



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

November 18, 2021

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

## **WHAT A WEEK!!!**

**ITEM 1:** In case you haven't heard yet, on Tuesday the Common Council of West Allis approved our **Special Use Permit** and said we can move forward with our playground! This is fantastic news, and the realization of a multi-generational dream to provide our children with a safe and attractive place to play and develop. Our goal is to have the playground ready for next school year.

**ITEM 2:** Each year the State of Wisconsin DPI "grades" all schools participating in the Choice program and then publishes a report card for each school. Those report cards were released this week. **Simply put, our school knocked it out of the park!**

- **Overall Score was a phenomenal 88.2/100**
- **In the area of Exceeding Expectations, we achieved a 5 Star Rating on a 5 star scale!**

This report validates all the long hours our teachers put into their craft, as well as the hard work of our students. This is great news, **spread the word** about the exciting things happening here at St. Paul's!!!

**ITEM 3: It's Tournament Time again!** After a one-year hiatus we are excited to once again be hosting our Girls' basketball tournament this weekend.

### **SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES**

School pictures went home this week. If your child was absent, or the picture did not turn out, retakes are Tuesday, November 23. Send the packet back to school with your child for retakes. Call Tammy in the office with any questions.

### **PTL MEETING**

On **Tuesday, November 30**, at 6:30 pm we will be having a PTL meeting focusing on mental health in children, and how COVID has impacted that. The presentation will be led by representatives of **Lutheran Counseling and Family Services (LCFS)**. There will be a presentation and then a time for Q&A.

**We hope to see many of you there!**

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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.**

## **PARENT HANDBOOK**

There are many families that have not signed and returned page 19 of the Student Parent Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year. The handbook was emailed at the beginning of the school year. You can also find it on our website ([www.splswa.com](http://www.splswa.com)). Go to quick links – forms, publications, manuals – and then under other school documents, you will see Student Parent Handbook. Call the office with any questions

## **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.

## **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.

## **CARLINE**

With increased traffic on Lincoln Avenue and more cars turning onto 78th and 79th Streets to avoid Lincoln Avenue construction, we are seeking your full cooperation and adherence to our Lincoln Avenue building's pick-up procedure at the end of the school day.

- DO NOT park/stop in the NO PARKING zone across the street from our 79th Street exit.
- Please only pick up students with your car facing north (on 79th) or south (on 78th). If this procedure is not followed and students need to cross the street, they can cross at the CORNER only.

We truly believe these procedures are best to help with flow of traffic, and more importantly, student safety.

**Please share this carline message with anyone who picks up your Lincoln Avenue students from school.**

## LUTHERAN COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES

This year we are happy to again be partnering with **Lutheran Counseling and Family Services**. **LCFS** provides students and families with emotional support and counseling on issues like anxiety, depression, anger management, grief, eating disorders, etc. These services take place during the school day. If you think that your child might benefit from this program, please contact Tammy and she can forward you the necessary paperwork.

## 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 is **Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. 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. The second meeting is set for **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



## MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL 2022-2023 Admissions Information

- Do you know of a current 8<sup>th</sup> grader interested in attending Martin Luther in 2022-2023? [Applications Now Open!](#)
- Please note if you are returning family with a current student, you do NOT need to complete this application. This is for new students only.
- For any specific questions regarding the admissions process, please contact Abbie Amling at [aamling@martinlutherhs.org](mailto:aamling@martinlutherhs.org) or 414.421.4000 ext. 180.

## 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.

## 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

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| <u>HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE</u> |                |
| December 10               | Chicken Strips |
| January 19                | Sloppy Joe's   |

### ***From the Pastor***

On October 3, 1789, George Washington, the first president of these United States of America, issued a proclamation calling for the peoples of our nation to unite in rendering "sincere and humble thanks" to the Lord God, the Almighty. This was to take place on Thursday, November 26, 1789. It was seventy four years later under the leadership of President Abraham Lincoln that it became a national holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Washington's original proclamation began with these words: "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

I am thankful to live in a country with such a strong Christian heritage with many of its leaders encouraging us to look heavenward for strength, protection, guidance, humility, awe and with thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for in our lives. If our earthly blessings weren't enough, God loved us enough to give us Jesus to be our Savior. We would love to have you join us at one of our Thanksgiving services next week: Wednesday, November 25 at 6pm or Thursday, November 27, at 9am. "Come, ye thankful people, come . . . Come to God's own temple, come." (LSB #892: 1)

*Pastor Bender*

### **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**

Wednesday, December 8 10:00am & 6pm 3K, 4K & Kindergarten Christmas Service  
Wednesday, December 15 10:00am & 6pm 1-8<sup>th</sup> grades Christmas Service

### **UPCOMING DATES**

November 19-20 Girls' Basketball Tournament  
November 23 School Picture Retakes  
November 25-26 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL  
December 15-17 Christmas Store  
December 22-31 Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL  
January 3 Classes Resume



## **NOVEMBER**

**Matthew Dawursk  
Nadia Galindo  
Theodore Bickel  
Joshua Hafemann  
Ava Bingenheimer  
Abigail Gennerman  
Sage Becker  
William Minor  
Lauren Flessert  
Ronan Slaske  
Leyna Sleik  
Memphis Cruz  
Logan Wachholtz**



## **NOVEMBER**

**1 – Riley Strysick  
2 – Bella Avila  
5 – Kayla Knapp  
11 – Kayla Gennerman  
11 – Lexi Tavidian  
15 – Drew Gutknecht  
21 – Matthew Dawursk  
22 – Skylee Ulatowski**

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