

THE SPARTAN WEEKLY

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

December 13, 2018

St. Paul Lutheran School

School News & Notes

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Happy Birthday

Ethan McKnight December 13

May God Bless You On Your Birthday!

SCRIP

All Christmas gift orders must be at school by 3:30 on Friday, December 14 to be received by Christmas.

Worship Attendance

To help keep accurate track of church attendance over Christmas vacation, please keep a record of when your child attends church during the vacation. Return the form on **Wed., January 2nd**. Parents are reminded that worship attendance is important for each family member's spiritual growth and welfare.

Art to Remember

Art to Remember products were delivered earlier this week. It was exciting to see student's artwork on great products! Please let Mrs. Winter know if you have any issues with your order. Thank you again for ordering and supporting our great school!



NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sunday Sing

All the kids sing at the 10:45 service this Sunday. See you there!

Christmas Service

The service on Wednesday begins at 6:30. Your children should arrive by 6:15. The children usually wear their church/Christmas clothes. Everyone is invited to a cookie reception downstairs after the program. PK will once again take photos.

Attend church! Mrs. K

"Happenings This Week"

- Thurs., Dec. 13 Lego/Game Club, 3:15-4:00
SALSA Band @ LHS
5 & 6 gr., 6:30-7:15
7 & 8 gr., 7:15-8:00
- Friday, Dec. 14 Band lessons
Movie for 5th-8th gr.
3:30-5:00 (approximately)
BB @ Bethlehem
4/5/6 Boys, 6:00
- Saturday, Dec. 15 Gift Wrapping @ church
9:00am - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec. 16 Cherub & Alleluia Choirs
sing @ 10:45 service
- Monday, Dec. 17 Faculty mtg., 3:30
- Tuesday, Dec. 18 SALSA Band Concert, 7:00
@ St. John Plymouth
- Wed., Dec. 19 Library - Returns Only
Chapel, Lessons/Carols
Advent service, 11:00 am
School Christmas Service
6:30 pm @ church
- Thurs., Dec. 20 Blue Harbor trip
Early Dismissal
No Child Care
- Friday, Dec. 21 Christmas Break starts

Twas the Week Before Christmas

- Mon., Dec. 17 – Wear **Red & Green**
Tue., Dec. 18 – Wear Bells & Bows
Wed., Dec. 19 – Ugly Sweater Day
Thurs., Dec. 20 – Enjoy Blue Harbor

Pizza Making Fun

On **Saturday, January 26th**, St. Paul School & Church will be making delicious homemade, FRESH pizzas! **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!** **Parents**, we will need all hands on deck to make this project a profitable one for our church and school. Each of the last two years we made over 1,250 pizzas, and with about 60 helpers we finished making the pizzas in 4 hours. The more workers we have, the less time is needed. Order forms are being sent along today. They are also available at church or the school office, so be sure to pick up a few for your holiday family gatherings, work place or social events. Each sheet has room for ten customers. Payment at time of ordering is encouraged, but not required. Order sheets can be turned in at the office as soon as they are completed. Don't forget to print your name and most important **your phone number** on the space provided, so if you are not present when your order is ready, we can call you. Deadline for ordering is Friday, January 11, 2019. As we did last year, we will be awarding Chamber Cash Gift Cards for the students who sell the most pizzas. First place will receive a \$25 Gift Card and second place will receive a \$20 Gift Card. This has turned out to be a fun event bringing people from church and school working side by side and getting to know one another.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 19

Advent Worship ~ 11:00 am

School Christmas Service ~ 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 22

Advent Communion Service ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 23

Advent Communion Service ~ 9:30 am

Monday, December 24

Lessons & Carols ~ 4:00 pm

Candlelight Service ~ 10:30 pm

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day Worship w/Comm. ~ 9:30 am

Saturday, December 29

Worship Service ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 30

Worship Services ~ 8:15 & 10:45 am

Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve Service ~ 5:30 pm

Tax Deductions

Remember, tuition payments made before December 31st can be used for the State of Wisconsin tuition tax deduction for private school families on your 2018 income tax return. If you need a receipt for 2018, please contact Lisa @ stpaulschool53081@yahoo.com.

