

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Newsletter



## From the Pastor's Desk

Labor Day weekend is here. Originally set aside in 1894 to celebrate the economic and social contributions of America's workers, the weekend has come to mark several other things as well. It marks the unofficial end of summer when vacation season comes to an end, kids are back in school, and people are settling back down into the so-called daily grind of work. It also marks the beginning of the anticipation of the upcoming holiday season with all the accompanying anxieties and worries and planning that go along with the festivities. As summer draws to its official end, and autumn begins, it so often seems that time flies by as we get busy with our children's activities both in and out of school; and, our own activities, that seem to fill the day to capacity.

Let's remember this September to save room for God our Father. Over the years I have faced the same anxieties as you; and yet, when I take time as the song says to "be holy," when I take time to pray and worship, God provides the time needed for all the other busy-ness that fills our days. This year let's "...not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6 ESV) As we do so, "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7 ESV)

Our children have anxieties just as we do, so be sure to include them as invited guests, in your devotional and worship times that they too may come to know the peace and comfort only our beloved Savior can offer. You already have them attending St. Paul's. What a great gift you have given them! What a great gift to offer them as you pray for and with them! Henri Nouwen, noted theologian, writes of our children: "It belongs to the center of the Christian message that children are not properties to own and rule over, but gifts to cherish and care for. Our children are our most important guests, who enter into our home, ask for careful attention, stay for a while, and then leave to follow their own way." May we through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit gift to the children the cornerstone of a right life, Jesus Christ.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans offers these words of wisdom and comfort: "19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." (Romans 14:19 ESV) There truly is no greater gift than Jesus Christ that we can give to our children.

May God bless and keep your families,  
*Pastor Dave Reber, Jr.*



**CHECK YOUR  
CHILD'S  
BACKPACK  
FOR NOTES  
EVERY NIGHT!**



## Principal News

We are experiencing a buzz of excitement within St. Paul's Lutheran School as we see the enrollment numbers continue to increase. We officially have 60 students currently enrolled! All students are delightful as they arrive each day with a smile on their face, prepared to learn, and grow spiritually. The students start each school day with the official Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. The students say grace before lunch and each day is concluded with the Apostles' Creed, prayers, and the Lord's Prayer. Creating children of God and contributing to the student's spiritual growth is a true blessing.

The St. Paul's Lutheran School year began Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> with our Open House event. We would like to thank our sponsors for the Scoops Ice Cream Truck for the event. It was a sweet treat that all the children and even the adults enjoyed! The first day of school was two days after on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

As an important part of the SPLS experience our students are learning the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Their first quarter chapel offerings will be dedicated to the Heifer Project. Heifer International is a global non-profit organization working to eradicate hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. To learn more about this incredible organization visit their website: <https://www.heifer.org/>

September will be an exciting month. There are a lot of fun-filled events scheduled in September that we look forward to! The Science & Robotics Club, led by Mrs. Heather Harbron, our 2<sup>nd</sup> and

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher, begins on September 7<sup>th</sup>. This club is open to students in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades. They get to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, starting in September and continuing through April. They will conclude with a Science Club field trip in May. We have also started our STEM program with Mrs. Sarah Siemen, our school librarian.

We will celebrate Grandparents' Day a little different this year. Our students will celebrate grandparents on the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed to have our grandparents and we want them to know how special they are to us.

The Cherokee Strip Celebration will be held at the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center on Wednesday, September 15. We hope you will consider joining us at the museum. On Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, our school will have a Chuck Wagon lunch. During the afternoon, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will create wagons for their land run. The school will participate in the Cherokee Strip Parade in Downtown Enid, at 10:30 AM. We have confidence that our float will be one of the best entries in the parade. We hope to see you there and hear you cheer us on!

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our Andy Deterding Ag Aviation Memorial Gold Tournament at Turkey Creek Golf Course in Hennessey, Sunday, October 3, 2021. There are multiple channels of involvement as you can sign up to play individually, play as a team, or volunteer to help. It will be a day full of fun that you don't want to miss!

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" 3 John 1:4

GOD's blessing to you,  
*Richard Burdick, Principal*



If your child will be absent due to illness (or any other reason), please notify the office by 9:00 AM at (580) 234-6646. If the office does not hear from you by 9:00 AM, we will call to check on your child. The office will notify the teacher.

If your child arrives after 8:15 AM, please check in at the office **BEFORE GOING TO CLASS**. This applies to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten as well.



Out of concern for the safety of all our students and their families, it is important to review the dismissal procedure. Dismissal is at 3:30PM and all people picking up students should be here or make other arrangements.

- (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.) Once students are in the car, kindly move forward to exit the parking lot and make room for other cars.
- (4.) Pre-K and Kindergarten students will be picked up in the alley. All parents need to exit their cars and go to the teacher to visibly “check out” their child.

