



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 23-25	Boys Basketball Tournament
Feb 26	In-Service – No School
Feb 27	MAP Testing K-8
Mar 8	Masterpiece Gallery
Mar 11-15	Book Fair
Mar 18-22	Spring Break – No School
Mar 28	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Mar 29	Good Friday – No School
April	Easter Monday – No School



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## From the Principal

### "CONNECTED"

*A player, who makes a team great, is more valuable than a great player.*

*Losing yourself in the group, for the good of the group - that's teamwork.*

---John Wooden---

Dear Panther Families,

This weekend we host our **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boys Tournament**. We are excited for this opportunity to provide our tournament, giving these players the opportunity to use their God given talents within a Christian setting to help their teams grow closer and function as one, *CONNECTED* group.

As you know, our theme for the school year is *CONNECTED*. Our goal is to have our thinking, acting, and speaking be *CONNECTED* to Jesus Christ, so that the connections we make with people this weekend are God-pleasing, and bring glory to Him. This cannot be accomplished unless we *"lose ourselves in the group, for the good of the group."*

- Thank you parents, students, and sports enthusiasts for supporting these young ladies as they begin another basketball season.
- Thank you for conducting yourselves in a Christian manner.
- Thank you God for the referees who do their best to provide for the safety of the players and control the competition in a Christian manner.
- We hope that while you are here you will greet one another and make some new friends with the fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Be sure and to stop by the Fellowship Hall to enjoy some food and beverages.
- We pray that all who travel to and from our school this weekend will be kept safe from all harm and danger, and that our schools will be a witness of Christ in all that we do.

Have a Christ filled weekend as we all strive to stay *CONNECTED* to Him!

In His service,

Jack Burkee

# After School Care News

There will be no After School Care at the Lincoln Campus on February 23 due to the boys tournament.

Every Wednesday during Lent (February 21-March 13) Lincoln After School Care will be held in the Art Room.

# 24-25 Registration

## Registration

For the 2024-2025 School Year has started. Current families should log into their FACTS Portal to re-enroll.

New families should click on the links below:

- Inquiry link: <https://spl-wi.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=17304>
- Application direct link: <https://spl-wi.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=17304>

**The early registration fee of \$125 per student is due in the office within one week of your re-enrollment.**

**After March 15, the registration fee goes up to \$175 for returning families.**

# CHOICE MEETING DATES

Come find out about the Wisconsin and Milwaukee Choice programs. One more meeting left.

Thursday, February 22, 2023

# MUSIC

## CHIME CHOIR FOR GRADES 1-3

Students in grades 1-3 will have Chime practice on Tuesdays right after school, from 3-3:30, in the balcony.

## BELL CHOIR GRADES 4-8

Students in grades 4-8 will still practice bells on Wednesdays at 7:15am in the balcony.

# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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**Feb 23-25 St. Paul's BOYS TOURNAMENT**

**St. Paul's Boys play Friday at 7:30pm**

*Sign Up to volunteer:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EABAF2AA57-47343552-stpauls#/>

## SINGING SCHEDULE

April	
13	Grades 6-8
20	Grades 3-5
27	3K, 4K & K
May	
4	Grades 1 & 2

# BIRTHDAYS

# FROM THE PASTOR

## FEBRUARY

Miriam Sanchez Loomans  
Mario Martinez  
Lance Romano  
Nick Ulbing  
Noah Jackelen  
Laila Keys  
Ainsley Kosek  
Aria Dachowski  
Korbin Burkee  
Hunter Kassa

# BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

Madison Waupoose  
Joseph Stathas  
Kadyn Koble  
Audrey Segura  
Jace LeMieux-Petrovic  
Miriam Sanchez Loomans  
Wyatt Hinkes-Gates

May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!

“What the world needs now, is love, sweet love. That’s the only thing that there’s just too little of.” That’s how a song from the 1960’s began, a song sung by a young woman named Jackie DeShannon. I would wholeheartedly agree, especially if she is talking about the true love found in Christ Jesus alone.

The word for “love” in the New Testament that encompasses the amazing love of our Lord is the word, agape (pronounced ah-gha-pay). It is the love that Jesus spoke of when He said, **“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay his life down for his friends”** (John 15:13). Jesus was talking about the coming cross, where our Lord would sacrificially bleed and die for our sins to bring us God’s amazing, never-failing love and forgiveness. Jesus also said, **“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”** Once again, the word is “agape,” a love defined by the sacrificial love of Christ.

This is certainly the kind of love that, to quote Jackie DeShannon, “the world needs now” and the kind of love that “. . . there is just too little of.” The love of Jesus Christ is to be the foundation of all other relationships. Marriages are to be founded on this “agape” love, that is a sacrificial love that always loves and forgives . . . in spite of failings. This is the kind of love that teachers are to have for their students . . . and students are to have for each other and their teachers. If St. Paul’s Lutheran School is going to be a distinctively Christian school, this love must abound and prevail in all things.

Of course, not one of us consistently shows this kind of love. We all fall short, but when we do we come to Jesus in confession and sorrow, receive His forgiveness again, trust in His certain love (agape) for us, and pray that He helps us show it to others. This is the love that we speak of in our chapels on Wednesdays. This is the love we proclaim in our worship services at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Our midweek services during Lent are held on Wednesdays at 6pm. A supper is available in our fellowship hall beginning at 4:45pm. Weekend worship services are 5pm on Saturdays and 8 & 10:30am on Sunday mornings. You are always welcome to worship with us that you may grow in knowing the love of Jesus, be blessed by the love of Jesus, be filled with the love of Jesus so that His love can abound in all your relationships.

In Christ’s (Agape) Love,

*Pastor Bender*

# More Principal's Notes:

## REGISTRATION NEWS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR



Registration has begun!

- I am very pleased to see the **amount of interest shown in St. Paul's by NEW families!** My worry is that we only can offer a set number of Choice seats per grade, and that a newly registering family might edge out a current student's seat. **The only way to guarantee your Choice seat for next year is to re-register before that seat is gone.**
- The number one **marketing tool** any organization has is good old-fashioned word-of-mouth recommendations. **SO**, any family that refers a NEW, enrolling family to St. Paul's, will receive a **\$150 gift card**. Get out there and start spreading the word about what a great school we have here!
- If you have a **St. Paul's yard sign** sitting in your garage, get it out and proudly display it on that snow bank in your front yard!
- **REMINDER:** The deadline for the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program** is **April 18**.

FYI-The Department of Public Instruction shows that participation in Wisconsin's parental school choice programs continues to grow. Nearly 55,000 students are enrolled in one of Wisconsin's four parental choice programs — an increase of 2,760 from last year — attending one of 383 schools. Both marks represent record participation. This comes on the heels of Governor Tony Evers and Republican legislative leaders agreeing to an historic bipartisan funding increase as part of state budget negotiations earlier this year. **"School choice is growing because it works."**

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## LENT MENU

February 28 – Chicken Rice Casserole and Green Beans

March 6 – Taco Salad/Burrito Bowls, Chips and Queso

March 13 – Brat and Hotdog Bar, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad

March 20 – BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Fresh Veggies

Weekly dinners include dessert and beverages.  
Kid meals also available.

# MASTERPIECE GALLERY

## Sunny Days and Starry Nights Coming Soon

You won't want to miss this year's Masterpiece Gallery! The students of St. Paul's are excited to show you how they have been using their God-given art talents this year at school! You will see many student masterpieces in the gym and in the hallways of our school. While you are strolling through the hallways, stop by the activity tables where you and your children can dabble in art. This special open house event happens Friday, March 8 from 4:30 to 6:00pm.

## CHAPEL OFFERINGS



City Light is a Christian based organization that loves hosting Family Fun Nights for families in the West Allis community. This spring they will be hosting four indoor events that will bless the city of West Allis. Families leave each event with a take-home resource providing them conversation starters to help families grow closer together and to Jesus. They also develop programs that foster social, emotional, and economic health. Families are invited to attend events on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Horace Mann Elementary. **Our chapel offerings are being used to help fund these events.**<https://www.citylightmke.org/>