

**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.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church: Please join us for worship! Services are Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. Monday evenings are at 6:00pm. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

Bible Information/Church Membership Classes: A new set of classes is beginning on Thursday, April 15th at 6:30pm. If you are interested in membership at St. Paul or would like more information, please contact Pastor Matt Holtz at 920-733-9061 or mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com.

School-Wide Assessments: The students in grades K-2 will be taking the 3rd round of MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing the weeks of April 12 & 19. The students in K-2 will complete the Math and Reading sections of the MAP test.

The students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Forward Exam the weeks of April 12 & 19. The students in grades 3, 5, 7 will complete the English/Language Arts, Math Computation and Problem Solving sections. The students in grades 4 & 8 will complete the previous sections along with the Social Studies and Science sections of the Forward Exam.

Each teacher will communicate their testing schedule with the students and parents. Please limit disruptions to the testing dates. Please also limit late drop offs or early pick-ups during these time periods. It would be beneficial for the children if they receive a good night's rest prior to testing, have a healthy, protein rich breakfast, and bring a healthy, protein rich snack option.

Athletic updates: We conclude our shortened, spring volleyball season this week with games vs. Riverview on Wednesday and @ Martin Luther, Oshkosh on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, the A-teams will be competing in some tournaments at FVL and at Faith in Fond Du Lac. Look for livestream information on those tournaments to be posted on the St. Paul Families facebook page. Let's go Falcons!

Soccer practice continues this week (now at Telulah Park). The first soccer game is next Wednesday at Shepherd of the Valley in Menasha.

Brian Butch Basketball Skills Session (3rd & 4th graders)

On Thursday May 6th, Brian Butch will be offering a free basketball skills session at St. Paul for all 3rd & 4th graders! The session will run from 4:00-5:00pm, and students will be supervised in the gym after school until Mr. Butch arrives. This is a great opportunity to learn some skills from a former professional basketball player and have some fun! If your son/daughter plans on attending, please email our athletic director, Mr. Stelter (tstelter@stpaulappletonwi.com), so we can have an accurate count. Players will just need to bring gym shoes, comfortable athletic clothing, a water bottle, and a facemask. Look for more reminders in our school news, but if you have any questions please feel free to direct those to Mr. Stelter.

Rummage Sale items- We have placed rummage sale items that were on the stage for families to come and take. We've also put a free will offering box out if anyone would like to leave a donation for items taken. Any items remaining on April 30th will be donated to Bargain Garden. Any donations collected will be used to fund Teacher Appreciation the first week of May.

Teacher Appreciation is May 3rd-May 7th: The "Giving Tree" will be making an appearance the week of May 3rd-May 7th. Families will have the opportunity to purchase scrip cards in the office to gift to the teachers, and sign the item to hang on the tree to show their appreciation. In addition to the tree, we will use any of the rummage sale donation funds to purchase a lunch for the teachers from Panera on May 7th. Families can also purchase Panera gift cards with a note for "teacher appreciation meal" if they would like to do so. We will have a daily theme for the week. Please help your child to put

together meaningful notes for his/her teachers. These little things require little prep, but mean so much to the faculty! Here are the daily themes:

Monday: Ask your teacher, "How can I help?"

Tuesday: Students dress like your teacher; teachers dress like your student (Remember dress code, please!)

Wednesday: Compliment your teacher

Thursday: Write a note to a teacher explaining how they've helped you and made a difference in your life

Friday: Share a fond school memory you've had with a teacher

Spring Plays:

Grades K-4 plays will be held on Friday, May 7th:

12:30PM: K-2 performances- Fairy Tales 1:15PM: Intermission

1:30PM: 3&4 performances- Fairy Tales

6:00PM: K-2 performances- Fairy Tales 6:45PM: Intermission

7:00PM 3&4 performances- Fairy Tales

Grades 5-8 plays will be held on Friday, May 21st:

12:30PM: 5&6 performance- Phantom Tollbooth 1:15PM: Intermission

1:30PM: 7&8 performance- MidSummer Night's Dream

6:00PM: 5&6 performance- Phantom Tollbooth 6:45PM: Intermission

7:00PM: 7&8 performance- MidSummer Night's Dream

Families will be dismissed/enter during intermission depending on the grade level performance. Students will stay for the remainder of the day for the morning performances. For the evening performances, students will also be dismissed during intermission. Social distancing will be practiced and offered. There will be a separate entrance/exit for our performances. The entrance will be at the gymnasium door "S8" near the playground. The exit will be at the Stage Left door "S3" near the parking lot. Please view each teacher's newsletter for learning parts and evening student arrival times.

