

## **School Mission Statement**:

Using God's Word as our guide, St. Paul Lutheran School will raise up future generations of Christians in our community by assisting parents in the Christian teaching of their children and by striving for excellence in all areas of instruction.

<u>Join Us for Worship!</u> St. Paul Lutheran Church offers Sunday worship services at 8am & 10:30am. We also have Monday services at 6:00 pm. A special Thanksgiving service will be offered on Wednesday, 11/23 at 6pm. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

**St. Paul Gear for Christmas Gifts? Yes, please!** Fox Cities Embroidery will be opening the window once again for St. Paul Falcon orders. *The order window will be available until next week Monday, closing at 8am on 11/21.* This is the latest possible order time to receive your items before Christmas. This will likely be the last opportunity to purchase St. Paul apparel. All info is included in this link: https://foxcitiesembroidery.chipply.com/SPLF2022/

<u>VFW Patriot's Pen:</u> The students in grades 6-8 were invited to participate in our local VFW Patriot's Pen Competition. This year's topic was "My Pledge to Our Veterans". Thank you to the students that took the time and effort to participate in this essay competition. Special congratulations to Ella Uhlenbrauk. Her essay was chosen to be judged at the district level of the VFW. She will receive an award and a scholarship for her winning essay! Good luck Ella at the next level of competition!

**2022 Advent Meals:** Throughout the Advent season, St. Paul Church offers worship opportunities on Wednesdays at 3:45pm & 6pm. Typically, a fellowship meal is offered between the services. These meals are coordinated by different groups and donations are accepted at the meal for assorted causes. Last year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class put on a meal to raise money for their graduation and end of the year activities. Athletics has raised money for new uniforms. PTO has done meals to fund fun days for the students. The possibilities are endless and are open to any group willing to help. Dates still available are December 7<sup>th</sup> & December 14<sup>th</sup>. To book a meal or to get more information, please stop by the office or email office@stpaulappletonwi.com.

<u>Winter Edition of 'My Devotions'</u> – The December - February devotion booklet will be coming home with your youngest student this week. Please take time to read a daily devotion with your family – you will be blessed!

<u>Christmas Food Pantry Collection:</u> We are collecting food for the Apple Valley Food pantry as our Christmas gifts to those in need. We want to show our thanks to our Creator for what he has given us by helping those who have not been given as much. Please have your child's gift(s) to their classrooms (located near the Harris Street entrance) by Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The following list from the pantry will indicate what your child's class is collecting:

K: Boxed macaroni and cheese and canned pasta (ravioli's etc.)

- 1: Boxed meals (hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers) and canned fruit cocktail
- 2: Cookies and small plastic jars of applesauce (24 oz. size)
- 3: Peanut butter and jelly/jam and canned pears
- 4: Condensed tomato and chicken noodle soups, assorted crackers (Ritz, Triscuit and flavored types)
- 5: Cereal, preferably the healthier ones (plain and honey oat, corn flakes, rice, Chex type, Special K, Total, etc.)
- 6: Spaghetti noodles and pasta sauces and canned mandarin oranges
- 7: Packaged rice, noodle and potato sides
- 8: Canned meats (chicken and tuna) and canned diced tomatoes and tomato sauce

ECC: Cereal snack bars and pork n beans/baked beans

\*Please note: The Pantry is unable to distribute expired, dented or partially used food.

<u>Kids Only – Save the Date!</u> The "Kids Only" Shopping event will be held on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00-3:30. All kids from St. Paul School, ECC, and church (Ages 4 years old - 8th grade) are invited to come do their Christmas shopping. Gifts can be purchased for just \$1 per item. Last year we sold just under 800 gifts and donated all proceeds to St. Paul School. "How can I help", you ask? Any donations from the congregation are greatly appreciated. Along with the gifts to

sell we use lots of gift bags and tissue paper. They can be dropped off in the church basement. We will also be needing lots of volunteers for the event. We will need people to help set up, wrap gifts, be cashiers or shoppers' helpers, and take down. If you have any questions or are able to volunteer, please contact Jackie Sievert (920-851-9436) or Sheryl Wert. (920-858-6553)

<u>Are you ready for a snow day??</u> We're getting a little dusting of snow today, but living in Wisconsin means there's bound to be much more coming! Make sure you are set up to receive texts and/or emails from Mr. Kelley in the event school is delayed or cancelled. If you are not currently receiving text or email notifications from the school (typically once/week), then you've got homework.

- \*Log into your PowerSchool account at https://wels.powerschool.com.
- \*Click on 'SwiftReachK12' on the upper left, then 'Alert Preferences' on the upper right (locations are on a desktop, and changes cannot be made on the app).
- \*Go through each phone number and email clicking on the 'Alert Preferences' button to be sure all appropriate options are checked.
- \*You can also 'Add New Field' if phone numbers or emails are missing, but remember to elect 'Alert Preferences' for any new info added.

Mr. Kelley does his best to get info out to news stations, however, receiving the direct text/email notification is THE MOST reliable source of information.

<u>Call Updates:</u> Mr. Stelter has returned his call to St. Croix and will remain in his current call here at St. Paul. Praise be to God!

Pastor Matthew Holtz has received a Divine Call to serve as pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in West Bend, WI. It is a Call to serve as one of their 3 full-time pastors. The Call would have Pastor Holtz focus on Worship and Stewardship. Please keep Pastor Holtz and his family in your prayers as he deliberates the Callings he has at St. Paul and Good Shepherd. Reach out to him in person or email (<a href="mailto:mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com">mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com</a>) with your thoughts and words of encouragement.

<u>Pizza Fundraiser:</u> We are doing a fundraiser to help offset the cost of Prairie Fire Theater. Since the 'Home Run Pizza' event went so well last summer, we will once again be asking families to sell their pizzas. Please note that order forms came home last week and are due back November 28<sup>th</sup>, giving you a prime opportunity to sell to your friends and family at Thanksgiving! Extra order forms will be available in the office.



Appleton Christmas Parade Update: If you have signed your child/children up to participate in the St. Paul float, please have them *dropped off at the staging area by 6:30pm on 11/22*. The staging area is on State Street between 8th and Lawrence Street. We are float # 47. We should be back to St. Paul around 8pm. Please pick your children up at the school at that time. Costumes will be going home with your children this Friday. Have your children try them on to check for fitting. All are welcome to join us after the parade for cookies and hot cocoa. Any questions please contact Theresa Holmes at 920-470-0714 or email <a href="mailto:stpaulchristmasparade@gmail.com">stpaulchristmasparade@gmail.com</a>

## **ATHLETICS NEWS**

<u>Home B-team BB Games Tonight!</u> Our Falcon B-teams tip off the 2022-23 season with home games against Trinity, Kiel tonight! The B-girls will start the action at 4:30, with the B-boys to follow at approximately 5:30. Come on out and support your Falcons!

<u>Volunteers needed for TONIGHT:</u> We are still in need of many concessions volunteers for tonight (both games), as well as someone to help with closing/ clean up following the boys game. Please consider how you may help support the kids by helping out! Volunteer link is here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848afae29a5fa7-splhome1">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848afae29a5fa7-splhome1</a>

\*Continue to check the online calendar for all practice/game dates & times:

https://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/calendars/school-athletics-calendar

## **Upcoming Events:**

11/15 Grades 7-8 Math Bowl at FVL 11/22 Appleton Christmas Parade 11/23-11/25 No School – Thanksgiving Break 12/10 Kids Only Shopping Day

12/13 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting/Open Forum

12/14 @ 8:10am Chapel

12/24 Children's Christmas Services (more info to come)

12/22 – 1/4 Christmas Break