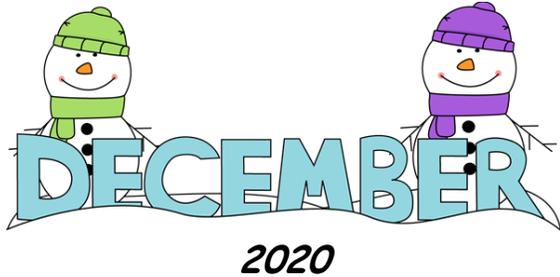


St. Paul's Lutheran School Newsletter



From the Pastor's



As with Linus in the cartoon above, even we as adults respond to situations in this life that are not to our benefit by saying, "Hey, that's not fair." We have certainly heard that phrase enough this year between issues with the Covid-19 Virus, the election of a new president, racial issues, sexual equality issues, and the list goes on and on; and I am sure we each have our own ideas of what is fair to us. We want to be first. We want our agenda to be the guiding light. However, as Jesus says in the Gospel according to St. Matthew in instructing His disciples: "30...many who are first will be last, and the last first." (Matthew 19:30 ESV) It needs to be remembered that the twelve, while disciples of Jesus, were only men. They, like us, were engulfed within the trials of this earthly existence, enmeshed within the hierarchy and class system and order of this earthly realm without the realization of the reality of the promises of issues. We all know that life is not fair. How about God? Is He fair? Well, no, God is not fair; and we

should be thankful He is not. Just imagine if God held us accountable for the sins we commit. Suppose God made us responsible for our iniquities? Not one of us deserves the loving mercy with which God treats us, the blessings God bestows upon us. No, God's ways are not our ways. And for that we should, as the carol commands, "fall on our knees" and "hear the angels' voices" as they proclaimed the birth of our Savior, Immanuel, Jesus,

the incarnate Son of God, with the words so many know thanks to Linus in A Charlie Brown Christmas, "10And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12 ESV) This is Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior; He who came that all men would be saved from their sinful nature. He came to die that we might live. He, who is without sin went to the cross of crucifixion that we who are covered in sin would be found righteous in the eyes of God the Father. Fair for Jesus? I think not. Yes, we should fall on our knees in humble gratitude for He who in humility died that we would become His very brothers and sisters, heirs to the heavenly home where peace will reign ever more. We now live in this "world of grace...we pray for mercy. We know we don't earn or deserve what God has given us. We don't worry about someone getting away with something, for we ourselves are getting away with something; and, oh, how joyful life becomes when you understand that in this world salvation is a gift, not a reward for work well done." In the kingdom of God, all are equal, all receive the forgiveness and the peace

won for us on the cross. May this be the message we teach our children this Christmas season. "O holy night, the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world, in sin and error pining 'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn."

Merry Christmas to All,
Pastor Reber

A Note from the Principal

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!! We are entering such a fun and exciting time for both children and adults.....CHRISTMAS!!! In our daily lives we keep track of events and special occasions with a calendar. I love filling up my calendar with my family birthdays and special gatherings with friends and loved ones. As we know, our Church calendar is an outline of our Church Year. The Church Year revolves around events in the life of Jesus and His church. These last days of the church year, I have been talking to the students about the promise that Christ will return. We have also been learning "how to pray" when you are not sure what to say.

We now enter in to a new Church Year and with that comes the Season of Advent! This is an exciting time in the church and in our school. During the month of December, we will be learning more about the Season of Advent. We have so much to learn and discuss as we prepare for Christmas!

With all the excitement about celebrating the birth of Jesus, it is easy to forget about the virus and all that has happened these

past months. Unfortunately, thoughts of this pandemic creep back in to our minds and we start wondering again, "When will this end?"

I found the following words in the LCMS School Ministry Mailing, October 2020 edition, and wanted to share them with you and with our students.

