



WEDNESDAY NOTE
February 7th, 2018

Lutheran Schools Week is Next Week

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6)

Our Lutheran schools are treasured places...because Jesus is there. Lutheran Schools Week (LSW) takes time to celebrate that – the joy and impact of Christ on our kids and families. Our classes “take every thought and make it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). We assist your family by helping your kids “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Nothing could be more important.

Thank you for committing to a Lutheran education for your sons and daughter, who live and learn in classrooms where the Holy Spirit has the chance to work in their heart, not just in your home, but also here at school.

Heavenly Father...As we celebrate LSW, please continue to keep your hand of blessing over our School of Early Learning and our 3K through 8th grade ministry. In Jesus’ Name – Amen!

Upcoming Events

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

Feb. 8	Thurs.	Chapel 8:15am
Feb. 9	Fri.	Theme Day – Olympic Country Color Day
Feb. 10	Sat.	A Boys’ BB Tournament @ WLHS – 11:45am (Main Gym)
Feb. 11	Sun.	Grades K – 1 Sing @ 10:45am
Feb. 12 – Feb 16	Mon. – Fri.	Lutheran Schools Week
Feb. 14	Wed.	Theme Day – Black Day Ash Wednesday Services – 3:30 & 7:00pm
Feb. 15	Thurs.	A Girls’ Basketball WISCO Tournament
Feb. 16	Fri.	Theme Day – Class Color Day Apache Meal Packing Event – 1:00 to 2:45pm – Kindergarten to 8 th Grade Re-Enrollment Deadline
Feb. 17	Sat.	Grade School Solo & Ensemble Festival @ WLHS 8:00am – Noon

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A Girls' Basketball WISCO Tournament

Feb. 18	Sun.	Grades 4-5 Sing @ 9:15am Service Congregational Chicken Dinner 10:15am – 2:00pm (C) Kids Carnival @ WLHS – 1:00 to 3:00pm
Feb. 21	Wed.	Lenten Services – 3:30 & 7:00pm Grades 6-8 Sing @ 3:30pm Service
Feb. 23	Fri.	Chapel Presented by 6 th Grade – 8:15am 5 th – 8 th Grade Dodgeball Tournament – 3:20 to 4:30pm (T)
Feb. 24	Sat.	Grades 1 – 4 Spelling Bee @ WLHS 8:30am
Feb. 25	Sun.	Junior Choir Sings @ 7:45am Service
Feb. 28	Wed.	Lenten Services – 3:30pm & 7:00pm Children's Choir Sings @ 3:30pm Service

School Happenings

Missions - Mission money is collected each Friday. Our third quarter featured mission is Friends of China. Help support them as they build relationships through educational exchange in China. Each quarter we will feature a different mission. The money donated throughout the year will be equally distributed to all four missions. Our total offering this quarter is \$590.06.

Extended Care – There is no school on Thursday and Friday, March 1st and 2nd. Extended Care will be available for your children both days. You **must** pre-register in writing if you will be using Extended Care on any of these “No School Days.” A form is available in the office. See Mrs. Drska or Mrs. Bourdo for more details.

Uniforms – Please make sure all basketball and cheerleading uniforms are returned to Mr. Walz. Thank you!

Some Winter Olympic Fun and Learning - Over the next few weeks during the Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, the 3K through 8th graders will learn a little about the Winter Games. Each classroom randomly chose a country to support: 3K = Sweden, 4K = Norway, K = USA, 1st = Netherlands, 2nd = France, 3rd = Switzerland, 4th = Italy, 5th = Germany, 6th = Finland, 7th = Austria, 8th = Canada. This Friday (the 9th) students are invited to dress in the colors of their country's flag since the Opening Ceremonies are on NBC Friday evening. More fun, learning, and friendly competition to come. Go USA!

Theme Day - The next theme day is black day on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. We will also have class color day on Friday, February 16th.

Two Teachers Holding Divine Calls:

Our gracious God in His infinite wisdom has called Mr. Wetzel (our 5th grade co-teacher and 3rd-5th grade instructional team leader) to Lamb of God Lutheran School in West Allis to serve as principal and 7th-8th grade teacher. Lamb of God's principal will be retiring at the end of this year. Please keep Mr. Wetzel, his wife Becky, and their family in your prayers as he considers where he would like to serve the Lord - either continuing in his call here at St. Paul's or at this new call to Lamb of God. Thank you!

Mr. Walz (our 7th grade homeroom, 6th-8th grade science teacher, and athletic director) has accepted his call to teach freshmen religion and coach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. We are grateful to God for the many blessings that Mr. Walz's ministry has brought to our students and families here at St. Paul's for the past nine years (2009-2018).

