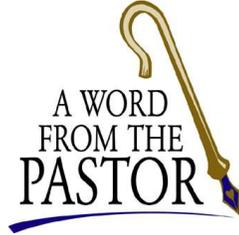


St. Paul's Lutheran School
Newsletter
August-2020



I am sure many of you remember that old song from 1907 that began with the words, "School days, school days, Dear old Golden Rule days, Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic, Taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick..." Well, a great deal has changed since many of us were in school. I remember the old hickory stick, though in my day it was more likely an ash paddle with a few holes drilled through it to minimize the resistance as the principal exercised his right to maintain discipline in the classrooms. It may have stung, however, I don't believe it affected me adversely emotionally. It was more of an embarrassment that led to not doing the causative act again.

"Reading and 'riting and 'rithmetic" of course were the core subjects of the day in public school; however we were also taught proper moral and ethical behavior, based on Biblical texts, such as the Golden Rule which I am sure you know. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto yourself." We even had to know the Biblical book, chapter, and verse of where to find it: Leviticus 19:18; or Matthew 22:39, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Each day began reciting the Pledge of Allegiance with the words, "one nation under God." Each day opened with prayer. Grace was said before lunch. And at the end of the day the teacher would turn us onto the world with words such as "God be with you." We even learned "religious hymns" and "Christmas carols" in music class. Every band or chorus concert at Christmas included "Silent Night." However, our children attend school in a different country today.

With the continuing pandemic, the continuing racial and equality issues not just in our country, but worldwide, we are in different times. Our staff and faculty have been, and are working hard to provide the best possible education in the safest way possible to your children, the children you and God have entrusted to us.

Together we can make this not just a memorable school year (the world is doing that for us), but also a *blessed* school year. Therefore, as you prepare to send your children off, let's include a morning devotion to help them get their days started the right way, the Christ-like way. And yes, they may push back, but when you became parents and celebrated the sacrament of baptism of your children you accepted this responsibility.

So, I suggest each day begin in this way, together saying the Apostles' Creed; the Lord's Prayer; and additional prayers and petitions as the day may warrant. Then, at the end of the day, together saying again the Apostles' Creed; the Lord's Prayer; and a reading of scripture (a psalm, or even a verse your child chooses). We must work together to bring up our children as children of God.

God's blessings to all,
Pastor Dave Reber, Jr.



Thank you so much for choosing St. Paul's Lutheran School! Our enrollment numbers have grown and we could not be happier to have each of you here! If you have not already made an enrollment appointment, please call the office.

Be sure to bring your completed enrollment packets, shot records and birth certificates.



WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

Our teachers are working so hard to be ready to welcome our students back into the classrooms on August 13, 2020. We have been in training this summer to equip ourselves with all the necessary skills to take on this very new endeavor of teaching during a pandemic. This upcoming school year starts a new chapter in education. There is a huge learning curve that students and teachers will be navigating, again, TOGETHER! Our wonderful parents and students make it possible for us to do the work we love each day. We cannot thank you enough for this privilege.

Our goals here at St. Paul's Lutheran School:

RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

- Experiencing and celebrating God's lavish gifts of love, grace and mercy
- Sharing those gifts with others
- Being transformed by God's Word
- Clinging to the cross of Jesus

PROVIDING EXCELLENT ACADEMIC PREPARATION

- Developing love for and excitement about learning
- Excelling at reading, writing and effective communication
- Training minds for success at the next academic level
- Creating a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills and the ability to relate well with others

We would so appreciate your continued prayers for a wonderful school year.

With God's Help,
Carolyn LaBrue



Student Handbook

There have been changes made to the 2020-2021 Student Handbook. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with it. 😊



Out of concern for the safety of all our students and their families, please familiarize yourself with our dismissal procedure. The playground will be closed from 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. so that students can be picked up and accounted for. Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m. and all people picking up students should be here, or make other arrangements. PreK and Kindergarten will dismiss in the alley as they have in the past. Grades 1-5 will be lined up as a class on the grass and will wait to be signaled for their ride.

- (1.) The middle lane and the parking spaces by the building are *moving* lanes.
- (2.) Always stay in your vehicle when you are in these two *moving* lanes. If you need to get out of your vehicle for any reason, park in the parking spaces by the bushes (facing south). This will be the only area for nonmoving vehicles.
- (3.) Teachers will watch for the principal's signal to send students out to their ride.
- (4.) Once students are in the car, you will be directed to move forward.



