



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"Be Still and Know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10

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A B Cs Of Student Success

B is for BEDTIME.

Awaaaaa, Mom! Already? Sound familiar? On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.) Encouraging quiet activities -- such as reading -- just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. *Sweet dreams!*

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Parent Pointers Emphasizing the Importance of Reading

- ▶ Parents who read usually have children who read.
- ▶ Reduce TV viewing time and videogame time, and increase reading time.
- ▶ Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read.
- ▶ Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them.
- ▶ Share what you have read with your child, and ask your child to do the same with you.

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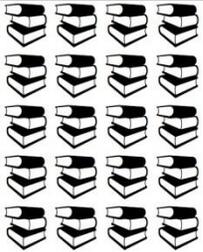
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Due to the emergence of television, movies, and the Internet, book lovers are a dying breed today. In today's fast-paced world, people consider spending time reading a book to be expendable and are willing rather to spend that same time watching a two hour long movie. What people don't realize is that movies and television paint the picture for us, while books allow us to imagine our own 'movies'. **This is the reason why many people believe the creative talent of today's youth is fading**, because while movies and television are highly entertaining and informative, books exercise the creative part of our brain by allowing us to form a picture from words on a page inside our heads.

In a time where the world's population is increasingly consumed by technological advances, it is vital that humans read for the sake of obtaining the many benefits attained from reading books. That is why we have dedicated resources and time to reopen our school library. We feel it is important to get books into the hands of our kids so they, too, can reap the many benefits of reading. Research has shown that reading increases creative thinking, expands vocabulary, improves writing skills, enhances memory, develops analytical thinking, and improves test scores to name just a few benefits. **And it doesn't take a lot of time either.** Students who consistently read just **twenty minutes** a day, reap many rewards.

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.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
<p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(Nay and Heron, 1987.)</small></p>		
<h3>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</h3>		

LIBRARY REOPENS

As mentioned above, we have dedicated considerable resources and many, many hours to reopen our library, which would not have been possible without the help of the **Lemberger family**. They have worked all summer building book cases, stocking shelves and coding books. Without them, this project wouldn't have happened. Our Library has many needs, watch in coming newsletters for how you can help out.



REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

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 Friday, November 16th. School Board members will be available throughout the first night of our Girls Basketball Tournament 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 meeting if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul's participates.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell choir is open to all students in grades 5-8. We meet on Wednesday mornings in the church balcony from 7:15-8. Come and join us!

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

Butter Braid Dates:

Start Date (materials go home with kids): Monday, October 22nd

Return Date (materials are returned to school): Monday, November 5th

Submit Orders to Butter Braid: Wednesday, November 7th

Delivery of Orders to School: Wednesday, November 14th

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings this month will be going to Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee. If you recall the church suffered major losses due to a fire back in May. We would love to be part of helping them rebuild and return to serving God's people in their building. A box of chapel offering envelopes should have come home with your child. Chapel offerings for October will go to Groundwork Guatemala.

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.

SCHOOL PICTURES AND FALL SPORTS PICTURES

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, October 4th. That's when we will have our school pictures and Fall sports pictures taken. More information and the order forms will be sent home soon.

TEXT ALERTS



In an effort to better communicate with all parents in the case of an emergency or school closing, we are in the process of setting up a system to send short **texts** to all parents. In order for this system to work, all parents must have their Fast Direct contact information up-to-date, namely their **cell phone numbers** and **cell phone providers**. Instructions on how to do this are attached to this email. Please call Tammy if you need your log in information. **Please complete this no later than September 14th**. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Fall sports are in full swing. Our coaches for Fall sports are as follows:

JV volleyball-Miss Petermann

Varsity volleyball- Mrs. Ploetz

Cross Country- Mrs. Koble and Mr. Rauter



All Athletic questions and concerns this year should be directed to either Mr. Dittman or Mr. Rauter.

FROM THE PASTOR

Hello to all of the St. Paul's Lutheran School families!

I pray that all of you and start of the school year. It's an develop our routines and get also invite all of you out to each week. When families with congregation lights up! Please join us! We would love to see you there!



your children are off to a great adjustment for everybody as we back into the swing of things. I worship with us here at St. Paul's children are in worship, the whole

Currently in worship, we are in a sermon series on the book of James. James is a fantastic book because it's all about the Christian life. James covers topics like how we speak to one another, living humbly, and living patiently. James writes these words, *"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere"* (James 3:17). Essentially what James is saying is that wisdom, which comes from God, is full of good works. As we all enter into a new phase, starting the school year, it is easy to lose patience and forget that we have been called by God to live as his holy people. It's easy to lose gentleness. It's easy to not live in peace with one another. But God calls us to a high standard. So, when you find yourself wandering away from God's Wisdom, turn to Jesus who showed the entire world the greatest act of mercy: death on the cross and rising from the dead. Jesus is your Savior who is the wisdom of God who entered into the world to buy you back and restore you so that you can go back out into the world. Then, when it comes to your relationships, you may reflect his character to the world.

Sincerely,
Pastor Noah

HOT LUNCH

This year Hot Lunch will be offered once a week, on a trial basis. The program is overseen by Chelsea Rudig, she will need volunteers to help. Additional information was emailed out the first week of August. Hot lunch will be offered every Wednesday. **Sign up to help at the following link:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084ba4ae2ba5f94-volunteer7>

JERRY HEIMSOTH MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Where: The Preserve at Deer Creek Golf Course

4284 S. Sunnyslope Road in New Berlin

Shotgun start: Everyone starts at 9:00am

Cost: \$30 per golfer

Price includes 9 holes of golf, golf cart, brat or hotdog lunch at fellowship event after the golfing is finished



PRACTICE SCHEDULES

- **JV Volleyball – Monday and Wednesday 3:15-4:45pm**
- **Varsity Volleyball – Tuesday and Thursday 3:15-4:45pm**
- **7 & 8 Cross Country – Monday and Friday 3:15-4:30pm**
- **3-6 Cross Country – Thursday and Friday 3:15-4:30pm**
- **Handbells – Wednesday 7:15am**

SINGING SCHEDULE

September 16	6-8 th Grade Choir & Handbell Choir 8:00am
September 22	4-5 th Grade Choir 5:00pm
September 30	1 st Grade Choir 10:30am

SPORTS SCHEDULE

September 18	JV Volleyball @/vs. Beautiful Savior 5:00pm
September 17	V Volleyball vs. H.C. @ 7:00pm at Divine Redeemer
September 19	V Volleyball vs. Immanuel @ 6:00pm at Mt. Olive
September 21	Cross Country Meet @ Grace Oak Creek 4:30pm
Sept 21-22	V Volleyball Tournament at Our Fathers
September 24	JV Volleyball @/vs. Mt. Olive 4:30pm

UPCOMING DATES

September 19	Hot Lunch
September 26	Hot Lunch
October 4	School Pictures
October 19	End of 1 st Quarter
October 31	Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
November 1 & 2	Teachers Conference – NO SCHOOL