



WEDNESDAY NOTE November 8th, 2017

Across the board, God-fearing moms and dads want their children to become independent. (See 1 Thessalonians 4:11,12.) They understand that children need to learn how to work, and they are concerned about grooming a healthy work ethic in their children. The Christian education model takes its signals from God's word, presenting human work as a thank offering to God and a way of giving glory and honor to his name.

Foundation of Christian Education – Part 8

Upcoming Events

Abbreviations: CC – Cross Country, VB – Volleyball, BB – Basketball, WLHS – Wisconsin Lutheran High School

Nov. 9	Thurs.	Chapel 8:15am Cheerleading Parent Information Meeting – 5:45pm (C) A Boys' BB Star of Bethlehem Tournament – 6:30pm
Nov. 10	Fri.	LES Theme Day – Patriotic Day 1 st Quarter Recognition – 2:15pm (T) UNITY Movie Night – 5:30pm A Girls' BB Star of Bethlehem Tournament – 4:00pm A Boys' BB Star of Bethlehem Tournament
Nov. 11	Sat.	A Girls' BB Star of Bethlehem Tournament A Boys' BB Star of Bethlehem Tournament
Nov. 12	Sun.	Grades 4-5 Sing @ 7:45am Service
Nov. 15	Wed.	School Pictures Retake Day
Nov. 17	Fri.	Chapel 8:15am Presented by 5 th Grade
Nov. 19	Sun.	Grades K-8 th Sing (M-Z @ 7:45am/A-L @ 10:45am)
Nov. 20	Mon.	All Pre-K and Kindergarten Thanksgiving Rehearsal – 8:15 to 11:00am
Nov. 22	Wed.	All PreK & Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program – 9:30am (C) No PreK or Kindergarten PM classes Thanksgiving Worship Service 7pm
Nov. 23	Thurs.	Thanksgiving Day – No School Thanksgiving Worship Service 9:15am
Nov. 24	Fri.	No School
Nov. 29	Wed.	Advent Services 3:30 & 7:00pm

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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.



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

Report Cards - If you haven't already done so, please remember to send your signed report card envelope back to your child's teacher.

First Quarter Recognition – Will be held in the Trinity Gym this Friday, November 10 at 2:15 p.m.

7th and 8th Grade Forensics – 7th and 8th Grade Forensic Festival was held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School last Saturday, November 4. Congratulations to all the students who participated. Thank you for all your hard work! The following students participated: Humorous Declamation – Anna Bonack (blue ribbon), Interpretive Pose – Sophia Kennedy (silver medal), Katie Meyer (gold medal), Playacting – Amber Larson, Isabelle Steidl, Abby Esmeier, Abigail Prosser and Serenity Witzlsteiner (silver medals).

Theme Day – Our next theme day is Patriotic Day this Friday, November 10th.

Picture Retake Day – Is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th from 8:15 –10:00 am. If you are having your picture retaken, please bring your picture envelope back on retake day and turn it in to the photographer at that time. If you missed having your picture taken the first day, please bring a completed picture form in or order online at www.mylifetouch.com. Picture order forms are available in the office.

Parent Cheerleading Meeting – There will be a cheerleading parent information meeting in the Centennial Gym this Thursday, November 9th at 5:45pm.

Movie Night - UNITY would like to invite everyone to attend movie night this Friday, November 10th. The movie is *Cars 3*. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will be in the Trinity Gym. Wear your PJ's and bring your blankets and pillows for a fun family night! The movie starts at 6:00 p.m. Concessions including hot dogs, burgers, pizza, snacks and more will be available. Parents must accompany their children. **NOTE TO PARENTS:** The bleachers will NOT be available. Feel free to bring your own chair or there will be chairs available for your use.



Eligibility – Included in the Parent Handbook is a section explaining eligibility of students for extra-curricular activities. With the school year now in full swing, we wanted to reiterate this policy, which is as follows:

Students in grades 5-8 must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) to participate in extra-curricular programs at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Extra-curricular programs include athletic teams, forensics, choir, math meet, Eaglebots, and spelling bee.

These are the content area grades used to determine GPA and the honor roll: Word of God, Math, Reading, Grammar and Writing, Social Studies or US History, Spelling, and Spanish. See pages 30-31 of the "Parent Handbook" on our school website under "Parent Information" for more details.

A student's GPA will be checked at the end of each quarter. A student who has a GPA less than 2.0 will be ineligible for the next quarter. If, however, an ineligible student has a GPA at 2.0 or higher at mid-term of the next quarter, the student will be eligible for the rest of the quarter. The mid-term dates for the 2017-2018 school year are: December 4, February 13, and April 25. The Athletic Director, Principal, and LES MAT will handle special circumstances.

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Winter Clothing Drive - St. Paul's Student Council will be organizing the Winter Clothes Drive for Garden Homes again this year. Items including winter coats, gloves, boots, and snow pants would be much appreciated. Certain clothing items like random sweatshirts or pants are not suggested. Hats and blankets will not be needed as they still have plenty from past clothing drives. Please consider contributing to help those in need against the cold this harsh winter. All clothing items are to be donated by November 15. Thank you for your generous gifts!! On behalf of our SPLS Student Council, Savannah Sievert.