2018 Private School Tuition Tax Deduction

The State of Wisconsin, (started in 2014 tax year), is going to allow parents to deduct private school tuition. Parent of private school students in Wisconsin could receive an income tax deduction of up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for each kindergarten through eighth grade student and up to \$10,000 per high school student. Only the amount paid after January 1, 2018 will qualify for the deduction. We highly recommend that families work with their tax advisor to determine benefits. How can parents claim the deduction? There is a separate schedule that needs to be filled out by the student's parents. This schedule is available in the school office or can be obtained from the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue website.

How will tuition be defined? Tuition includes any amount paid by the claimant for a pupil's tuition to attend an eligible institution and mandatory book fees paid to the institution. Tuition does not include amounts paid with a voucher or any amounts paid as a separate charge for items such as: supplies, meals, gym clothes, after school child care, extracurricular activities such as musical or athletic activity fees.

How is tuition defined for students attending 8th and 9th grade in a single tax year? For both an elementary pupil and a secondary pupil (grades 8 and 9), parent includes the amount paid for tuition during the taxable year for the period when the student was an elementary pupil (but not more than \$4,000) plus the amount the parent paid for the period when the student was a secondary pupil. If the total is more than \$10,000, the parent includes the maximum of \$10,000.



<u>Lunch Menu</u>	
Mon., Dec. 17	Chicken Tenders
Tue., Dec. 18	Hickory Smoked Sliced Ham
Wed., Dec. 19	Hot Dog on Bun
Thur., Dec. 20	Blue Harbor-NO HOT LUNCH



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

GRADES 3K - 8

WED., DECEMBER 19th, 6:30 pm

INVITE YOUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS!

Please note: Since this is a divine worship service, we respectfully request that you **REFRAIN from taking pictures during the service.** If you want to **use video cameras, please use them in the balcony.** We thank you for your cooperation.

After the Children's Christmas Program
...EVERYONE is invited to the Church Fellowship Hall to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies hosted by the Church Elders!

Safety Patrol / Chapel Acolyte

Kaleb & Senova

Library News

All library books are due on Wednesday, December 19th. No books are out over the Christmas vacation. **The library is open for RETURNS ONLY on December 19th.**

December Sales @ Neat Repeats

- 12/10-12/15 Christmas Decorations 50% off
- 12/17-12/22 Christmas Decorations are 75% off & Magazines are 50% off
- 12/26-12/29 CDs, Videos & Record Albums are 50% off
- 12/31-1/5 Sports & Exercise Equipment 50% off

Band Concert - December 18

Your Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools SALSA Middle School Band will be performing its Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 18th at 7 p.m. in the St. John Lutheran School-Plymouth Gym. Come and see students from six Lutheran schools and SJB perform your favorite Christmas tunes and Advent hymns. Fellowship will continue after the concert with refreshments in the cafeteria. See you there!

German Russian Information

The Sheboygan and Milwaukee chapters of the AHSGR will be hosting The Reverend Vsevolod Lytkin, the Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Siberia, on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center in Sheboygan! Bishop Lytkin has been sharing the Gospel with many of the exiled Germans from Russia who were forced to Siberia during the Stalinist purge of 1941. The program will begin at 1:00. There will be a question/answer session and excellent refreshments and Gemütlichkeit following Pastor Lytkin's presentation! If you have any questions please call Chapter President, Kevin R. Greatens at 920-207-0277.

Christmas Vacation

School will close at 12:00 on Thursday, December 20th for the Christmas holiday. There will be NO CHILD CARE after 12:00 noon on Thursday, Dec. 20. Classes will resume again on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019.

Come One Come All!

All members of St. Paul Church & School are invited to attend the Lutheran High School basketball games on **Friday, January 4th** with **FREE ADMISSION.** The boys are playing against Hilbert. First game is JV2 playing at 4:30, JV at 5:50, and Varsity is scheduled to play at 7:15. St. Paul School will have several students compete in the Hot Shots competition during half time of the Varsity game. Wear your green and gold and cheer on both St. Paul's students and the LHS teams! Please join us for a great night of basketball and fun. See you at LHS on January 4th!

Mission Statement

Molding God's children for time and eternity.