie Hoffman-Smith, Adam Smith, Mary Kochanski, Chelsea Rudig, Janet Johnson, Nikki Lemberger.

**HELP NEEDED**- Our morning greeter at Lincoln will be gone February 7-14 and we are in need of someone or some people to take her spot for those days. Hours are 6:30-7:45.



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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.

**SMARTBOARDS-** Our new Smartboards have arrived (ordered in July!) and will be phased into classrooms over the next few weeks. We are excited and thankful for this huge technological upgrade!

**HALLWAY PAINTING-**our Lincoln campus halls and classrooms need a facelift. It has been many years since they were last painted. Our first step is to choose colors. If anyone knows of a good interior decorator that would help us choose colors please contact the Office.



### **A Message from Mrs. Ploetz**

*Dear St. Paul's Staff and Parents,*

*I hope you all are doing well and had a relaxing Christmas break, filled with time with your families.*

*It is with a heavy heart that I write this note to let you know that this will be my final year at St. Paul's. I have enjoyed my 5 years of service here. It has been a pleasure to get to know not only the students, but also you, the parents. From day one I have felt welcomed to St. Paul's, making this decision even more difficult. Maci is growing up fast and I feel the need to spend more time with her, and to be a full-time mom.*

*I pray that God will continue to guide the students and staff at St. Paul's and that the transition goes smoothly for all. I look forward to coming back to visit after this year has ended.*

*Thank you for all the support and love I felt during my 5 years, especially this last year during my pregnancy and birth of my daughter. It has been greatly appreciated.*

*Melissa Ploetz  
4th Grade Teacher*

### **SHORT SHOTS STARTS THIS WEEKEND**

A reminder that Short Shots starts this weekend for those who signed up. Kindergarten and First Grade will run from 9AM-10AM and Second and Third Grade will run from 10:15AM-11:15 AM. Please make sure that your child has clean gym shoes and a water bottle. Short Shots runs this Saturday, January 8th - Saturday, February 12th. If you have any questions please contact Mike Carson or Sarah Zellmer.

## **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](http://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 79<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CHOICE ENROLLMENT**

**Enrollment in the Choice Program (Milwaukee and Wisconsin) begins February 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2022-2023 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 Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.** The second meeting is set for February 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:amy@splcwa.org) or call 414-430-2542.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **VBS**

**June 20- June 24, 2022**

## **HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE**

January 21	Sloppy Joe's
February 18	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](mailto: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

## 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**
- **Varsity Boys Basketball – Tuesday 5:00-6:30 & Wednesday 3:15-5:00**  
**Optional Friday 5:00-6:30**

## SINGING SCHEDULE

### NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

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

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

January 8	Varsity Boys vs. Elm Grove @ Elm Grove 10:00am Varsity Girls vs. Immanuel @ Mt. Olive 12:00pm
January 11	JV Girls vs. Immanuel @ home 4:30pm JV Boys vs. Immanuel @ home 5:30pm
January 12	Varsity Girls vs. Mt. Olive/Our Redeemer @ home 6:30pm
January 13-16	JVG & JVB Zion Men. Falls Tournament
January 15	Varsity Girls vs. Hales Corners @ Beautiful Savior 12:00pm Varsity Boys vs. Grace O.C. @ Beautiful Savior 1:00pm
January 19	Varsity Girls vs. Grace O.C./Our Fathers @ O.F. 4:30pm Varsity Boys vs. Immanuel @ Mt. Olive 5:30pm JV Boys vs. Northwest @ home 5:30pm JV Girls vs. Mt. Calvary @ home 6:30pm
January 24	JV Girls vs. Mt. Olive @ home 4:30pm JV Boys vs. Mt. Olive @ home 5:30pm
January 26	Varsity Boys vs. St. Martini @ Beautiful Savior 6:30pm
January 27-30	Varsity Boys and Girls Tournament at Immanuel Brookfield



January 14	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
January 17	M.L. King Day – NO SCHOOL
January 23-30	National Lutheran Schools Week





## **JANUARY**

Micah Baars  
William Baker  
Elena Brofka  
Layla Cruz  
Helena Keen  
Kian Koble  
Emilia Kosek  
Isaiah Morales  
Jackson Petersen  
Rhyder Raatz  
Owen Radtke  
Joseph Segura  
Cal Streicher  
Jaxson Zimmer



## **JANUARY**

1 – Sophia Schulz  
6 – Vincent Sanchez Loomans  
7 – Hadley Emmer  
11 – Savannah Lentini  
13 – Oliva Kassa  
17 – Elena Brofka & Henry Sanchez Loomans  
18 – Abigail Gennerman  
19 – Leyna Sleik  
20 – Kian Koble  
27 – Braelyn Zellmer

**May God continue to bless you in your Baptismal Grace!**