



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## "Making Disciples For Life"

**Matthew 28:19-20**

September 1, 2022

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### God Chose the Crayon

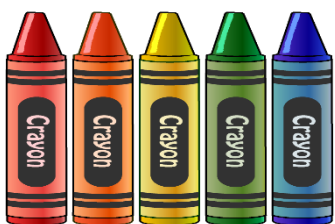
I am not an artist by any stretch of the imagination. My stick figures look pitiful. However, my oldest son, Jacob, loved to color as a young child and I spent untold hours coloring with him, and I actually got pretty good at it! We colored everything from Barney the dinosaur to superheroes. I grew to like coloring and actually found it very therapeutic. I'm sure that coloring will once again be a hobby of mine in the nursing home (those days are coming fast!). Who says coloring is just for kids anyway?

But there's another coloring story. God's glorious artwork is seen all around us in creation. Blue skies, aqua blue oceans, sunsets of pink and orange, green grass, and all the primary colors chosen in a rainbow. God colored me and you exactly like He desired. No scribbles. Perhaps coloring outside the lines for some of us, but nonetheless a finished picture He desired to capture. Exactly. Each one different, and perfectly to His liking.

Freckles, dark skin, light skin, dark eyes, or light eyes. Maybe **we** would have picked a different crayon for us, but we are not the Creator. Each of us is an original work of the ultimate artist, God. And God, the ultimate artist will never have to sign a piece of His artwork: "By God," because His works of art are instantly recognizable by their stunning beauty.

We are all a coloring book story. God chose the crayons. We contain who and when information, as well as the artist's name, "By God." None of us are ever torn out or removed from His coloring book, but we all remain proudly nestled inside the pages as a testimony of His handiwork.

So, admire your unique design by God. Don't complain about your craftsmanship or **perceived** shortcomings as if you know better than the artist. God is the master artist and you're His masterpiece!



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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.

There are a few things that I want to mention:

- We are working on finding a new date for our celebration of Grandparents/Special guests' day. **It will not be April 6<sup>th</sup>** as originally planned.
- Our big **Color Run** event is all set for **September 25**. Be watching for details.
- **Car Magnets**-We have a new supply of our popular bright red Panther Paw car magnets. These can be purchased in the Office for \$5.00 each. So, if your current paw has faded to some strange shade of pink or orange or white, TIME FOR A NEW ONE! If you don't have one on each vehicle, time to BUY ANOTHER ONE!

### **MEDICATION CONSENT FORM**

If your child needs to take **prescription or non-prescription medication**, a [form](#) needs to be filled out and kept in the school office along with the medication in its original container. These forms can be picked up from the school office or found [online](#) and printed.

### **FAST DIRECT UPDATES**

All families are asked to log in to their **Fast Direct** account and update any information that needs to be changed. Please make sure to check emergency contacts, as well as updated phone numbers, etc. If you need log in information, please contact the school office.

### **PLANNED ABSENCE FORM**

Whenever you know your child is going to be absent for a vacation or appointment, please see that they pick up and complete a [Planned Absence Form](#) from their teacher or online. This will list all the work they will be missing and are **expected to have completed upon their return**



**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AND  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. We understand that it is in worship where we draw closer to our God. In worship, God is present, and we have the opportunity to give thanks, receive forgiveness, gather with fellow believers, listen to His Word, pray for others, and to be strengthened in our faith to go out into the world to share Christ and to meet the challenges in everyday living. Our worship life also demonstrates how important God is to us and our families. As we teach our children God's truth, we model how important God is to us and should be in our lives as He is so good. Make it a priority to worship regularly and spend time in His Word this school year.



## FROM THE PASTOR

What a great opening school weekend it was as we gathered in God's house to worship, saw three new teachers installed, and heard the rededication commitment of our entire staff. I hope that you were among the children of God gathered that weekend.

"Making Disciples for Life" is the theme of our school year and it is based on the words of Jesus recorded in Mathew's gospel: **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."** These verses describe Jesus' desire for people to be baptized and grow in the grace and knowledge of His Truth!

Worship is one of the places where the Spirit of God is active in the hearts and minds of God's people. That's why, "It is time!" The pandemic saw many people literally distance themselves from many things, including worship. Many fears gripped hearts and affected lives. Now, it is time! It is time to come back to church, to worship in God's house as a family. Studies say that **30%** of the people that have quit coming to church will **never return to in person worship**. It's just a study. I hope for better at St. Paul's. So, in Jesus' name, I declare to you: "It is time! It's time to come again to drink in the waters of life in God's Word and precious sacraments."

I know it's tough to get the kids all ready and come. Indeed, just this past weekend there was a school family who had some challenges in getting everyone up after a tough night. Here's what the mom said about why they come: **"We made the effort as a family to show up because we know the church to be a sanctuary. Not only do we feel peace being in God's Word, but we feel joy worshipping with our friends and their families! Simply put, it renews our spirit."** It's truly worth "fighting the good fight!"

It's also time to recommit ourselves to home devotions. My wife, Jo, and I are striving to do devotions at 6:30am before we head off to work. That time probably won't work

for you. But find a time at the dinner table, before bed, or some other time, to gather as family and open the Bible and read and discuss the never changing truth of God's Word.

I hope you and your family have a great school year and, especially, that you grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus together.

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Bender*



September 2-5	Labor Day weekend – NO SCHOOL
September 6	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House 6:00pm Milwaukee Lutheran Monday Night Band Meeting 7:00pm
September 24	Jerry Heimsoth Memorial Golf Outing
September 25	Color Run
October 6 & 7	LEA Conference – NO SCHOOL
October 25	SCHOOL PICTURES
October 27	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 28	Report Card Day – NO SCHOOL
November 2	PM Parent Teacher Conferences
November 3	Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
November 4	Teacher In-Service – NO SCHOOL
November 18 & 19	Girls Basketball Tournament
November 23-25	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL



## AUGUST

AeveryMoonen  
Zach Myren  
Klaytin Greer-Metcalf  
Jacob Lemieux Petrovic  
AlyssePartl  
Ezekiel Schulte  
Leo Reuter  
Blake Kosek  
Kayla Gennerman  
Evan Bell  
Devin Thornberry  
Lucy Lang  
Vincent Sanchez Loomans  
Jasmine Sayavong  
Angela Paskiewicz  
Olivia Kassa  
Mila Sentowski Miller



## AUGUST

Brady Romano  
RhyderRaatz  
Haylee Raatz  
Nadia Galindo  
Eli Galindo  
Bradley Hoffman  
Max Blair  
Maks Burkee  
Teagan Ivy  
August Gutowski  
Logan Romano  
Abigail Gaits  
Claire Zimmer

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