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2017 Private School State Tax Credit - Parents with a child in a private school will be able to receive a tax deduction for private school tuition. Under the program, parents statewide will be able to deduct up to \$4,000 per student in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 per high school student. To access your tax credit information, please follow these steps:

1. Log in to your TADS account
2. On the top bar click Billing
3. Click on the Household Paid Tuition Tax Report link. You will find it located below the big blue box.
4. Enter the tax year 2017

St. Paul's identifying FEIN is 39-6045365. Additional information can also be found on the [Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools website](http://www.wcris.org) (www.wcris.org).

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

Re-Enrollment for Next Year - TADS sent out our re-enrollment emails again on February 2nd. Thank you for completing your re-enrollment. This greatly helps us in planning and preparation for the 2018-2019 school year. We have a 90% re-enrollment goal by Feb. 16th – the end of Lutheran Schools Week. Thank you!

Milwaukee Bucks D.A.R.E Day – The Bucks would like to offer any 5th – 8th grade students that are currently in the D.A.R.E program or have completed the program a COMPLIMENTARY Bucks ticket offer. Your child can receive a form from their teacher to send in to receive their free ticket.

SOEL Job Opening - St. Paul's School of Early Learning (SOEL) is a childcare and Early Educational Ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church located in Muskego. We need an outgoing, energetic person, who loves to make a difference in the lives of young children. We have a year- round Full Time Teachers Aide position available in our Infant Room-Days: Monday-Friday 7:30 – 4:30. Experience in childcare or a related field is preferred. We offer a competitive hourly wage and a pleasant working environment. If you are interested please call Kim Neubauer at 414-422-0320 ext.200, Cell-262-470-0465 or e-mail at kneubauer@stpaulmuskego.org for more information. You can also stop by the SOEL office for an application (S66 W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego. We're located off of the east entrance of the church).

Lutheran Elementary School Tuition Assistance (LESTA) and Pre-K Tuition Assistance – Thank you to those who have contributed to the LESTA and PRE-K Tuition Assistance funds. Applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year must be submitted by **April 13, 2018**. Grants are awarded according to financial need. **Families must reapply each year.** The application for tuition assistance should be completed online through the TADS website (a link for TADS can be found on the school website www.stpmuskego.org).

Secondary Christian Education Tuition Assistance (SCETA) – Thank you to those who have contributed to the SCETA fund. St. Paul's members attending Wisconsin Lutheran High School or Luther Preparatory School for the 2018-19 school year are encouraged to apply for grants from this fund. Grants are awarded primarily according to financial need. Applications for SCETA fund grants are available in the school office. Application deadline is **April 13, 2018**. **Families must reapply each year.**

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

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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 Program – Check out the hundreds of retailers on the Great Lakes SCRIP website www.shopwithscrip.com. Just write them in on the blank lines on the order form. Orders will be placed every Tuesday by 9:00 am and will be available for pick-up on Friday. Any questions, contact Emily Meitner (414-422-0320 or emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org).



Calling all Box Tops – The final collection date will be Monday, February 19. 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!

WELS Happenings

Kids Carnival at Wisconsin Lutheran High School - Step right up and try your best at over 50 fun games! WLHS student body is hosting a kids carnival on Sunday, February 18, from 1:00-3:30. Children age 3 through fourth grade are invited to play games, meet live animals, and participate in other fun activities. Each \$3 admission receives 20 play tokens. Cotton candy and concessions will be available for purchase. Parents and grandparents are admitted free of charge and encouraged to bring their cameras for some great photo opportunities. To host your birthday party at the carnival, contact Faith Loberg at faith.loberg@wlhs.org.

WLHS Musical *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* - Big business means big laughs in this delightfully clever lampoon of life on the corporate ladder. Winner of the Tony award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize, this tune-filled comic gem follows the rise of J. Pierpont Finch, who uses a mixture of charming innocence and smarts to advance from window washer to high powered executive. Performances will be held on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Reserved seat tickets are available at the WLHS reception desk, or by printing out the online ticket order form at www.wlhs.org/finearts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children in 8th grade and younger. Before the Friday, March 2, performance you can enjoy the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Wisco Kids and Inspiration will perform during the dinner. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$10 and children \$8.

WELS International Youth Rally - 8th graders interested in getting information about this summer's WELS International Youth Rally in Bowling Green, OH (June 26-29) should contact Dr. Nelson. He will add you to the information list and get you updates as they come out. You can also go to WELS.NET/2018YOUTHALLY for current details from WELS.

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.

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