

THE SPARTAN WEEKLY

"For by grace you have been saved through faith...so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2: 8-9

December 14, 2017

St. Paul Lutheran School

School News & Notes

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Twas the Week Before Christmas

Monday, Dec. 18 – Wear **Red & Green**
Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Ugly Sweater Day
Wednesday, Dec. 20 – Wear Bells & Bows
Thursday, Dec. 21 – Enjoy "The Star" movie

Fees Owed

Balance sheets of all fees owed were mailed home last week. **If your account is over \$20, A PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 18th.** Thanks!



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.

Residency Documents

If you are in the voucher program, consider saving a residency document right now. I believe they have to be dated starting December 1.

Message App

If you are NOT already part of the text messaging system: Text to either 81010 or 1-933-8019 with the message **@mrskrets** . PLEASE use your real name so I know you are part of our school family and not a creeper☺

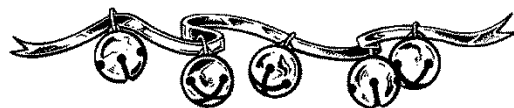
Have a nice weekend. See you in church!
Mrs. Kretschmar

"Happenings This Week"

- Thurs., Dec. 14 Homework Club & 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. 15 Band lessons
- Sunday, Dec. 17 Cherub & Alleluia Choirs sing @ 10:45 service
- Monday, Dec. 18 Faculty mtg., 3:30
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 SALSA Band Concert
7:00 @ St. John Plymouth
- Wed., Dec. 20 Library - RETURNS ONLY
Chapel, Lessons/Carols
Advent service, 11:00 am
School Christmas service
6:30 pm @ church
- Thurs., Dec. 21 3K-8th gr. see "The Star"
@ Marcus Theater
Early Dismissal - 12:00
NO CHILD CARE

SALSA Band Concert

Your Sheboygan Area Lutheran Schools and St. John The Baptist School will be performing their annual Christmas Band Concert on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the St. John Lutheran School-Plymouth Gym. Please join us in a celebration of praise to our newborn savior, and stay for fellowship and treats afterward. No admission, freewill offering at the door. All proceeds are used to fund transportation for the bands nursing home tour in May.



Safety Patrol / Chapel Acolyte

December 18th week:
Sam & Alexei



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

GRADES 3K - 8

WED., DECEMBER 20th, 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!

Mon., Dec. 18

Lunch Menu
Turkey Hot Dog on Bun

Tue., Dec. 19

Teriyaki Chicken over Rice

Wed., Dec. 20

Cheeseburger

Thurs., Dec. 21

Movie & Pizza

Fri., Dec. 22

NO SCHOOL

Art to Remember

Art to Remember orders were sent home with your child this past week. Please contact Mrs. Winter if there are any problems with your art. If you forgot to order something or liked your item so much that you want to order something else with your child's art, you can still make purchases on their website www.arttoremember.com and your purchase will still support our great school. If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs. Winter or send her an email at heather.winter@stpaulsheboyga.org. Thanks again for supporting our school through this fundraiser!

Lutheran High News

- Attend the Sheboygan Lutheran High School Open House coming up on Tuesday, January 30. 5th-8th grade students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, explore class offerings and extra-curriculars, and get in free to the girls basketball game that evening. Tours of the school will be available and incoming freshman can make an appointment to register and select classes.
- A 'shadow day' is also a great way to experience the daytime activity of high school. Spend a half or whole school day with an LHS freshman and attend classes, band/choir, enjoy lunch, meet other students.
- Parents and students interested in the advanced and online classes at LHS are encouraged to attend the Open House for in-depth information on offerings, as well as our full curriculum list.
- Open House hours are 4:30-7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Call the school office for more information at 920-452-3323.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Worship ~ 11:00 am

School Christmas Service ~ 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 23

Advent Communion Service ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 24

No Sunday morning service

Lessons & Carols ~ 4:00 pm

Candlelight Service ~ 10:30 pm

Monday, December 25

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

Saturday, December 30

Regular Worship Service ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 31

Regular Worship Service ~ 9:30 am

Communion Service ~ 5:30 pm



Library News

All library books are due on Wednesday, December 20th. No books are out over the Christmas vacation. **The library is open for RETURNS ONLY on December 20th.**

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 2017 income tax return. If you need a receipt for 2017, please contact Lisa @ stpaulschool53081@yahoo.com.

2017 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, 2017 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.

Acolyte Schedule

December 17:
10:45 – London Hauer

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 (handed out to students this week) on **Tuesday, January 2nd**. Parents are reminded that worship attendance is important for each family member's spiritual growth and welfare.

Pizza Making Fun

On **Saturday, January 27th**, 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 12, 2018. 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.



Christmas Vacation

School will close at 12:00 on Thursday, December 21st for the Christmas holiday. There will be NO CHILD CARE after 12:00 noon on Thursday, Dec. 21. Classes will resume again on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

Mission Statement

Molding God's children for time and eternity.