

**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.

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, etc.** Because this is being sent through an automated system, ***it is imperative that you update your contact information via the InfoSnap link*** that was emailed to you over the summer. Mr. Hoffman is re-sending links to anyone who **has not completed their update**. Please watch for an email today from 'noreply@infosnap.com. If you don't see it, check your 'spam' or 'promotions' folders. This is your opportunity to update your emergency contacts, phone numbers, allergies, etc. **Even if your info is the same, please go through the link and check everything. If you need another link sent to you please email Mr. Hoffman (phoffman@stpaulappletonwi.com).** **The InfoSnap links will only be available until this Thursday, 9/3.** Hard copies of the newsletter and lunch menu will always be available in the school office.

PowerSchool App: 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.

New Year, New Theme! Our School Theme for 2020-2021 is "Run to Christ" based on Matthew 11:28-30, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*"

New Health Screening Procedures: Starting on **Tuesday, September 8**, St. Paul will follow the updated [CDC guidelines](#) of not conducting health screenings at school. Please use the attachments to this newsletter to **conduct daily home symptom screening** of children by their parents, guardians, or caregivers to promptly identify illness. Please remember that students should not attend school when they are sick, and may return to school depending on the duration of the illness, type of symptoms, laboratory testing for COVID or other illnesses, and whether or not the student has been in close contact with an individual with COVID-19. Teachers and staff will continue to monitor students for overt symptoms of illness during the school day.

Photo Permissions: 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 (jkelly@stpaulappletonwi.com) or Melissa Volhard (mvolhard@stpaulappletonwi.com) by Thursday 9/3.

FVL Shared Info: 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.

Hot Lunch Policy: Hot lunch accounts, meals and payments, are monitored in Power School. You may check your child's account balance at any time on the app or your desktop. The price of a student meal for the 2020-2021 school year is \$2.90 per meal, \$0.40 per reduced meal, and \$0.00 per free meal. Free and reduced meal application forms are found in the school office or through Karen Briggs in the hot lunch kitchen. Adult meals are \$3.75 per meal.

All accounts should be maintained with a positive balance (payments to be made in the office via cash or check). If your account is low or has a negative balance, a reminder text and/or email will be sent automatically through PowerSchool (check your 'Alert Preferences'!). If a student has a negative balance less than \$25 at meal time, he or she will still be able to charge a meal. If the negative balance is more than \$25, meals can no longer be charged. If no lunch is brought from home, a light option would be provided. Reminders will continue to be sent until the negative balance is paid off. The school board will be notified of any unpaid balances.

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.

FVL Band Program: The FVL band program is planning band lessons this year for grades 5-8. Instructors will be at St. Paul Wednesday, September 2 at 10:45AM to provide information for 5th graders and anyone else in grades 6-8 interested in the band program. For more information about the FVL Band Program, follow this [LINK](#). There is a band open house on Sept. 10 at 6PM and Sept. 12 at 9AM at FVLHS. There is a band camp on Sept. 19 at 9AM at FVLHS.

2020-2021 PTO: A PTO flyer will be coming home with the news today. Make sure to join 'St. Paul School Families' on facebook for PTO information and meeting updates.

School/Athletic Calendars: Check out the St. Paul website: stpaulappletonwi.com, click on the 'School' tab, and then click the 'Calendar' arrow and select which calendar you'd like to view (School, Athletics, Hot Lunch). Hopefully these will come in handy when you're on the go!

Golf Outing – Thank you! On August 22nd, The Bar on Lynndale (owned in part by Brock & Sam Frye, who have children here at St. Paul) hosted a golf outing to benefit St. Paul Lutheran School. We were blessed to receive \$3,100 in proceeds to be put toward our technology program. Thank you to The Bar and all the participants for their donation!

Worship Schedule: This Sunday 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 9/3 at 6:00pm. On Sunday, September 13th, we go back to worship at 8:00, 9:15, 10:30. We will also have Monday services at 6:00 pm, beginning 9/14. *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalm 122:1)

Asbestos Note: 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.

No School: There will be no school this Friday, Sept. 4th, and next Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day holiday. School resumes as normal at 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 8th.

Upcoming Events:

9/2 Band Lessons Begin @ St. Paul
9/4 No School
9/7 No School
9/9 Chapel Service 8:05am

9/10 @ 6pm Band Open House @ FVL
9/12 @ 9am Band Open House @ FVL
9/14 @ 6:30pm Board of Ed Meeting
9/23 Chapel Service 8:05am

