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WEDNESDAY NOTE
December 6th, 2017

Faith Talk (part 2 of 3) “Spiritual talk can be risky business. It has the capacity to touch a sensitive nerve or to move an individual in a special way. Faith talk is an ongoing conversation about God’s loving plan for us. It’s talk about sin and guilt and the very real eternal consequences for breaking God’s commandments. But faith talk is also about God’s love for us in Christ Jesus and our gratitude to him for providing a substitute who would take our sin upon himself and offer his righteousness to us in return. Faith talk is never cheap. God’s children need to learn how important it is to hold his name at the center of their lives.” – May God bless your family’s faith talk this Advent and Christmas season

Upcoming Events

Abbreviations: C – Centennial Gym, T – Trinity Gym, BB – Basketball, WLHS – Wisconsin Lutheran High School

Dec. 6	Wed.	Advent Services 3:30pm & 7:00pm Soup Supper 4:30-6:30pm Junior Choir Sings 3:30pm
Dec. 7	Thurs.	C Girls’ BB Tournament @ Trinity Waukesha
Dec. 8	Fri.	Chapel 8:15am B, A Girls’ Basketball @ St. Lucas 4:30pm & 6:30pm B1, A Boys’ Basketball @ St. Lucas 5:30pm & 7:30pm
Dec. 9	Sat.	Christmas for Kids @ St. Paul’s Muskego 9:00am – Noon C Girls’ BB Tournament @ Trinity Waukesha C Boys’ BB Tournament @ Mt. Calvary
Dec. 10	Sun.	Grades 6-8 Sing 10:45am
Dec. 13	Wed.	Advents Services 3:30pm & 7:00pm Soup Supper 4:30 – 6:30pm Children’s Choir Sings @ 3:30pm
Dec. 15	Fri.	LES Theme Day – Star Wars Day B, A Girls’ BB vs. Atonement 4:30pm (T) & 6:30pm (T) B1, A Boys’ BB vs. Atonement 5:30pm (T) & 7:30pm (T) A Girls’ Reserve, C Girls’ BB vs. Star 4:30pm & 5:30pm (C) C, B2 Boys’ BB vs. Star 6:30pm (C) & 7:30pm (C)
Dec. 20	Wed.	Advent Services - 3:30 & 7:00pm Soup Supper – 4:30 – 6:30pm
Dec. 21	Thurs.	Cousins Sub Day – NO HOT LUNCH! C Girls’ BB vs. Trinity Caledonia – 6:30pm (C) C Boys’ BB vs. Trinity Caledonia – 7:30pm (C) A Girls’ Reserve BB vs. St. Jacobi – 4:30pm (C)

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B2 Boys' BB vs. St. Jacobi – 5:30pm (C)
B, A Girls' BB vs. St. John's 68th – 4:30(C)/6:30pm (T)
B1, A Boys' BB vs. St. John's 68th – 5:30/7:30pm (T)

Dec. 22	Fri.	3K – 8 th Grade Dismiss @ 11:00am LES Christmas Service – 5:00pm (PreK, Grades 1-8)/7:00pm (K-8)
Dec. 24	Sun.	Christmas Eve Festival Worship Services – 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 & 10:00pm
Dec. 25	Mon.	Christmas Day Festival Worship Services with Holy Communion – 8:00 & 10:00am
Dec. 25 – Jan 2	Mon. – Tues.	No School – Christmas Break
Jan. 3	Wed.	School Resumes

School Happenings

Missions - Mission money is collected each Friday. Our second quarter featured mission is The Lighthouse Youth Centers that are a beacon for Christ for the youth of the inner city of Milwaukee. Each quarter we will feature a different mission. The money donated throughout the year will be equally distributed to all four missions. So far our total offering this quarter is \$436.41.



LES Theme Day – The next theme day is Friday, December 15th – Star Wars Day.

Children's Choir - The Children's Choir will be singing in the 3:30 Advent service on Wednesday, December 13th. After students are dismissed from their classrooms that day, children in the choir should meet in Mrs. Vanderhyde's room to practice their song. Then they will walk over to church together as a group. The choir will be singing from the balcony. Parents, please pick up your children from the balcony after church, or send an older sibling to do so. Any students not picked up after the service will be walked back over to the school to wait in Extended Care.

