



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**

October 3, 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hebrews 12:1 *Let us run the race that is before us and never give up.*

I found out this week that the word **race** is from the Greek word **agon**, from which we get the word **agony**. The Christian's race is not a nice leisurely jog through Kettle Moraine on a beautiful Fall day, but rather a demanding and grueling, sometimes agonizing race. It takes a massive effort to finish our Earthly race strong.

Likely you have noticed that many don't do that? Surely you have observed that there are many on the side of the trail? They used to be running. There was a time when they could keep the pace. But then weariness set in, tough terrain took its toll. They didn't think the run would be this tough, and they gave up....

By contrast, Jesus' best work was His final work, and His strongest step was His last step. Our Master is the classic example of one who endured....He could have easily quit the race like so many others. But He didn't. Let's follow His lead. It takes a massive effort to finish strong in a spiritual race. What steps can you take to build your spiritual stamina?

It's almost here! Our very first Color-Run will take place on **October 13 at Martin Luther High School (see attached map)**. Students and parents have been doing a great job of getting sponsors and raising money! Students can continue raising money and adding to their totals all the way through next week. Remember, this fun event will help raise money for some long over-due security upgrades at both campuses (see below)



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.

SECURITY UPDATES

The safety of all students, staff, and visitors is something we take very seriously. We are constantly evaluating our building security and updating policies and procedures. As a result of that we are implementing the following changes:

- **Visitor Registration**-anyone that visits our campuses **MUST** come to the Office first and sign in. They will then be issued a bright yellow Visitor badge to be worn at all times while in the building. This holds true for every visit, from dropping off a lunch in someone's locker to visiting a classroom. Students will be taught to look for the bright yellow Visitor stickers and to report anyone not registered to their teacher.
- **Classroom and Office doors** will now be closed and locked during the day.
- Please know that there have been no incidents or problems here at SPWA. We are always analyzing our Emergency Response Plans with the WAPD, making updates where needed, and then using those plans to teach our children the appropriate responses.
- The money PTL raises from the **Color-Run** this year will all go towards more security upgrades. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

SECURITY COSTS

Listed below are some of our wish-list security items. Perhaps your place of work offers grants or has a matching gifts program that would allow you or your employer to purchase, or help purchase some of the items.

- Electronic locks on Office door (\$3000)
- Portable radios for all staff (\$3000 (15 X200))
- Shatterproof film on Office windows (\$700)
- Shatterproof film on ECC windows (\$8000)

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, October 17th 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 20th. Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.



Come Join Us

When: Wednesday October 16th - 7:00 PM

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran School gymnasium

Why?: *Life of the Party: the Story of Mary & Martha*

St. Paul's Lutheran School students in grades 4-8th will present a musical sharing the good news of Jesus through the Bible story of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. You will enjoy hearing parables, learning about family squabbles and forgiveness.

Optional: Come join us at 1:30 PM for dress rehearsal same location, same date!

We Hope to See you Soon!!

EXTENDED CARE

All children attending before and after school must have paperwork on file with the child care.

If your child is not registered, they should not attend school before 7:45 AM and must be picked up by 3:10 PM.

If you are interested in registering for before and/or after school care, please see Amy Puechner at the Grant Street building or email her at amy@splcwa.org

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Church at St. Paul's: Saturday - 5:00pm; Sunday - 8:00am and 10:30am; Sunday School/Adult Bible Class - 9:15am

Acolyte Schedule:

Saturday, October 5

5:00pm – Emma Bingenheimer

Sunday, October 6

8:00am – Lilla Carson

10:30am – Carolyn Baars

JR. HIGH YOUTH SCHEDULE FALL 2019

- ✓ Saturday, October 12th – Schuett Corn Maze in Mukwonago 6:30pm (meet at church)
- ✓ Saturday, November 2nd – Dinner & a Movie@ St. Paul's 6:30pm
- ✓ Sunday, December 1st – Swim n Lights Country Christmas (meet at St. Paul's 2:00pm)
- ✓ Wednesday, December 4th – Serve Advent Dinner 4:30pm (meet in kitchen)

JR. HIGH YOUTH

Attention Jr. High Youth! We are planning a trip to Schuett's Corn Maze in Mukwonago on Saturday, October 12th immediately following the 5:00pm worship service.

Permission slips are needed and available from Pastor Noah. We also need adults to help chaperone and drive for this event. We will meet at church and depart as a group about 6:30pm. Return time approximately 9-9:15pm. Please contact Pastor Noah if you can help out. Cost is \$8, but only \$7 if we get more than 10 youth attending.

Sound fun? Please join us!

FROM THE PASTOR

How is everything going with you?? When asked this question, we tend to say "I am just fine" or "Everything is good" or "I'm doing okay." Often, this is not exactly the truth and sometimes what we are going through in our lives is far from it. Now, I know that often we give a quick and rather positive response because we know the person asking is probably not ready for us to unload on them all our burdens and problems. However, where do we turn when life gets tough?

God's Word calls Christians to be "burden carriers." Listen to just a few Bible verses on this. *"Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* (Galatians 6:2) Jesus Himself says, *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28) And Peter writes in his first epistle, *"Live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."* (1 Peter 3: 8)

This is how each one of us ought to live. We should be there for one another. This is also one of the characteristics that we desire to show forth at St. Paul's Lutheran School. We want to teach it to our students. We want our staff to model it in their behavior. We want to help support and carry one another's burdens in life.

So the next time someone asks you how you are doing, if you really aren't "doing good," then perhaps you should give them the opportunity to help. If you are struggling, let someone know by saying "Actually, I am struggling right now. Could we talk together sometime?" Please know that the pastors and staff of St. Paul's truly want to be there for you and one another. We may not do it perfectly, but we do truly care.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender

COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE UPDATE

Although we appreciate the enthusiasm and support of St. Paul's Clothing Drive, because of space and resources, we are unable to accept clothing at this time.

Please look for drop off dates to begin after January 2020. Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Please turn the **bright GREEN permission to share form in as soon as possible.**

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**
- **Cross Country – Monday Grades 7 & 8 3:15-4:30pm**
Thursday Grades 3-6 3:15-4:30pm
Friday Grades 3-8 3:15-4:30pm
- **JV Girls Volleyball – Monday & Wednesday 3:15-5:00pm**
- **Varsity Girls Volleyball – Tuesday 6-7:30pm**
Thursday 3:15-5:00pm

SINGING SCHEDULE

October 5	Grades 2 & 3 Choir 5:00pm
October 13	4K Choir 10:30am
October 16	Grades 4-8 Musical 7:00pm



SPORTS SCHEDULE

October 9	Varsity VBall @ St. Paul's vs Hales Corners 4:30pm Varsity VBall @ home vs St. Paul's Oconomowoc 5:30pm JV Volleyball @ Our Redeemer 4:30pm
October 17 & 19	JV Volleyball Tournament at Immanuel Brookfield
October 18-19	Varsity VBall Tournament at Immanuel Brookfield



October 13	Color Run
October 16	Fall Musical
October 18	Chapel Family Activity 1:30pm
October 24	End of 1 st Quarter
October 25	Records Day – NO SCHOOL
October 30	Parent Teacher Conferences after school
October 31	Parent Teacher Conferences during the day – NO SCHOOL
November 1	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL

