

St. Paul's Lutheran School Newsletter



2021

From the Pastor's Desk

I am writing this on the last day of the school year; and now...It's that time of the year! For me growing up it was the windows rolled down on the car, the Beach Boys blaring from the radio and hot summer fun! It is that time of the year when many of us will be taking time off from the humdrum world of the 9 to 5 job as we seek the relaxation and fantasy world of vacation, as life begins to move toward a somewhat level of normalcy from the last year. Of course along with that comes the busyness of preparing and packing and deciding. Then, upon our return comes the busyness of unpacking and returning to the everyday busyness of work, playing catch up and wondering why that glorious vacation could not just go on and on. And, oh yeah! What will we do with the kids the rest of the summer?

Yes, we all need that downtime. We need time to rejuvenate and refresh. We need time to get back in touch with ourselves. Even Jesus needed time to refresh and renew: "And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." (Mark 1:35 ESV) Jesus found His refreshing in time spent with the Father. Yes even Jesus needed time away from the busyness.

Twelfth century church father St. Bernard of Clairvaux instructs on needed rest: "Do not trust too much to your present dispositions; nothing is so fixed in the soul as not to decay...I am afraid that you will despair of an end to the many

demands that are made upon you and will become calloused...It would be much wiser to remove yourself from these demands even for a little while, than to allow yourself to be distracted by them and led, little by little, where you certainly do not want to go...at least sometime give attention to yourself..." (Bernard of Clairvaux, *De consideration*)

I encourage you to take time to yourselves and your families to refresh from the busyness of the daily grind. When you do, though, keep in mind and praise God for He does not take that time off. He is with you always as the scripture states: "He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV) "...I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mat 28:20 ESV) Make the Triune God a part of your refreshing. Take time to converse with Him. Take time to listen to Him. Take time to worship Him: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Then you too will remark as David did: "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11 ESV) This I can promise you for it is not me that promises, but the Lord God Almighty. Amen.

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



A Note From the Principal

I sure do love St. Paul's Lutheran School! Our final days together for the 2020-2021 school year were the absolute best! We had a track meet for all grades and a wonderful picnic at the park with our families. Our 4th and 5th graders competed in the Enid Schools Little Olympics and brought home medals and ribbons. We visited the Lost Creek Safari in Stillwater and had a Teddy Bear Picnic. On our last day of school we met

TOGETHER in the all-purpose room for the FIRST time all year and did our final morning meeting together as a school. We had a closing Awards Chapel and had a full church of family and friends to help recognize our amazing students.

I have been so honored to be a part of the St. Paul's team these past four years. Our teachers and staff are dedicated to making our school the very best. Our students are bright, caring, and dedicated to serving God by serving others. Our parents are so supportive of this wonderful school and devoted to their children. I am so thankful for the opportunity I have had to serve as principal; however I have decided to step back and take another part-time position that will allow me the time to spend with my growing family. Being a grandmother is one of the greatest jobs I have ever had and I am looking forward to doing it to the fullest extent possible. Starting July 1, Pastor Reber will be acting in the principal capacity until a new principal is hired. My thoughts and prayers are with our wonderful school during this time of transition.

I was so grateful for the opportunity to speak to our 5th graders at their 5th Grade Promotion on May 18th. Max Iasma, Isabella Meza-Smith and Caden Sneed are moving on to middle school next year. They will be greatly missed! I encouraged them to find time each day to grow in their relationship with God. I am confident that the firm foundation that has been built here at St. Paul's will serve them well next year and beyond. I want to share the bible verse they chose as their class verse.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

To our St. Paul's PARENTS: YOU have supported our school in so many ways and I could never thank you enough for all you have done for our students

and staff. We appreciate your prayers and in return pray for each of you as well.

With God's Help,

Carolyn LaBrue



Congratulations St. Paul's Lutheran School

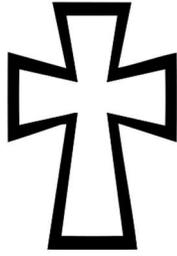
5th Graders

Max Iasma

Isabella Meza

Caden Sneed

These three outstanding students received a certification of recognition/diploma from our Rev. David Reber, Jr., Pastor and School Board President, Michael Koehn, at their 5th Grade Promotion. We know that with God's help they will do great things! You three will be greatly missed!