Extended Care – Extended Care will be available for your children during Christmas break. You **must** pre-register in writing if you will be using Extended Care on any of these “No School Days.” A form is attached and also available in the office. See Mrs. Drska or Mrs. Bourdo for more details.



Book-It - Remember to bring your Book-It Reading Logs to school every Tuesday.

Friends of Jesus Toy Drive – St. Paul's School is participating in a toy drive for needy children. Each student can bring a new (\$15 value or more) toy or game to school by this Friday, December 8th. A flyer including the labels and instructions may be found in the office. Please wrap these gifts and put the label on indicating the appropriate age/sex of the recipient as well as a brief description of the toy. These presents will be given to families in our area who are suffering through hardships, as well as needy families in the inner city of Milwaukee.

Cousins Day – December 21st – We will be offering Cousins subs for lunch on December 21st. There will be no hot lunch available that day. Please note that milk is **NOT** included with the cost. Milk can be ordered separately. Orders are due December 18th by 9:00 am. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please use **1 order form per person**. Additional forms are available in the school office or at stpmuskego.org and click on Current Parent Page. Payment for Cousins will be billed to your Hot Lunch Account.

Pre-service musicians – We are looking for students in grades 5-8 who would like to share their musical gifts with our guests before our LES Christmas Services on December 22nd. Piano or any other instrument is welcome. Please contact Mrs. Kirchoff with the name of your song by Wednesday, December 13th. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

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Dear Students and Teacher of St. Pauls - Thank you for the wonderful card and all of your messages. I truly appreciated this surprise. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. God bless each and every one of you and your families. Love in Christ, Mrs. Steinbrecher.

2018-2019 Tuition – We are thankful for every family’s support of our school ministry via tuition. We are also thankful to our congregation which generously supports the mission of our school with over \$730,000 next school year. We do our best at this point in the year to plan for the next school year, and a letter is attached to this week’s Note sharing more details about our costs, revenues, and vision for tuition in 2018-19. Thank you for taking the time to read that letter. We are planning for a congregation member tuition of \$2,890 for the first child, \$2,790 second child, and \$1,525 for a family’s third child to offset a portion of the cost of operating our K-8 school ministry. **Parents who are members at other area WELS churches should contact your church leaders about their level of support to your family next year.** We will also be changing to a 12-month tuition payment plan compared to the current 9-month option since that has proved beneficial to families in other schools using that option. In Christ, Mr. Fitzsimmons

St. Paul’s Website – Visit our school website with its **new** look at www.stpmuskego.org. You can now click on the icons on the homepage to access the hot lunch menu, current events and school calendar. You can also access links to teachers’ pages and more!

Wednesday Note by Email – If you would like to receive the Wednesday Note by email, please email Emily Meitner (emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org) from the address that you would like the Note emailed to and I will add you to the distribution list. You may not receive all the attachments, but a list of items that were attached will be included.

Inclement Weather – The school bus company determines when to call off school on snow days. Anytime school will be closed for any reason, it will be announced on television, news websites, 620 WTMJ, 1130 WISN, 94.5 WKTI, 106 WMIL, and Channels 4, 6, and 12 or check the school website. If the Muskego-Norway School District is closed or delayed, so are we.

SCRIP – The holidays are quickly approaching. Use St. Paul's SCRIP program for all your gift card giving needs. It is easy. No hassle or running around to different stores. Everything is in one place! Plus, the added bonus of reducing your tuition and helping St. Paul's raise LESTA (Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance) funds. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of retailers as well as options for SCRIP Now and Reload SCRIP. SCRIP orders will be placed every Tuesday by 9:00 am. The **last order for this year** will be on **Tuesday, December 19th**.



Box Tops for Education - St. Paul's participates in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Simply cut the coupons out of the product packaging (NEATLY on the dotted line, please) and turn them in to your classroom's collection box. Each coupon is worth 10 cents, and all money raised helps support the activities sponsored by UNITY, our parent/teacher organization. Parents can log-on to boxtops4education.com and register to support St. Paul’s – Muskego. They can earn box tops for our school just by watching videos and entering special drawings. Start clipping!