Food Pantry - St. Paul's will be giving to those in need through the Muskego Food Pantry. There will be six barrels dispersed throughout our school where families are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items for those in need. The barrels will be collected on November 22nd after the PreK and K have their annual Thanksgiving Program. Parents are again invited to bring more food items to the program for one last donation. We thank you in advance for your generous donations. God Bless! Representing our Student Council, Grace Schneider.

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 Friday, December 8th. A flyer including the labels and instructions is attached and 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.

Health and Wellness Talk – Join us for a Health and Wellness talk on stress management in the Grace room on November 13th at 6:00pm. There will be free subs from Subway! RSVP to Kim Neubauer by November 10th (414) 422-0320 ext. 200.

Hot Lunch and Extended Care – Please note the billing procedure. All payments will be made through direct withdrawal from a checking or savings account or a credit card. Credit card transactions will incur a one-time flat fee of \$75 per year. Tuition Express Forms and a billing schedule are available in the office. Families without a Tuition Express Form on file will not be able to use these services.

Parents of 8th Grade Students - Please make sure you contact the high school(s) you feel your son or daughter may be attending next year early in the fall for any pertinent registration information from them. We do not always receive registration updates from the surrounding area public high schools. We'll pass information on as we have it, but we can't guarantee that we will receive all the information necessary for your child.

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!

Absent/Late Students – If your child will be absent or tardy, please call your child's teacher or the school office at 414-422-0320 ext. 110. PreK parents can call Mrs. Martin at ext. 290. It is very important that you notify us of your child's whereabouts. If your child will be later than 9:00 am, please let us know if they would like to order hot lunch.

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.

SCRIP Program – St. Paul's is excited to continue our SCRIP Tuition Program. You will have the option of applying 60% of the rebate generated by your purchases to a student who has a completed Scrip Tuition Account application on file. The other 40% goes to our LES Tuition Assistance Fund. You can also elect for the entire rebate to go to Tuition Assistance. Forms are available in the office or can be downloaded from our website (www.stpmuskego.org). SCRIP orders will be placed every Tuesday. An order form is attached. Please have your

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orders in by 9:00 am to the office. Remember, you can pay your Kohl's credit card with Kohl's SCRIP! Placed orders should be ready for pick up on the Friday following an order unless we are off of school. Any questions, contact Emily Meitner (emeitner@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-422-0320 ext. 110). Thanks for supporting St. Paul's by purchasing SCRIP gift cards.



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!

Spiritual Opportunities



Happy Birthday Jesus! - St. Paul's 2017 "Christmas for Kids" will be Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 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.

Parents of 6th-8th Graders: You are invited!

Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. They are second only to the Holy Spirit when it comes to a child's spiritual development. In recognition of this reality and as a way to improve the partnership with and strengthen the skills of parents, St. Paul's invite parents to attend the 2017 Parent Partnership Sessions on Saturday, November 18, 8:30-11:00 a.m. All sessions will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran School classrooms.

•For Grade 6 Parents...Classroom 10 ***What Makes Teens Tick?*** with Dr. Joel Nelson

This session will look at what's going on in adolescent children physiologically, psychologically, and spiritually. It will reveal the three big questions all youth want answered. It will explore the journey to independence and how that journey involves tremendous peer pressure and strong urges to break free. It will leave parents with three simple rules that can make a huge difference in their relationship with their adolescent children.

•For Grade 7 Parents...Classroom 9 ***Christian Identity: The Key to Navigating Life*** with Pastor Jeffrey Bonack
This session will explore how to manage the pressures parents and children face: anxiety, withdrawal, shame, depression, guilt, rejection, aggression, stress-induced illness, at risk behaviors, suicidal thoughts, and more. Parents will be reminded that the key to successful coping is Christ and their identity in him.

•For Grade 8 Parents...Classroom 8 ***Why Study the Bible, Pray, and Live for Christ?*** With Pastor David Kuehl
This session will focus on the vital importance of striving to grow in our faith, our prayer life, and our walk with the Lord Jesus. It will also offer practical application on ways to incorporate the truths of God's Word into our hurried and hectic lives. The world in which we live is filled with a cacophony of voices, each calling us in a different direction. Referring to himself as the Good Shepherd, Jesus says that his sheep follow him "because they know his

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voice” (John 10:4). How can we know the voice of the Good Shepherd? By listening to him as he speaks to us in his Word.

Martin Luther - Return to Grace - Martin Luther's great adventure story comes alive in this vivid portrayal of the penniless monk's quest for truth—a movement that would re-shape the church, and the world. Perhaps the most faithful movie about Luther's life ever made, the film does not shy away from the deep questions—and answers—that mark Luther as one of the most influential people of the last thousand years. Join St. Paul's member, Mel Rindfleisch, as he facilitates the WELS-produced Bible study of the same name that will help learners explore how God used Martin Luther to bring the church back to God's grace in Christ. Sundays, October 29-November 19 in the Grace Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

WELS Happenings

WLHS Veterans Day Observance - Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00 a.m. RSVP for the breakfast by Friday, November 3 by going online to www.wlhs.org/veterans. For additional questions, contact Heidi Witz at planner@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004. Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. entitled “The Vietnam War: A Hero's Homecoming.” The presentation will also be streamed live online the day of the event at www.wlhs.org.

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.



“Make every effort to live in peace with all.”

Hebrews 12:14

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