VEX Program: St. Paul Lutheran School is seeking to expand its STEM offerings by starting an afterschool VEX program. We would like to begin this program with grades 5-8 during the 2021-2022 school year. This would assist students and families who would like to have additional opportunities to learn more about engineering and robotics while also competing with other schools. The initial startup cost is approximately \$3,000. If you would like to donate toward this program, please contact Mr. Kelley.

Back by popular demand . . . it's the PTO Skate Night! Please join us on Tuesday, April 27th between 5 PM and 7:30 PM at Skate City in Kimberly. The cost of admission is just \$6 per skater and includes skate rental (to be paid at the door). PTO will be providing pizza for everyone. Soda and other concessions will be available for purchase through Skate City. ***Please note that all children need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.*** If you have any questions you can contact Tanya Dvorak at 920-460-0015 or tmdvorak@yahoo.com. You won't want to miss this event - see you there!

Spring Food Drive Challenge: During the month of April, St. Paul School & ECC students will be doing a food drive classroom challenge. The class who brings in the most items will win an ice cream party (one in ECC, one in school)! Items may be brought in beginning April 6th through the 30th. Donations will be on display near the Harris Street entry. Let's put our competitive traits to good use and benefit those in need! Monetary donations will be accepted and every \$5 will count for 2 items. Each grade is asked to bring items under the following categories:

Infants – 2 year olds: Household cleaners & personal hygiene products (deodorants, lotions, body washes, shampoos and conditioners, men's 2-in-1 products, toilet bowl cleaners and kitchen and bathroom cleaners)

3k: Juice boxes & boxed meals (mac n' cheese, hamburger, chicken or tuna helpers, rice/noodle side dishes, etc.)

4k: Granola bars, fruit snacks, cereals, individual snack cups (fruits, pudding, etc.)

K: Fruit cups, applesauce cups, and rice cereals, plain oat cereals or honey nut cereals. Any size boxes.

1: Baby items (diapers, lotions, shampoo, jar food, puffs, etc.)

2: Fruit jellies & boxed meals (hamburger, chicken, tuna helpers, etc.)

3: Soups & crackers (besides saltines, the cheesy crackers and Ritz type are popular)

4: Canned fruit (canned pears & mandarin oranges) and cookies. Cookies are always needed!

5: Hygiene & home cleaning products (deodorants, lotions, body washes, shampoos and conditioners, men's 2-in-1 products, toilet bowl cleaners and kitchen and bathroom cleaners)

6: Canned pasta & vegetables (ravioli, spaghetti's, etc. and green beans, corn, mixed veggies, etc.)

7: Canned meats like tuna, chicken, Spam, canned vegetables like green beans, corn, peas and pork n beans

8: Cleaners (see above) & Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and Kleenex)

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

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) Deadline Approaching: The application window closes April 15. Please follow this LINK to apply for the 2021-2022 school year. For more information about the WPCP, follow this LINK or contact our **School Choice Director Mr. Phil Rehberger**.

We NEED YOU! St. Paul Lutheran ECC in Appleton is hiring! This is a flexible position and can range between 20-40 hours per week. This individual may work with varying age groups (dependent on the hired individual's availability and desired age group). This individual needs to be able to work up to 8-10 hour days. Duties for this person vary but may include stepping into the classroom as a caregiver when giving lunch breaks, covering for teacher prep time, or filling in for an absent primary caregiver. Specific classroom duties will vary based on the classroom. Interested individuals should contact ECC Director Candy Schulz at 920-733-9061 or email cschulz@stpaulappletonwi.com for more information.

Upcoming Events:

4/12 – 4/23 School Wide Testing Weeks
4/15 WPCP application window closes
4/27 @ 5pm Skate Night at Skate City, Kimberly
4/28 @ 8:10am Chapel Service
5/3 – 5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week
5/6 3rd & 4th Grade Brian Butch Basketball Clinic
5/7 K-4 Play Performances
5/10 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting
5/12 @ 8:10am Chapel Service
5/21 5-8 Play Performances
5/27 Graduation
5/28 @ 8:10am Chapel Service
5/28 Last Day of School & Picnic; noon dismissal