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Spring Drama—Night at the Wax Museum - The hysterical meets the historical in this comic romp through the wackiest wax museum in history! School’s out for summer, but not for six unlucky students who don’t know much about history — they have to re-take the class in summer school. First year teacher Heather Fairchild has arranged for them to help her two aunts set up a new wax museum as a class project. Though the students’ eyes glaze over with boredom, there’s a twinkle in the wax figures’ eyes when a mysterious incantation from the back of Cleopatra’s bracelet brings them to life! Join the hilarious fun as treasure-hungry outlaws, pirates and royalty mount the greatest

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siege since Vicksburg! Wax historical in this mad-cap comedy adventure where the magic of history comes alive... literally! Night at the Wax Museum is scheduled for April 18-20, 2018. Auditions (grades 5-8) will take place in January.

Spiritual Opportunities

Happy Birthday Jesus! - St. Paul's 2017 "Christmas for Kids" will be this Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Trinity Café and Gym. REGISTER online at stpaulmuskego.org or complete a Connection Card, sign the Welcome Center sheet, or email Dr. Nelson (jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org). "Christmas for Kids" is for children ages 3-12. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the morning as well, if they so choose. Children are to bring a non-perishable food item as their "ticket" to get in. Questions can be directed to Dr. Nelson (414)-422-0320 ext. 145.

House or Home? God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting - Your most exhilarating joys and agonizing sorrows will likely come from the same source...your children. Raising children is a high-stakes adventure. But there is great hope. In the midst of all the white noise about parenting, God has given us some clear and timeless truths to follow. The next Parents Club offering will be a DVD assisted series titled, "House or Home? God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting." Mr. Fitzsimmons, will lead this 8-week series from October 29-December 17, in school classroom 9.

WELS Happenings

Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir—A few spots remain for the second semester of the Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir (WLCC)! Auditions (for new students at semester) are Thursday, January 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. or Thursday, January 18, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. For more audition information and WLCC schedule, visit www.wlhs.org/wlcc or contact Director Casey Pufahl at casey.pufahl@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2572.

WLHS Sacred Christmas Concert--The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

Creation Museum Tour - Friends of Wisco are invited to attend a special bus tour to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Petersburg, Ky., June 7-10, 2018, hosted by WLHS president Pastor Ken Fisher and WLHS Foundation executive director Kristine Metzger. We expect the trip to fill up fast, so consider making this an early Christmas present to your spouse, yourself, or a family member! Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Cost and registration details can be found at www.wlhs.org/creationtour.

Jr. Viking Football and WLHS Youth Baseball Camp - Registrations for both Jr. Viking football and the WLHS youth baseball camp are now open. Spots can fill up quickly so plan ahead now. Baseball camp is open to boys in 2nd-8th grade with registration deadline on January 14, 2018. Football is open to boys in 5th-8th grade, on a first-come, first-serve basis, and must be in by April 2018. For more registration information visit www.wlhs.org/jrvikings.

Host a WLHS International Student for the Spring Semester--Impact the lives of international students living away from home by becoming a WLHS homestay family for the spring 2018 semester. Homestay families make an international student a welcome member of their family, provide a room with a study space, provide breakfast and dinner meals, arrange for school transportation, and mentor and discipline the international student. A monthly stipend is offered to allow you to provide a great experience for the student. Visit www.wlhs.org/homestay to download the application. Applications must be received by Friday, December 1. For additional questions, E-mail Director of the International Program Eric Duwe at eric.duwe@wlhs.org.

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G-Squared Basketball - Registration is now open for G-Squared Basketball League at Star of Bethlehem School in New Berlin, WI for kids ages 5-8! Go to www.g2youth.com to register. Space is limited and will close when full. Looking forward to a great season!



ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Midweek Advent worship services: December 6, December 13, and 20, at 3:30 and 7:00 pm
(A soup supper will be provided in the Grace Room from 4:30 to 6:30 pm each Wednesday during Advent.)

Christmas Eve worship services: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day worship services: 8:00 and 10:00 am with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve and Day schedule will be the regular weekend worship schedule.



“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Micah 5:2

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