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# From the Principal

Our school is more than just a place of learning; it's a community that cares for one another. The small size fosters strong bonds among families, creating a support system beyond the classroom. Whether it's a school event, community service project, or a simple prayer request, our close-knit community stands together, united by shared values and a commitment to the well-being of every child. As parents, your experiences and satisfaction with our school are invaluable. Your testimonials carry the weight of authenticity and personal connection. By sharing your positive experiences with friends and family, you play a crucial role in expanding our community and enriching the lives of more children with the blessings of our school. Please consider telling others in your personal and social networks about St. Paul and the wonderful experiences you have had. Consider sharing our enrollment link, tinyurl.com/StPaulRegistration2024, with family and friends who may be looking for a better education alternative for their children.

#### Wisconsin School Choice Window Opens

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Open enrollment for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program began on February 1st. Students currently enrolled in 3K, 4K, and 5K may be eligible for a voucher next year. The voucher allows a child to attend St. Paul tuition-free. All families continuing in the program must re-enroll each year and provide proof of residency to the main office. All families new to the program must provide residency and salary information to the main office. More information, including a link to the choice portal, can be found here: https://dpi.wi.gov/choice. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Zimmer in the main office.

# **School Handbook**

On Tuesday, January 30, a group of parents, faculty, and Board of Christian Education members met to update the School Handbook. The Board of Christian Education will review the updates at their February 13 meeting and vote on the handbook on March 12. Please note that tuition and childcare rates will be set at the February meeting as well. Rates listed in the draft are subject to change until then. Some dates listed are subject to change as we finalize things like the singing and worship schedules for the 2024 school year; these dates may not be finalized until the handbooks are printed this summer. School Supply Lists will be updated in June prior to final printing as well. This rendition of the handbook also includes many of the separate forms and paperwork that you received during home visits and registration. We aim to provide a handbook that includes all information relevant to registration day. If you have questions or concerns related to the draft handbook, please email Dustin Schwobe at dustin.schwobe@stpaulgreenbay.com,

#### **Early Morning Childcare Help Needed**

Many of our families rely on the flexibility provided by the before-school childcare program. However, due to staffing challenges, we are in danger of shutting the early morning program down. Please consider helping one day a week from 7:15 to 7:45. If you can help, please email office@stpaulgreenbay.com or call (920) 435-8468.

# School News

#### **Athletics**

Away games at Martin Luther, Oshkosh, tomorrow, February 2: 4:30 pm - Girls A, 5:30 pm - Boys B, 6:30 pm - Boys A. FVWAL Lakeshore Division B Tournament on Saturday, February 3, hosted by St. Peter, Weyauwega. Both the Boys B and our younger girls (Grades 4-6) will be participating. Home games vs Emanuel, New London, Tuesday, February 6: 4:30 pm - Girls A, 5:30 pm - Boys B, 6:30 pm - Boys A. Home games vs St. Peter, Weyauwega, Tuesday, February 13: 4:30 pm - Girls A, 5:30 pm - Boys B, 6:30 pm - Boys A. Pep Fest is Thursday, February 15 at 2:30 pm in the Activity Center.

Come join us to "Kick-Off" the FVWAL Cheer Competition (Thursday, February 15 - 6:00 pm at FVL) and A Basketball Tournament (Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18 at FVL). Cheer and A Team BB parents will be receiving information about our responsibility at the FVWAL A Basketball Tournament coming in February.

St. Paul is responsible for the Pop/Candy portion of Concessions. We will be needing workers to cover our shift in Concessions and looking for donations.

(Visit our Fox Valley WELS Athletic League website fvwal.org to learn more.)

# **Technology**

We are pleased to say that our work with HBS on the Mitel phones has paid off. You are no longer greeted to the wrong school when leaving a message. We will be working on creating caller options. If there is something you would like to be an option when you call in and cannot reach anyone please let us know soon, so we can include it in the caller options.

### **Junior Choir**

We sing in church on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, which is February 14th. This is the 3:45 service. Junior Choir singers can meet in Mrs. Bakeberg's room after school, and then we will sing in the balcony.

## Spring Musical: Annie Ir

The cast of Annie Jr will be announced tomorrow! The kids did an amazing job in their auditions! I will be finalizing the rehearsal schedule and sharing the calendar with all of you when it is complete. A reminder that the first rehearsal is Monday, February 19. The fourth graders are coming home with a note about a possible opportunity to be a part of the production. Please make sure you ask to see it. I am excited to kick off the 2024 theater season!

Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser is back! Come join us on February 16! Teachers get a FREE personal pizza or salad when you show your badge. Come and have fun with the whole family! Make sure to bring in the flier

Are you just waiting for Spring so you can get all that winter salt off of your car?! Why not get a jump start and purchase Kwik Trip car wash gift cards! You will not only save money, but part of the money will go back to PTO. Ask your friends and family if they would like to purchase an Ultimate Car Wash gift card! Order forms are due back to the office by February 19th.

# Classroom News

# 7 & 8-Mr. Brennan

I am still waiting on a few responses about parent teacher conferences, I will begin scheduling those with Feb. 5th, and 6th. I have returned the call to St. Johns and will be keeping my call to





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St. Paul's. For digital readers <u>here is a link</u> to my call letter. For non-digital readers it should appear in this week's church bulletin.

