

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>New Year, New Theme!</u> Our School Theme for 2022-2023 is "Overflow with Hope" based on Romans 15:13 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Worship Schedule: Labor Day Sunday (9/4) marks the last Sunday of our summer worship schedule, with services at 8:00 and 9:30 (there is no service on Labor Day Monday). In place of the Monday service, there will be a service on Thursday 9/1 at 6:00pm. On Sunday, September 11th, we go back to worship at 8am & 10:30am. We will also have Monday services at 6:00 pm, beginning 9/13. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

School News and Student Info Updates: This newsletter, known as "School News" is the primary avenue through which school announcements will be made. Today, a hard copy will go home with each child at St. Paul, an electronic copy will go out via SwiftReach K12, and you can also find it online (www.stpaulappletonwi.com, 'School' tab, then 'Falcon Newsletter'). NEXT WEEK, you will ONLY receive the news notification by whichever means you've set up in SwiftReach K12. To adjust your Alert Preferences, please log in to PowerSchool on your desktop (https://wels.powerschool.com/public/). On the left side of your screen, click 'SwiftReach SwiftK12', then on 'Alert Preferences' on the right. Click the Alert Preferences button and make sure all options are checked for your mobile number and email to ensure you are receiving any and all communications from St. Paul. This is how we communicate with our families, including notifying you when school is closed due to weather, etc. Hard copies of the newsletter and lunch menu will always be available in the school office.

<u>PowerSchool App:</u> Don't forget to upload the PowerSchool App to your smart phone! From the App, you can view your child's grades, lunch balance, and attendance. Enter the WELS Schools code 'NGBR' for access.

<u>Drop Off Procedures:</u> If you are dropping your child off at the Harris Street entrance in the morning, DO NOT park your vehicle. Let your child(ren) out at the curb and they will walk in themselves. This area can become quite congested, so your attention to those behind you is appreciated. If you have a child who is not ready to be dropped off, parking in the lot and walking them in may be a better option.

Free & Reduced Lunch *MILK* note: Please note that if your child qualified for the F&R lunch program and brings a cold lunch, if they take a milk, it is NOT included in the program. Cost for this carton of milk is \$0.45 and will be charged to the child's account. If the child takes hot lunch, milk is included in their rate.

Health & Wellness Policy- for this school year, we will follow our regular school procedures for illnesses, which includes COVID-19: "A student who in the past 24 hours has had a temperature above normal (100.4 or above), diarrhea, or vomiting should not be sent to school. If so, the parents will be called to pick their child up. Medication should not be administered to children in order to reduce their fever before sending them to school. Children who become ill at school are to be kept at home for the next school day. All cases of contagious disease (e.g. strep, pink eye, chicken pox, flu) or conditions such as head lice must be reported promptly to the school office so that parents of exposed children may be notified as soon as possible." A main recommendation would be if you are not feeling well, stay home and/or seek medical attention. In the event you sought medical attention, please follow the guidelines given by your medical provider.

<u>Free Covid Tests Available:</u> A number of tests were delivered to schools in Wisconsin. We have approximately one per family. If you would like a free Covid test, please pick it up in the office.

St. Paul Lutheran Ministries Mission, Vision & Objectives: St. Paul Lutheran Ministries has developed an MVO as it currently serves families in the church, school, and ECC. The MVO also assists as we reach out into our neighboring communities with the Gospel message and as we plan for the future. St. Paul Lutheran Ministries MVO can be found by following this LINK. Please review this and reach out to either the LES Board or Mr. Kelley if you have any questions or suggestions.

<u>Photo Permissions</u>: On occasion, our staff likes to post fun photos of our students on either of our TWO facebook pages. Our general page is St. Paul Lutheran Ministries: Church – School – Childcare, or our exclusive 'private' page is 'St. Paul School Families'. Please 'Like' and/or join our pages! If you would prefer to NOT have photos of your child shared online or on any other form of advertising for St. Paul Lutheran Ministries, please email Mr. Kelley (jkelley@stpaulappletonwi.com) or Melissa Volhard (mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com) by Thursday 9/1.

<u>No School:</u> There will be no school this Friday, Sept. 2^{nd} , and next Monday, September 5^{th} , for the Labor Day holiday. School resumes as normal at 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 6^{th} .