4th and 5th Grade News

Hi! I am Wendi Collums and I am your 4th and 5th grade teacher. I am most excited about getting to be all together again to share in the adventure of learning. We will be raising money for Stamp Out Starvation as a service project. Each Friday, students will have the opportunity to wear jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt for \$1.00. When students reach \$500, we can prepare enough food for 2,173 meals! Please be a part of the solution to world hunger. For more information about Stamp Out Starvation -<https://www.stampoutstarvation.com/>

2nd & 3rd Grade News

Hi! I am Ms. Mitchell your 2nd and 3rd grade teacher. I am most excited about seeing my sweet students and teaching them many exciting things.

1st Grade News

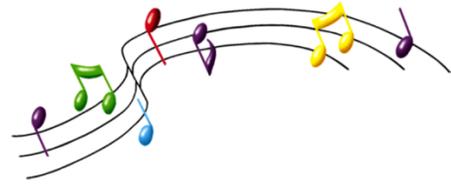
Hi! I am Mrs. Harbron, and I will be your 1st grade teacher this year. I am most excited about all of the reading we will do this year!

Kindergarten News

Hi! I am Mrs. Lamle and I will be your Kindergarten teacher this year. I am most excited about watching you learn so many new concepts and having a great time doing so!

Pre-Kindergarten News

Hi! I am Ms. Stover and I will be your Pre-Kindergarten teacher this year. I am most excited about seeing your curious faces and hearing your infectious laughter as we learn and play together. Mrs. Teddie Stegeman will be my teacher assistant.



Music News

Hi! I am Ms. Salisbury and I will be your Music teacher this year. I am most excited about seeing your smiles and enjoying all this MUSIC!



Physical Education

Hi! I am Ms. LaBrue and I will be your PE teacher this year. I am most excited about being together again and keeping our bodies healthy. Mrs. Lamunyon will be assisting with some of the classes as well.



Library News

Hi! I am Mrs. Boardman and I will be your Librarian and friend this year. I am most excited about introducing you to new characters and sharing new books with you!



Chapel News

We will kick off the school year with an opening Chapel at 9:00AM on Thursday, August 13th. After that, Chapel will be every Wednesday at 9:00AM unless scheduled otherwise. Be sure to review your handbook for proper chapel dress code. In August, September & October we will be collecting offerings for the Heifer Project. Be sure to visit <https://www.heifer.org/> for more information about this worthy cause!

PTL NEWS



First Meeting!

We are eager to increase our membership and hope to see new faces at our next meeting on August 17, 2020, at 7:00 PM, at the Early childhood Center (located at 1810 E. Broadway Ave.).



Schlotzsky's Dine Out

Come on out for our first dine out of the 2020-2021 academic year! Our Dine Out will be at Schlotzsky's, August 20, from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM.



Clothes Closet

Don't forget to check out our clothes closet upstairs.

We gratefully accept donations. Please ensure donations are clean, and in good condition. All items are only \$2.00 and 100% profit to St. Paul's PTL!

Support your School!



The Best Choice Save a Label program is another great way you can help earn money for our school! Any time you use a Best Choice product, cut off the UPC code and send it to the church office!



No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

You can still clip them and send them to school. Physical Box Top clips are being phased out of production, but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. Send your clipped Box Tops, along with any unexpired clips you may have at home, to your participating school.



Opportunities to volunteers:

1. We need a volunteer to be in charge of managing the clothes closet.
2. We need a volunteer to manage Box Tops & Best Choice.
3. We need a volunteer (or volunteers) to manage the yearbook.
4. We need a volunteer to handle T-shirt orders.
5. We are seeking volunteers to assist with building the float for the Cherokee Strip Parade. There is a \$500 prize for our division!

Back to School

We want to welcome everyone to our **VIRTUAL** Back to School Night on August 11. Any time after 5:30PM, you can meet your teacher by going to www.stpaulsenid.com and clicking on the “school” link. Your teacher is preparing a wonderful video to welcome you to a new school year.



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A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has entrusted their child/ren to us. Every staff member takes their job seriously. We all care about your child’s spiritual, emotional, physical, and academic well-being. It is a privilege to work with your child and with you, as we work together to do what is best for your child/ren.

PLEASE tell others about our school. YOU are the best advertisement for St. Paul’s Lutheran School. When you refer a new student, you receive a \$100.00 tuition credit after the student has been here one semester!