

# WEDNESDAY NOTE March 20th, 2019

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Why send children to St. Paul's Lutheran School? Over the next 5 weeks leading up to Confirmation Day, I will be sharing 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation essays here at the start of the Wednesday Note, and I pray that no matter what grade your children are in, you will read the essays and see the answer to my opening question. Read and see how the Spirit of God has worked DEEPLY into these awesome, maturing, saved 8<sup>th</sup> grade hearts. Here's our second essay!

I have chosen Isaiah 41:10 as my confirmation verse because it reminds me that any earthly trials and tribulations I may experience, God will always be with me! God does not promise a life without hardships, but this verse is a pure reminder of God's unconditional love, power, and strength. There is no need for me to worry or fear. God promises me that wherever I am, there will be an army of angels and a loving, omnipresent God with me. God will uphold me with his righteous hand. This comfort reminds me to come to God in prayer with all my concerns and he will listen. He assures me everything will work according to his will, and that through the Holy Spirit I will be seated in Heaven rejoicing with him forever. What a blessing to live without fear, even during difficult times, because God is my protector and strength during this earthly life.

"So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

## **Upcoming Events**

Mar. 20	Wed.	Lenten Services – 3:30 & 7:00pm Junior Choir Sings @ 3:30pm
		Soup Supper – 4:30pm to 7:00pm
Mar. 23	Sat.	Wrestling Meet @ St. Paul's Muskego
		5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Forensics Festival @ WLHS – 9:00am
Mar. 24	Sun.	Kindergarten & 1st Grade Sing @ 7:45am
Mar. 27	Wed.	Lenten Services – 3:30 & 7:00pm

	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Sing @ 3:30pm Service
Fri.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Recognition – 2:15pm (Trinity Gym)
Wed.	Lenten Services 3:30 & 7:00pm
	Grades 1 & 7 Sing @ 3:30pm Service
Thurs.	Chapel 8:15am
Fri.	Theme Day – Neon Day
	Unity – Spring Dance
Sat.	Junior Choir Festival @ WLHS 6:30pm
Sun.	Children's Choir Sings @ 9:15am
Wed.	Lenten Services 3:30 & 7:00pm
Fri.	Chapel 8:15am presented by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Sat.	Easter for Kids – 9am to 11:45am
Sun.	Palm Sunday – Grades K-8 Sing (A-L @ 7:45am & M-L @ 10:45am)
	Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun. Wed. Fri. Sat.

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

<u>Live Generously Through Missions</u> – Mission offerings are collected each time we have chapel. Our third quarter featured mission is to help support Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel as they help to make Jesus known on the campus of UW-Madison. Our total offering for third quarter is \$473.41.

**Spring Dance.** Student Council and UNITY would like to invite all our families to the spring dance set for Friday, April 5th in the Trinity Café and Gym. Pull out your poodle skirts and leather jackets, shine up your saddle shoes and penny loafers. Join us for a 50s dance party! You dig? Doors will open at 5:30. Cut a rug in the Trinity Gym Dance Hall from 6 – 8 pm. We will be rockin', rollin', jiving and twisting the night away. Don't be a drip, all the cool cats will be there, Daddy-O! Just a reminder, all parents must be accompanied by a parent.

<u>Kids Heart Challenge</u> – We had our kickoff today for our April 18 event. Information is coming home today. Please contact Mr. Steffen (<u>steffenk@stpaulmuskego.org</u>) if you have questions or wish to assist with the event.

<u>Book Bonanza</u> – The beginning rounds of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading competition are being held this week. Six teams will advance to the semi-finals which will be held on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The final school competition will be held on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Centennial Gym. All are invited to watch this fun and exciting competition.