**The 2019-2020 Outstanding
Christian Discipleship Award
was presented to.....**

Isabella Meza

Congratulations Bella! She received a cross necklace at our End of Year Awards Assembly. Bella has a strong desire to serve God, a respect for our church and school, as well as love and concern towards her teachers and friends.

Christian Discipleship Award

4th Quarter:

1st Grade - Evan Siemen

2nd/3rd Grade - Cho Harbron

4th/5th Grade - Isabella Meza



“Reading Counts Overall Award”

The award for Most Points
Earned during the Entire School
Year went to...

Reagan Orr

Congratulations Reagan on earning 506 points this school year. She set her goal high and reached it! Keep on Reading!!!

Reading Counts Awards/4th Quarter

1st Graders that met their Reading Goal:
Peyton Brueggemann, Evan Siemen, Noah Bondi, Jacey Kleis, Jayce Weldon, Tristen Miller, Charles Wyant, Cora Schlichting, Stallone Takam

Certificate for 25 points:

BJ Capelle

Certificate for 50 points:

Luci Berkenbile

Noah Bondi

Jacey Kleis

Certificate for 100 points:

Peyton Brueggemann

Charles Wyant

Cora Schlichting

Certificate for 150 points:

Evan Siemen

Certificate for 200 points:

Evan Siemen

2nd/3rd Graders that met their Reading Goal: Byron Berkenbile, Christine Callaway, Alex Cuthbertson, Leilani Dutro, Sage Kala, Katharina Orr, Barrett Sierra, Oakleigh Wallace, Londyn Wilson, Colton, Londyn Buchanan, Cho Lynn Harbron, Kyrstin Harbron, Austin Heim, Issac Kennedy, Kody Nguyen, Leah White

Certificate for 50 points:

Christine Callaway
Barrett Sierra

Certificate for 100 points:

Leah White
Alex Cuthbertson
Leilani Dutro
Londyn Wilson
Austin Heim
Kody Nguyen

Certificate for 150 points:

Cho Harbron
Leah White
Alex Cuthbertson
Sage Kala
Byron Berkenbile

Certificate for 300 points:

Londyn Buchanan
Kyrstin Harbron
Colton Walker

Certificate for 350 points:

Londyn Buchanan
Kyrstin Harbron

4th/5th Graders that met their Reading Goal: Nixon Buchanan, Reagan Orr, Ava Cuthbertson, Clara Schlichting, Max Iasma, Caden Sneed, Bella Meza

Certificate for 25 points:

Max Iasma
Bella Meza

Certificate for 50 points:

Max Iasma
Jr Hern

Bella Meza

Certificate for 100 points:

Ava Cuthbertson
Caden Sneed
Clara Schlichting

Certificate for 150 points:

Ava Cuthbertson

Certificate for 200 points:

Nixon Buchanan
AJ Swann

Certificate for 250 points:

Nixon Buchanan

Certificate for 350 points:

Reagan Orr

Certificate for 400 points:

Reagan Orr

Certificate for 450 points:

Reagan Orr

Certificate for 500 points:

Reagan Orr



Enrollment Fees are due August 5th. If you pay by June 1, you get a **\$50 EARLY PAY DISCOUNT** per child.

✓ Sponsorship Applications are due no later than **July 1**.

➤ Be watching for Enrollment packets being sent out in July. When you receive yours, please call the office and schedule an appointment to enroll.



Vacation Bible School has been scheduled, so mark your calendars! VBS runs from July 18-22, 2021. Hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE!

October 3, 2021

**ANDY DETERDING AG AVIATION
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Turkey Creek Golf Course
Hennessey, Oklahoma**

Every year we are blessed to have a golf tournament sponsored by Andy Deterding Ag Aviation. The proceeds from this tournament are used to help fund the scholarship program for St. Paul's Lutheran School. Many families are blessed by the scholarship fund provided by this Tournament. Please contact the office for sponsorship forms or to sign up to play!



PTL NEWS

Our 2021-2022 officers are:

President: Heather Orr

Vice President: Kristal Schlichting

Secretary: Candace Cuthbertson

Treasurer: Heather Harbron

We will have our budget meeting (officers and principal only) on June 8th at 9:00 AM.

We are seeking committee volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Heather Orr.



We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning. We offer an 8:00AM service and a 10:30AM service, as well as Sunday school at 9:15AM. Our nursery is open during the 10:30AM service for children 4 and under. You are welcome in this house!