Please know – we take your child’s safety very seriously.

## PICTURE DAY

September 22<sup>nd</sup>



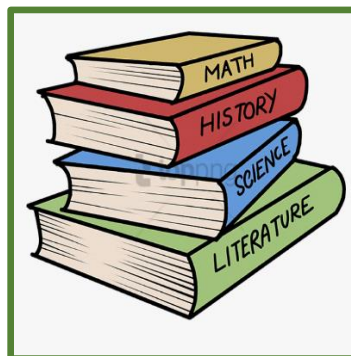
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> is PICTURE DAY!**  
**Students are to wear their chapel attire.**  
**Individual & Group pictures will be taken.**  
**We will have informal “dress as you wish” pictures in the spring.**

**MAKE-UP day will be September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### Library News

This month, the Pre-K and Kindergarteners are having lots of fun checking out books to bring home! *Clifford & Biscuit* are very popular! We have been learning about the parts of a book. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are practicing how to use a shelf spacer to keep our books in order and our library looking neat. They are learning the parts of a book and will be starting a new unit on recognizing Real vs. Fantasy books.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are diving in with graphic organizers. We are reviewing lots of basics in library skills to get a better idea of what we know and what we still need to focus on. Up next: Fiction vs. Nonfiction. I am having so much fun helping your young readers learn the basics of using the library! –



*Mrs. Siemen*

## STEM NEWS:



Some of your 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been selected for a special program called STEM. This is for students who have excellent grades in their classroom & are ready for an extra challenge. We will be doing special projects together and focusing on themes that help train our critical thinking skills.

*Mrs. Siemen*



## Music News

Hello to a new school year and beautiful singing! It truly is a joy to hear these sweet, angelic voices at St. Paul's. We sing together at every chapel on Wednesday mornings and of course, in music class.

We hit the ground running as we prepare special music and poems for Grandparents' Day. We are also preparing for Cherokee Strip Celebration as we sing our state song and explore real cowboy music from our history. The Second and Third Grade class is learning square dancing for our celebration. It is harder than it looks! I am so proud of them when they master new moves!

Pre-K and Kindergarten are still working on finding their "singing voices" and practicing the beat. I am proud of their progress. The rest of our students are adding more and more music skills every class period. We have the best and most talented students at St. Paul's! Thank you for sharing them with me for music!

Blessings,  
*Mrs. Salisbury*



## PHYSICAL EDU.

Mr. Richard Burdick

I am really enjoying working with your children in PE class this year. In the afternoon, I get time to work with each grade. In my classes, the kids have begun to learn the basics of physical education and all of the six skill-related components of fitness: agility, balance, coordination, speed, power, and reaction time. Next we will start working on the health related components: aerobic capacity, body composition, balance, muscular strength, and flexibility.

Stay Active and Keep Moving!

*Mr. Richard Burdick*

## Science Club

Our first Science Club meeting will be Tuesday, September 7 from 3:30 – 5:00. This month, we will be building rockets and coding with Dash the robot.



**PREACH AND  
TEACH TO ALL,  
COMFORT AND  
SUPPORT  
THOSE IN  
NEED!**

## PRE-K

Ms. Stover



It's been a great start to a new school year in the Pre-K classroom. The Pre-Kers are busy learning from the moment their Mom and Dad hug them goodbye. We adults may not think much about the basic functions we perform each day, but for a four year old completing those tasks are big accomplishments.

Pre-Kers begin each school day with routine tasks like putting their take home folders, lunch boxes, and backpacks in the proper places. Then come the more challenging things like holding a pencil correctly, coloring inside the lines, and maneuvering scissors to cut on the black line. Perhaps the most demanding lesson they are learning (and one we often struggle with as adults) is how to follow Jesus' golden rule: **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."**

As for our academic lessons, the first week of school had us 'rocking in our school shoes' while reading *Pete the Cat* books by James Dean. Last week we focused our studies on author Bill Martin, Jr. and his *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* books. We learned about characters, went on imaginary bear hunts, and reenacted the stories through song and dance. This week our focus is on Noah and the Ark and the colors of God's Rainbow.

In September we will continue working on recognizing and identifying the letters in our names. We will also be doing all sorts of activities based on these themes: autumn, apples, cowboys, and farms.

*Ms. Penny Stover*

## KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Lamle



AND we're off to an awesome year! I am having a wonderful time with my little ones! We are on our way to becoming great readers and mathematicians! As the old saying goes "slow and steady wins the race". We are learning to hold our pencil and crayons the correct way (alligator snap). Top to bottom left to right is something my kiddos hear on a daily basis. Learning that our names begin with a capital letter followed by all lower case letters is a very important concept. During September we will learn about the Great Land Run of Oklahoma and also our beautiful symbols!

Have a Blessed September and please don't EVER hesitate to call or text me 580-977-8380!

Serving Him,  
*Mrs. Lamle*

## FIRST GRADE

Ms. Henry



God has blessed me with such a super group of 1st graders! We started this year off great! We have begun working on handwriting in our reading and math workbooks. We will also be memorizing scripture verses each week, and the children are already doing fantastic! Can't wait to see what the rest of this year will bring

*Ms. Morgan Henry*

## SECOND/THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Harbron



We're off to a great start in second and third grade! September will be busy preparing for Cherokee Strip Week. We have already spent the first few weeks of school learning about Oklahoma History, and now we are preparing for our Land Run program. We will also be spending a day at the one room schoolhouse during Cherokee Strip Week. In science, we are finishing up our unit on heat energy. Art has been filled with learning about color – color wheel, tints & shades, and warm & cool colors.

*Mrs. Heather Harbron*

## FOURTH/FIFTH GRADE

Ms. Collums



We have had an interesting start to our school year, like no other. Thankfully we are finally all together!

We are working on paper mache globes, so I'm sorry for your children coming home a mess. We are wearing paint shirts but for some reason the hair is getting "mached" as well. The girls may want to bring hair ties to keep their hair up and out of the way. In science we are working on sound, light, and heat. We have already finished sound and are currently exploring light. The first book report for this school year is due on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The genre is realistic fiction. "Reading is dreaming with open eyes."

I'm so happy to be back to school. This is going to be a great school year!!

Blessings,  
*Ms. Collums*

## "Stamp out Starvation"

Want to wear JEANS on Friday???

Ms. Collums' 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be raising money for Stamp Out Starvation as a service project this year. Each Friday students will have the opportunity to pay \$1.00 to wear jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt. The last Friday of each month will be a free day to wear jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt so everyone can participate on that day. Just send \$1.00 to school on the Friday you will be wearing jeans and a St. Paul's T-shirt. Feeding Children International will send us the supplies that we purchase with our fundraiser dollars so we can assemble baggies of food for the children. Each bag that we assemble will contain 6 servings of food. For every \$500 raised, we can prepare enough food for 2,173 meals. PLEASE be a part of the solution for world hunger and support this worthwhile cause.



There will be **NO SCHOOL** on

**Monday, September 6, 2021** in honor of Labor Day. The office will be closed.



There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, September 17th.**

**It is a professional day for our staff. The office will be open.**



If you have been hoping to order some of our St. Paul's merch, we have tentatively set a date to send home order forms. Forms will be sent home September 7 (if we get the pricing information updated in time) and will be returned on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to get our order in early enough that items will arrive in time for Fall. Unfortunately, there have been some supply issues and we may not be able to get everything we did in the past. If this happens, you will be reimbursed as soon as possible.



## Fall Fundraiser

We are trying out a new fundraiser this Fall. We will be selling Kansas Maid Frozen Pastries. Order forms will be sent home October 18. Order forms will need to be returned on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to have orders in by Thanksgiving Break.



A big thank you to all who helped and donated for the Back to School Night. You are important and appreciated!



Each month, PTL will set up dine outs to help support our school. September Dine Out will be at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers on September 9, from 5-9 PM. Come enjoy some great food and friends while supporting St. Paul's!



## PTL 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!



It was great to see some new faces at our August & September meetings. We are on a great start to our year.

We are eager to increase our membership and hope to see new faces at our next meeting on October 4, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Early childhood Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). It is definitely never too late to join. We plan to meet on the first Monday of every month, unless there is a conflict, so mark your calendars!

# Happy Birthday

## August Birthdays

Shylynn Chadwick – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Charlie Siemen – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Kowen Barber – 31<sup>st</sup>

## September Birthdays

Maddi Carroll - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tarek Miller - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Austin Heim – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Leah White – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Clara Schlichting – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Evan Siemen – 29<sup>th</sup>  
BJ Capelle – 30<sup>th</sup>



The Andy Deterding Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 3, 2021. Flyers, Hole Sponsorships and Team Sign-Ups are available in the office as well as on our website: [www.stpaulsenid.com](http://www.stpaulsenid.com). The Golf Tournament is the primary source of income for our sponsorship fund. We were unable to have a Golf Tournament last year, so the funds were fairly depleted this year. If you would like to help put up flyers or spread the word to anyone you know who enjoys golf or has a business and would like to sponsor a hole, please contact the office!



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has entrusted their child/children 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/children.

PLEASE tell others about our school. YOU are the best advertisement for St. Paul's Lutheran School.

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## Welcome!

We invite you and your family to join us for services every Sunday morning. We offer an 8:00 a.m. service and a 10:30 a.m. service, as well as a Children's Bible Study at 9:45AM live-streamed on our website. Our Nursery is open during the 10:30 AM service for children 4 and under.