



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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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parenting in the Age of Texting

I'm personally not a fan of parenting-by-text. I know, I know: some people swear by it. Some parents even have whole conversations with their teens about rules and expectations via text. You might even feel like, if it weren't for texts, you'd never have any contact with your child at all.

While it's true that text messages can be a good way to keep in touch with your teen, I would encourage you to have more important conversations in person. Do the big work of presenting rules, consequences, and expected behavior when you and your teen are in the same room. Try to stick with the phone for *quick reminders and encouragement*. For example, this text: "I know you want to go to the football game Friday, so make sure all your homework gets done on time", is a better use of texting than a whole long argument about why homework needs to be done on time, threatening to ground your child if it's not, and banning them from all social activities until it is done, or trying to get them to engage in dialogue with you about other things. There's just too much room for misinterpretation, claims of "not getting that text," and all sorts of other things that get in the way of clear, direct communication.

Bottom line? Use text messages as reminders of your expectations, not as a way to discuss them.



Starting a Conversation

- ▶ Talk about what the Golden Rule ("Do unto others as you would have them do unto you") means.
- ▶ One day in the week ahead, talk about what this quote means: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."
- ▶ Remind your child that "A good sport is always a winner." Talk about what that statement means.

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C is for CHOICES.

According to Jim Fay, author of *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*, giving children choices is more effective than making demands. He suggests...

- Never give choices if it might cause problems for you or anyone else.
- Give only two options for each choice, both equally okay with you. For example, *Would you like peas or carrots? or Do you want to do homework now or in 15 minutes?*
- If the child doesn't decide within 10 seconds, make the choice for him or her.

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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.

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.

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.

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 25th**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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

Making a Difference!! Doesn't everybody want to make a difference in life? Don't you want to be an **encourager**, a **great support**, a **faithful friend**? It is such a huge blessing when we touch another person's life for **good**. Of course, the greatest life that made a difference in the world is that of **Jesus Christ**. He touched people and they regained their sight and their hearing. Jesus, He made the lame to leap and He even raised the dead. Finally, Jesus made the biggest difference of all: He laid down His life on a cross to bring us the love and salvation of God through the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus, He made a great difference. Indeed, He still makes a world of difference today! Those who follow Him also make a difference in our world today. Christian folks encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25). Christian people help others out with their needs (1 John 3:18). Christian folks have compassion on others and consider others better than themselves (Philippians 2:1-3). Above all, Christian are kind and compassionate in forgiving one another for their sinful failings (Eph. 4:32-5:2). This Saturday around 150 or more people are going to gather to "make a difference" in the lives of one of our families. Come on down after worship on Saturday, September 22, that we might show care, compassion, and support to the Mueller family.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bender

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH 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. Hot lunch will be offered every Wednesday. **Sign up to help at the following link:**

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