"This is what we do know. We cannot do this alone. God has given us the precious gift of His Son and, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, promises to sustain and to strengthen our faith especially through times of trial and weakness. Throughout the Gospel we see Jesus healing the sick, casting out demons and performing miracles. We follow, even though the mission is hard. While the marathon of the pandemic wears on, we can continue to thrive and take comfort that the Gospel message of hope and the promise of eternal life is the answer that will sustain us through the pandemic and whatever comes our way."

I pray that each one of you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Carolyn LaBrue



Chapel

Chapel offerings this quarter will be to raise money for the Lutheran Women's Missionary

League. We can't wait to see how our gifts will help those in need.



PE News

Hockey is our new favorite sport! All classes, PreKindergarten - 5th grade learned about field hockey. They all did a great job of handling their hockey sticks and staying focused on the techniques necessary to play hockey. We will do a rhythm unit, cup-stacking week, and exploring using scarves in the physical education classroom.

Keep moving,

Mrs. Kaity Lamunyon

Ms. Carolyn LaBrue



Be sure to check your child's backpack every night for notes!



Music News

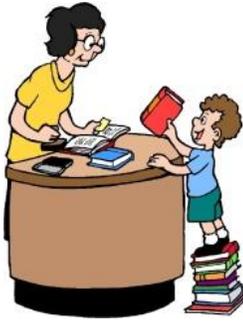
All of our students did so well on our Veteran's Day virtual program! This is a new experience for all of us. The program on you YouTube will be taken down on December 1st. We are anticipating a virtual program for Christmas, also. The program link will be posted on December 16th. Each class will have its own Christmas song to perform and we will record class by class. Those are the plans at this time.

On the upside of this new normal, the students are sharpening their skills on rhythm, pitch, dynamics, composers, styles of music and we will begin on tempo markings. We continue to learn religious songs for chapel each week. Also, sign language has proved invaluable as we are trying to limit our singing to keep everyone safe.

I am so proud of all our St. Paul's students!

Blessings,

Dian Salisbury



Library News

Reading the Christmas Story from the Bible on Christmas morning is one of my favorite childhood memories. This tradition is one that I will always treasure. My dad would get his Bible and gather us around and read the story in his deep baritone voice. Possibly you want to start this tradition at your home. Reading to your children is the biggest indicator of academic success. Please continue to read to your children each morning and night. Children of all ages love to be read to.

We are gearing up for our first ever "Virtual Book Fair." The dates are set for January 11th-24th. All sales will be online this year. If you spend \$25 or more, your purchase will not be charged shipping and handling. All purchases will help us to buy new books for the library. During your child's library time, I will be highlighting authors and books that will be available from the fair. Please watch their folders for more information.

May you have a blessed Christmas season!

Karen Boardman Library Media Specialist



Pre-Kindergarten News

Happy Holidays! Hoping you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! This year I was very thankful that we were able to be in school for all of the first nine weeks. I sure did miss my Pre-Kers the week before Thanksgiving break☺! I am prayerful that we are back to in person learning when you are reading this message. Either way I know, with the help of our wonderful families and God, we will continue to learn and grow.

In December we will be busy preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We will be reading Christmas stories, making paper gingerbread men, singing carols, and creating all sorts of Christmas crafts. We are so excited about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

Ms. Penny Stover



Kindergarten News

Merry Christmas Everyone🎄,

We shine bright like Rudolph's Red Nose when we are learning! We're jolly like Santa when we play! Our eyes sparkle like a Star when it's lunch time! We're sweet as a Candy

Cane (most of the time 😊). We sing like Angels! Nothing like Christmas analogies 🎄!
Thank all so VERY much for helping your child during the Distance Learning week ♥️!
I know that wasn't exactly easy. I'm praying with all of my heart we are in school this month 🙏 !

I love doing the Christmas story with the kids, I enjoy doing Christmas projects and gifts 😊, and having a pajama Christmas party the last day. But even with all of that going on we will continue to learn learn learn! These little ones have come so far since August and I'm very proud of everyone of them ♥️!
I wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas!
And 2021 😊 is just around the corner!
Jesus is the Reason for the Season 🎄!!!

