



WEDNESDAY NOTE January 10th, 2018

Foundations of Christian Education... “The Christian’s only source for true contentment is found in a tiny baby born two thousand years ago in the flyspeck on the map called Bethlehem. Contentment comes to us in the form of an ugly cross and an empty burial chamber. Jesus is the only gift that truly satisfies. He is the living fulfillment of God’s promise to save in Genesis 3:15. He is the blessing of all blessings.” May this contentment message of our Savior be a theme for you in 2018. – Mr. Fitzsimmons

Upcoming Events

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

Jan. 10	Wed.	C Boys’ BB Game @ St. Jacobi – 4:00pm B Girls’ BB Game @ St. Jacobi – 5:00pm B1 Boys’ BB Game @ St. Jacobi – 6:00pm A Girls’ BB Game @ St. Jacobi – 7:00pm A Boys’ BB Game @ St. Jacobi – 8:00pm
Jan. 12	Fri.	2 nd Quarter Ends Theme Day – Pajama Day A Girls’ Reserves BB Game vs. HC Lutheran - 4:30pm (C) B Girls’ BB Game vs. Tosa – 4:30pm (T) B1 Boys’ BB Game vs. Tosa - 5:30pm (T) A Boys’ Reserves BB Game vs. Tosa – 5:30pm (C) B2 Boys’ BB Game vs. Tosa – 6:30pm (C) A Girls’ BB Game vs. Tosa – 6:30pm (T) C Boys’ BB Game vs. Mt. Calvary – 7:30pm (C) A Boys’ BB Game vs. Tosa – 7:30pm (T)
Jan. 13	Sat.	3 rd Grade Basketball Game – 8:00 – 9:30am B2 Boys’ BB @ St. Paul’s Grafton Tournament C Girls’ BB Games @ St. Jacobi – 9:00 & 9:45am C Boys’ BB Game @ Garden Homes Tournament
Jan. 14	Sun.	Grades 2-3 Sing @ 7:45am Service
Jan. 19	Fri.	2 nd Quarter Recognition – 2:15pm B Girls’ BB Game vs. St. Marcus – 4:30pm (T) B2 Boys’ BB Game vs. Trinity Waukesha – 4:30pm (C) B1 Boys’ BB Game vs. St. Marcus – 5:30pm (T) A2 Boys’ BB Game vs. Star – 5:30pm (C) C Girls’ BB Game vs. St. Marcus – 6:30pm (C) A Girls’ BB Game vs. St. Marcus – 6:30pm (T) C Boys’ BB Game vs. St. Marcus – 7:30pm (C) A Boys’ BB Game vs. St. Marcus – 7:30pm (T)
Jan. 20	Sat.	3 rd Grade Basketball – 8:00 to 9:30am B Girls’ BB @ Caledonia Tournament

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Jan. 21	Sun.	Grades 4 & 7 Sing @ 10:45am Service B Girls' BB @ Caledonia Tournament
Jan. 23	Tues.	C Boys' BB Game @ Garden Homes – 4:00pm B Girls' BB Game @ Garden Homes – 5:00pm B1 Boys' BB Game @ Garden Homes – 6:00pm A Girls' BB Game @ Garden Homes – 7:00pm A Boys' BB Game @ Garden Homes – 8:00pm
Jan. 25	Thurs.	B1 Boys' BB Game @ Mt. Calvary Tournament
Jan. 26	Fri.	UNITY Parent & Grandparent Breakfast – 7:15 to 8:15am (C) Chapel – 8:20am B Girls' BB Game vs. Star – 4:00pm (T) A Girls' Reserve BB Game vs. Star – 4:00pm (C) C Girls' BB Game vs. Star – 5:00pm (C) B1 Boys' BB Game vs. Star – 5:00pm (T) C Boys' BB Game vs. Star – 6:00pm (C) A Girls' BB Game vs. Star – 6:00pm (T) B2 Boys' BB Game vs. Star – 7:00pm (C) A Boys' BB Game vs. Star – 7:00pm (T)
Jan. 27	Sat.	3 rd Grade Basketball – 8:00 to 9:30am B1 Boys' BB @ Mt. Calvary Tournament
Jan. 28	Sun.	Children's Choir Sings @ 9:15am Service PreK – Grade 8 Open House – 1:00 to 3:00pm 5 th Grade Extravaganza @ WLHS – 5:30pm
Jan. 30	Tues.	C Boys' BB Game @ St. Paul's Franklin – 5:00pm B1 Boys' BB Game @ St. Paul's Franklin – 6:00pm B Girls' BB Game @ St. Paul's Franklin – 7:00pm

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 \$583.01.

