



WEDNESDAY NOTE

January 24th, 2019

May it never become a cliché for us!

I hope we always can look at a fresh snowfall and be reminded of our forgiveness in Christ so that we can go to forgive others:

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.
(Isaiah 1:18)

Upcoming Events

Jan. 25	Fri.	UNITY Parent & Grandparent Breakfast – 7:15 to 8:05am Chapel Presented by 7 th Grade – 8:35am Basketball Games vs. Star of Bethlehem B2 Boys’ 4pm (C)/B1 Girls’ 4pm (T)/C Boys’ 5pm (C)/B1 Boys’ 5pm (T)/ C Girls’ 6pm(C)/ A Girls’ 6pm (T)/ A Boys’ 7pm (T) Cheerleading @ 5pm (T)
Jan. 26	Sat.	C Boys’ Basketball Tournament @ Trinity Waukesha
Jan. 27	Sun.	Children’s Choir Sings @ 9:15am Service PreK – 8 th Grade Open House – 1pm to 3pm 5 th Grade Extravaganza @ WLHS – 5:30pm
Jan. 29	Tues.	B2 Girls’ Basketball Game @ Christ Big Bend – 7pm
Jan. 30	Wed.	2 nd Quarter Recognition – 2:15pm (Trinity Gym) Basketball Games @ St. John’s Tosa B1 Girls’ 5pm/B1 Boys’ 6pm/A Girls’ 7pm/A Boys’ 8pm
Jan. 31	Thurs.	No School – Staff Retreat
Feb. 1	Fri.	No School – Staff Retreat
Feb. 2	Sat.	Girls’ B1 Tournament @ Mt. Calvary Boys’ B1 Tournament @ St. Jacobi
Feb. 7	Thurs.	A Boys’ Basketball Tournament @ WLHS
Feb. 8	Fri.	Chapel – 8:15am
Feb. 9	Sat.	A Boys’ Basketball Tournament @ WLHS
Feb. 10	Sun.	Junior Choir Sings @ 10:45am Service

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*** WLHS – Wisconsin Lutheran High School ***(C) Centennial Gym ***(T) Trinity Gym

Live Generously Through Missions – Mission offerings are collected each time we have chapel. Our second quarter featured mission is to help support WELS Kingdom Workers as they establish reading gardens in rural Indonesia where schools have no books and limited education is offered. Our total offering for 2nd quarter were \$443.70.

Pre-Kindergarten and Lutheran Elementary School Open House and Tours – Will take place this Sunday, January 27th 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 (mdrska@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!

2019-2020 Re-Enrollment and Tuition – Re-enrollment for next school year began January 11th via an email link, and our goal is to have 90% of our re-enrollment completed by February 17th, the end of Lutheran Schools Week.

Extended Care – There is no school on Thursday, January 31st and Friday, February 1st. Extended Care will be available for your children on these days. 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 is also available in the office. See Mrs. Drska or Mrs. Bourdo for more details.



UNITY Parent & Grandparent Breakfast – A reminder that after the 7:00 – 8am pancake breakfast on January 25th please join us for chapel in the church at 8:35am. Following chapel led by our 7th graders, we will first view the January “Kids Connection” and then have our Faith Families meet. 5th-8th grade grandparents and parents are invited to join us back at school around 9:35am for the 5th – 8th grade grandparent speeches. In spite of the cold temps predicted for Friday morning, we hope that many are able to attend, and we thank UNITY in advance for the great breakfast!

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 2019-20 school year must be submitted by **February 18th, 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 2019-20 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 **March 15th, 2019**. **Families must reapply each year.**

Student Illness – Just a reminder, if a student becomes ill at school, the teacher or office will attempt to contact the parents first and if they cannot be reached, emergency contacts will be called. Parents or emergency contacts must come to the office to pick up the sick child. If your child has a fever or has vomited do not bring them to school until **24 hours** after symptoms are gone.



Book-It - Remember K – 5th graders to bring your Book-It Reading Logs to school every Tuesday.

Recognition – Second Quarter recognition will take place on Wednesday, January 30th at 2:15pm in the Trinity Gym.

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2019 Wrestling Season at St. Paul's – All boys in grades 2 through 8 are invited to join the 2019 - wrestling team at St. Paul's. Practices will begin Tuesday, February 12th at 5:00-6:30 pm in the Centennial Gym. During this first practice we will start with a brief, but mandatory parents meeting. Practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of March at the same time and location. All questions can be directed to Jeff Foley (414-422-0422 or jeffreylfoley@hotmail.com) or Mr. Lepke (jlepke@stpaulmuskego.org).

Tax Statements – Extended Care – Statements containing a summary of your 2018 Extended Care payments and St. Paul's Tax ID number were emailed this week. If you have any questions, contact Emily Meitner (emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320 ext. 110).

2018 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 2018

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

Weather-Related School Cancellation Info – It's the most wonderful time of the year, isn't it?! St. Paul's will automatically close or delay if Muskego-Norway Public Schools (MNPS) close or delay. MNPS posts emergency weather closings on their websites and local news stations. St. Paul's will post cancellations on TV Channels 4, 6, 12, and 58 (along with their associated radio stations), on our Facebook page, and send a text / email / voicemail alert through our alert system.

St. Paul's Website – Visit our school website at www.stpmuskego.org. Click on the current parent page link on the left to access the hot lunch menu, current events and 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.



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!

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

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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).

WELS HAPPENINGS

5th Grade Extravaganza – On this Sunday, January 27, WLHS will welcome hundreds of 5th graders and their families to the 5th Grade Extravaganza. The evening will include food, fun, and entertainment. Students and parents have a chance to learn about our caring, Christian environment, superior academics, award-winning co-curriculars, generous tuition assistance, and the amazing opportunities that WLHS offers. Students will tour the building in the form of a scavenger hunt. To register for this exciting event, visit wlhs.org/5thgrade.

Winter Cheer Clinic - Attention grade school cheerleaders! Come learn jumps, dances, cheers, and stunts with us on Saturday, February 2, in the main gym at WLHS, starting at 9:00 a.m. Special parents showcase will be held at 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration cost is \$25, or walk-in cost the day of is \$30. Lunch will be included. Please register by Thursday, January 31, at wlhs.org/jrvikings, under "Cheer Clinic."

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 kid's carnival on Sunday, February 17th, 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 Kallie Berger – bergerka19@wlhs.org.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Muskego Warriors – Back by popular demand! 1st & 2nd Grade Baseball Clinics. Sessions will take place Sunday, Jan. 13th, 27th, Feb. 10th, 17th, March 3rd and March 10th 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.