Mrs. Rhonda Lamle



1st Grade News

Thank you parents for working so hard during our week of distance learning! In Social Studies we are finishing up our unit on families long ago and today, and we'll be starting a new science unit in December. In English we are learning about adjectives, and in Math we are continuing to work on math facts and time. I looking forward to another month filled with learning in December.

Mrs. Heather Harbron



2nd/3rd Grade News

Dear Families,

As we enter the season of Christ's birth the second and third graders will be reflecting on our Savior and His birth. We will be doing activities that revolve around serving others as we learn to become more Christ like in all we do.

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Mitchell



4th/5th Grade News

Happy December!! I hope everyone greatly enjoyed their Thanksgiving break!

In reading we have been working on theme, plot, and dictionary skills with the book Hatchet. We should be finishing up early December. Book reports are due on

December 11th. This is worth two grades, one for the summary and one for the project.

In social studies we will be starting to learn about the events leading up to the American Revolution. We will start this unit with a simulation of some of the battles of the American Revolution. Simulations are so much fun so I'm praying they come home and tell you all about it!

Blessings,

Ms. Collums



Our Virtual Christmas Program will be available on our website on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. More details to come!



Reading Counts Party

All Reading Counts points will need to be completed by the end of the 2nd nine weeks, December 18th. The reward party will be January 8th!

Keep up the good work!

December Star Students in the Enid Newspaper

PreK	Candace Graham
Kindergarten	Jasia Maun
1 st Grade	Charles Wyant
2 nd Grade	Sage Kala
4 th Grade	Nixon Buchanan



Christmas Parties/Early Dismissal

On Friday, December 18, we will have our classroom parties. Please check with your child's teacher for times and details. Dismissal will be at 12:30 PM that day. We will see all of our students back on January 5, 2021.



December Birthdays!

- Katharina Orr - December 14th
- Londyn Buchanan - December 15th
- Sophia Rhone - December 17th
- Jasia Maun - December 17th
- Guiliana Meza - December 17th



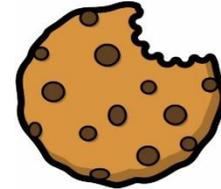
Thanks to everyone who came out to Ruth's Christian Bookstore. Our next Dine Out will be at Freddy's on December 10th from 10:30AM-10:00PM. You must mention St. Paul's Lutheran School for your purchase to count! THANK YOU!!



PTL NEWS

Our next meeting will be **Monday, December 7th at 6:00 PM at El Patio!** Please RSVP to Crystal by December 3rd so we can reserve some tables. We will have a short meeting and then enjoy fellowship and food. All are invited. You are responsible for your own food. We can't wait to see you there!

We are currently looking for a yearbook coordinator. If you are interested, please let us know. We will be voting on the 7th on whether we will have a yearbook for this year.



Thank you to everyone who sold cookie dough. We sold 330 tubs! Top sellers were Austin Heim, Rayleigh Long, and Oakleigh Wallace. Oakleigh was our overall top seller. The winning class was Pre-K. Great job, guy.



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!



Dine Out



Please continue to collect Box Tops, scan your receipts and turn in the bar code on your Best Choice purchases.



Church News



Welcome!

We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning.

We offer an 8:00 AM service and a 10:30 AM service, as well as Sunday school at 9:15 AM. Our Nursery is open during the 10:30 AM service for children 4 and under.

There is a Children's Sermon available online each Sunday as well! You are welcome in this house.



Advent Services:

Wednesday, **December 2nd**
Advent Worship Service @6:30 PM

Wednesday, **December 9th**
Advent Worship Service @6:30 PM

Wednesday, **December 16th**

Special Services:

Thursday, **December 24th**
6:00 & 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service Communion Worship

Friday, **December 25th**
10:00 AM Worship Service

Thursday, **December 31st**
6:30 PM New Year's Eve Service

JESUS is
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for the  *Season.*