Tax Statements – Extended Care – Statements containing a summary of your 2017 Extended Care payments and St. Paul's Tax ID number will be emailed this week. If you have any questions, contact Emily Meitner (emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320 ext. 110).

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 2016

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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).

LES Theme Day – The next theme day is this Friday, January 12th – Pajama Day. Roll out of bed and come to school in your comfy pajamas and slippers!

Classroom Cleaning – We are asking for ten parents who have children in Kindergarten to 8th grade to do a special cleaning of the PreK and Kindergarten rooms on Thursday, January 25 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in preparation for the Open House on Sunday, January 28. We will take the first ten that sign up. **This will satisfy your cleaning obligation for the '17-'18 school year.** Please call or email Emily Meitner ([414-422-0320, ext. 110](tel:414-422-0320), emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org) to sign up.

PreKindergarten and Lutheran Elementary School Open House and Tours – Will take place on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Registration information is available online at www.stpmuskego.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Drska regarding PreK (mdraska@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext. 144) or Mr. Fitzsimmons regarding Kindergarten – Grade 8 (sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320, ext.118). Please share this information with neighbors and friends and invite them to come!

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

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 was attached to last week's note sharing more details about our costs, revenues, and vision for tuition in 2018-19. 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. Our school parents who are members at other area WELS churches should contact your church leaders about the 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

Recognition – Second Quarter recognition will take place on Friday, January 19th at 2:15pm in the Trinity Gym.

Eligibility – As we approach the end of the second quarter, be aware that any student with a grade point average below 2.0 will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities, including sports. Please see the Parent Handbook for an explanation of this policy. If you have questions, contact Mr. Fitzsimmons (ext. 118 or sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or Mr. Walz (ext. 142 or jwalz@stpaulmuskego.org).

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 Program – Your SCRIP purchases are paying off! Over \$4,000 was earned in SCRIP rebates this semester with 40 percent going towards St. Paul's Tuition Assistance Fund. The other 60 percent was distributed as tuition credit to families participating in the program. Letters were sent home today to families that participated in the SCRIP program and earned credit. Credits were issued in a lump sum, so if you are a SCRIP user on the monthly

payment plan only January's invoice is affected – your remaining payments will be the same as usual. Orders will be placed every Tuesday by 9:00 am and will be available for pick-up in the office 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!

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Spring Drama—Night at the Wax Museum - All those in grades 6-8 who interested in the spring drama are invited to attend auditions which will be held the afternoon and evening of January 15-16. Parents are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Pastor B.

2018 Wrestling Season at St. Paul's – All boys in grades 2 through 8 are invited to join the 2018 wrestling team at St. Paul's. Practices will begin Monday, February 5th at 4:30-6:00 pm in the Centennial Gym with a brief, but mandatory parents meeting. Practices will be every Monday and Thursday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the office and can be turned in on the first practice. All questions can be directed to Jeff Foley (414-422-0422 or jeffreylfoley@hotmail.com) or Mr. Walz (jwalz@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320 ext. 114).

WELS Happenings

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.

WLHS 5th Grade Extravaganza—Attention all 5th grade students and parents! Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza just for you on Sunday, January 28, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. Plus, we're giving away a Chromebook and other prizes! We'll have exciting science experiments, robot demonstrations, music, basketball and lots more. To reserve your spot, please RSVP by Monday, January 22, at www.wlhs.org/5thgrade. For questions, contact Director of Admissions Brad Wetzel at brad.wetzel@wlhs.org, or 414-453-4567 ext. 1322.

Preschool Classroom Aide-St. John's - Mukwonago - Due to a high growth in the enrollment of our preschool, we are looking for a motivated and dependable individual to serve as an additional preschool classroom aide for the remainder of this school year. Must be a WELS member, experience working with children, or in a child-care / school is preferred. Approximately 3 hours per day, 5 days a week (Currently looking for a 5 morning a week position, but could be flexible with the number of days). Interested in this position or would like to apply? Please contact Catherine St. John at cstjohn@stjohnslutheran-muk.org.

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.

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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.

Community Happenings

Muskego Warriors – Back by popular demand! 1st & 2nd Grade Baseball Clinics. Sessions will take place Sunday, Jan. 14th, 21st, 28th and Feb. 11th from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Each session is \$20 and includes a free t-shirt. Please email Heather Rintelman for more information (hrintelman@yahoo.com) or register online at www.muskegowarriors.org.



*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm, you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29: 11*

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