Student Photos & Retake Day: Students who had their photo taken on registration Sunday will be receiving their orders today! If you have a question or an issue with your order, you may contact Debbie Daanen Photography directly. Our school representative is Ms. Ashley Schmit (739-3249 or ashley@debbiedaanen.com). Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st. If you are not happy with your child's photo OR you missed the initial picture day, your child's picture will be taken that morning.

SPL Dress Code: The 2022 - 2023 St. Paul Dress Code states: 'Modesty, good taste, cleanliness, and neatness must be important factors to consider when getting ready for school. Modesty and good taste refer to avoiding such things as *inappropriate t-shirts*, *extremes in hair style, and short skirts and shorts*.' We ask that parents review the <u>Dress Code</u> and make the appropriate changes to their child's wardrobe and/or hair.

St. Paul Swag: Check out our ONLINE STORE for Falcon apparel. The online store will be open through September 12th.

<u>Forward Test Results from 2021-2022:</u> Spring testing results for St. Paul students that were in grades 3-5 LAST school year will be coming home today. If you need assistance interpreting these results, please see your child's teacher or Mr. Rehberger.

<u>FVL Shared Info:</u> As a member of the FVL Schools partnership, schools do share personal information with Fox Valley Lutheran High School as St. Paul Lutheran School offers programs and events through the high school.

St. Paul Scrip Program: Would you like to earn money toward your tuition by purchasing your gas, groceries, clothing, and more? St. Paul offers an extensive scrip program, allowing you to purchase gift cards (physical or electronic) to make purchases at every day retailers and restaurants and earn rebates for your tuition. Check out our link online: http://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/school/falcon-scrip-program or stop by the office for more information.

<u>Registration for the 2022-23 FVL Schools Band is open</u> for Federation students entering grades 5-8. Plan to attend the Open House at FVL, scheduled for 6-8 PM on September 8 and from 9-11 AM on September 10. More details are available at fvlhs.org/fvl-schools-band. Contact Elisabeth Wagner at ewagner@fvlhs.org for more information..

<u>Asbestos Note:</u> This serves as notification that there are some floor tiles in the school building that still contain asbestos. These floor tiles are maintained according to state law and are deemed safe by the appropriate agencies. If you have any questions about this item, please contact Mr. Kelley.

Fall Sports Are Underway! Practices have kicked into high gear for our fall sports at St. Paul! Athletes are currently busy participating in cross country, A & B-team volleyball, & B-team soccer. We also have five students in 7th & 8th grade who are competing at the A-team level for soccer with our neighboring school, Riverview Lutheran. Take some time to check out our athletic calendar to check out all the dates/locations of our games, meets, and matches. Thank you for supporting your Falcons! https://www.stpaulappletonwi.com/calendars/school-athletics-calendar

First Volleyball Matches Tomorrow

On Wednesday, 8/31 our A & B-teams travel down the road to Mt. Olive for their first league matches of the year. The action will start with the B-team playing at 4:15, followed by the A-team at 5:15. Let's go Falcons!

Upcoming Athletic Events:

Wednesday, 9/7: VB @ Immanuel, Greenville (B-4:15 & A-5:15)

Saturday, 9/10: B-Soccer Tournament @ Faith, Fon du Lac (FDL Soccer Complex)

Saturday, 9/10: A-VB Tournament @ Immanuel, Greenville (8:30am start)

Monday, 9/13: CC Meet @ Emanuel, New London (4:30)

Monday, 9/13: A-VB Match @ CWC, Waupun (4:45)

PTO NEWS

Roller Skating Night TONIGHT at Skate City in Kimberly! This event will take place on August 30th from 6-8pm. \$7.00 includes skate rental and all family members are welcome. This is NOT a drop off event. Each child must have an adult responsible for them. Pizza will be provided by P.T.O. Concessions also available for purchase separately. See you there!

PTO Meeting: There will be a PTO meeting on Sept. 13th @ 3:30pm in the School Learning Center (lower level).

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8/30 @6pm Roller Skating @ Skate City 9/8 @ 6pm Band Open House @ FVL 9/10 @ 9am Band Open House @ FVL 9/12 @ 6:30pm LES Board Meeting 9/14 @ 8:10am Chapel Service 9/28 @ 8:10am Chapel Service