<u>Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Singing Time</u> – Please note there was an error on the Green March School Calendar. The singing time for K & 1<sup>st</sup> grades was listed as 9:15am on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** but they are singing at **7:45am**. The yearly calendar and Wednesday note have the correct time listed on them. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

#### **St Paul's School Spring Sports**

Our Spring Sports Season is starting soon at St Paul's. The following sports are available:

#### Softball

- 1. For boys and girls in grades 6-8
- 2. Starts Tuesday, April 2 with practice (3:00 4:30)
- 3. Practices (3:00-4:30) and most games will be Tuesday and Thursdays
- 4. Will need a glove and baseball shoes

#### Track

- 1. For boys and girls in grades 5-8
- 2. Starts Monday, April 10 with practice (3:00 4:30)
- 3. Practices will be Monday and Wednesday (3:00-4:30) with about 5 meets

4. Will need to be in running attire.

**Book-It** - Remember  $K - 5^{th}$  graders to bring your Book-It Reading Logs to school every Tuesday.

<u>Student Council Shoe Collection</u> - This year, we will be collecting a donation to Soles for Jesus, an organization we have worked with in the past. They take new or gently used shoe donations, and ship them to certain countries in Africa for people who are not as privileged as us. We would really appreciate it if you would bring in any of your gently used shoes <u>between March 25 and April 5</u>. There will be tables set up near the school office to place shoe donations on. Thank you for thinking about donating your shoes to help!

<u>Part-Time Clean Team Position Opening</u> - We are looking to fill a second shift part-time flex position to cover 8-16 hours of weekly work. Our staffing model has the flexibility of working anywhere from a 3-hour shift to a 5-hour shift. The work schedule is flexible with some shifts starting later into the evening hours to accommodate those with busy day time schedules. If interested in learning more, please contact Staff Minister Fink at <a href="mailto:rfink@stpaulmuskego.org">rfink@stpaulmuskego.org</a> (414.422.0320 x120).



<u>Easter for Kids</u> – St. Paul's annual Easter For Kids will be Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:45 am, at the school. This event is for children ages 3-12. The morning will feature singing, games, crafts, a puppet show, the Easter story, and more. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at www.stpaulmuskego.org. If you'd like to help, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at inelson@stpaulmuskego.org or mark the Connection Card.

**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 <u>Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools website</u> (www.wcris.org).

<u>St. Paul's Website</u> – Visit our school website at <u>www.stpmuskego.org</u>. 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!

<u>Wednesday Note by Email</u> – 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.



<u>Box Tops for Education</u> - 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!

<u>SCRIP Program</u> – 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).

### **WELS HAPPENINGS**

<u>Jr. Viking Football Program</u> - The Wisconsin Lutheran Jr. Viking Football program is taking registrations for the 2019 fall football season. WLJVF is offering to 5th through 8th grade boys in the greater Milwaukee area the opportunity to play competitive tackle football in a Christian environment. Wisconsin Lutheran High School will offer a 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade team. Each team carries a maximum of 30 players. The teams will play an eight (7) game schedule as part of the Classic Youth Football League. Sign up information is available outside the school office.

<u>WLHS Spring Band Concert</u>—Join us for an evening of beautiful music on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will feature a wide range of musical selections from the various ensemble groups including: concert band, percussion ensemble, jazz ensemble, all three steel bands, brass ensemble, saxophone ensemble and woodwind ensembles. WLHS is especially excited to welcome Professor Liam Teague, a world renown steel pan virtuoso, as guest artist. Admission is free, and seating is general admission.

<u>WLHS Dance Camp</u> - All girls K-8th grade are invited to WLHS Dance Camp at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Girls K-3rd will focus on physical movement and putting movement to music. Girls 4th-8th will focus on basic dance team concepts and more complex skills. During this non-competitive, fun event, campers will learn a routine and perform for family and friends. Cost is \$10. Please register by Sunday, March 3. Visit wlhs.org/jrvikings, under dance camp for registration and more information.

<u>Save the Date WLHS Dinner Auction</u> - On Saturday, April 6, Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its 23rd Annual Dinner Auction under the theme "Prepare for Trumpets." This dinner auction is the top fundraising event for the high school. Mark your calendar, register early, and consider an item to donation. For more information, visit <u>wlhs.org/auction</u>.