# 6-Mr. Jammer

Focusing on social relationships with one another in our PBIS classroom session on Wednesday last week, our classroom started a Kindness Chain. Ask your child about this and/or stop by the classroom to see the Kindness Chain, learn more about it, and maybe even add a link or two! We're down to two tissue boxes. Additional donations would be appreciated. Looking ahead, Grades 1-8 sing for Lent on Wednesday, February 21.

# 5-Mr. Wellhoefer

Ask your child about what books they have been reading during Drop Everything and Read time. Some students have read multiple books so far this year which is just awesome to see! We have been practicing the books of the Bible throughout the school year and have gotten through saying all the Old Testament books. Everyone has been doing a great job learning them. We have typing class on Thursdays, we talk about the importance of using the proper techniques to help us be successful typers.

#### 4-Mrs. Hepner

Thank you to all of the chaperones who came on our field trip last week! We have been talking about effective communication in our classroom. How talking impacts learning of the student and then other others around them. With musical practice starting to take over more parts of the day, we find ourselves with a little more work time and want to ensure we are using it to the best of our ability.

#### 3-Ms. Broring

Thank you to everyone who helped chaperone our field trip last week. We had a blast touring a submarine, building underwater ROVs, and exploring the exhibits at the museum! In PBIS, we've been discussing the effect our words can have when we have volcano mouths, whether it's unkind words erupting on the playground or speaking when it's our turn to listen in the classroom. Tomorrow we will be wrapping up our study of Water and Climate with a science test.

## 2-Mrs. Bakeberg

Throughout January we have been learning about famous African Americans from our history, like Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges. Our 100th day of school is this Monday, so we will mark that milestone with special activities. We will have a valentine exchange on the 14th; I will send home a list of names on Friday to help with writing out valentines. Remember there is no school on the 8th, 9th, or 12th.

#### 1-Ms. Koenig

The 100th day of school is on Monday, Feb. 5. We have been practicing counting to 100 by 1s and 10s in math. Topic 8 of math is ending soon, with a math assessment on Friday. Have your child show what they know by completing the extra math sheet that was sent home. Our light unit for science is also wrapping up this coming week. Next, the first graders will study all about plants and animals. We look forward to learning more about God's creation!

# K-Mrs. Jammer

We began a few new topics this week. We added letter Bb to our study of letters, are getting to know fabric in science, and are counting, reading, and writing numbers to 20. The 100th day of school is on Monday, Feb. 5. Please send the bag of 100 mystery items for that day. Has your child shared a goal of something they would like to be able to do or improve upon? (count to 100, tie shoes, ride a bike, raise hand in school, etc.) Blessings on your

weekend.

# 3K & 4K-Mrs. Zabell & Mrs. Nelson

Activities this week included fine motor work with keys and locks and screwdrivers and wrenches, more motor skills and self-regulation as we danced with scarves, using different textures as we painted, and some sorting of shapes and letters. We learned about another miracle of Jesus – a big catch of fish – and also that Jesus wants us to preach the Good News to all people!

# From the office

**As a reminder:** if your child is out sick, will be picked up early, or arriving late, please contact the office. There are a number of different ways you can get a hold of us!

• Text: (920) 435-9852

• Call: (920) 435-8468

• Email: office@stpaulgreenbay.com

TalkingPoints: School Admins

Unsure if you qualify for free or reduced lunch? Reach out to Lisa at <u>Lisa.Ziegert@stpaulgreenbay.com</u> to get more information. St. Paul has lunch scholarship money set aside for this year.

Brown County Library is pleased to announce a visit from children's author and performer, Stuart Stotts, at the Central Library on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Geared for ages 10-adult, this program will share interesting and fun facts about the famous and less-known Wisconsin history-makers. Attached is a promotional flier.

The Center for Childhood Safety is opening 2024 registration for all our programs! Safety Town is a week-long summer camp that offers classroom segments, guest presenters, and hands-on experience on the streets of the specially designed, child-sized Safety Town complete with buildings, roads, pavement markings, traffic signals, and street signs. Please see the <u>flier</u> for more information

The Green Bay Packers Community Outreach Department is gearing up for Project Play 60, <u>Saturday, February 17</u>, and Timeout for Reading, <u>Saturday, March 2</u>. They are two of several free Packers community events that take place at Lambeau Field. In addition to main stage and roving entertainment at Project Play 60, students can enjoy inflatables, games, yoga and face painting. At Timeout for Reading, kids will get a free book to take home, listen to children's book readings and check out the bookmobile. Both are great events for families to enjoy together!

Attached you will find a <u>2023 Schedule PS form</u>. This form is used to claim tuition payments on your tax return. You will need to fill out the bottom of the document. If you need a print out of your payments, please contact Lisa Ziegert in the office. For this year only, you will receive two printouts; one from our old QuickBooks and one from ProCare.

# **Upcoming Dates**

02/05: PTO Meeting

02/08-02/12: No School - Teacher Conference

02/08-02/12: No ChildCare

02/13: Board of Christian Education Meeting

02/14: Jr. Choir sings @ St. Paul

02/15: Pep Rally 02/21: Lent Meal

02/21: Grades 1-8 sing @ St. Paul

02/25: Grades 3K, 4K, & 5K sing @ St. Paul

02/27: Early Release at 2:00 pm





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You can find a link to the full school calendar <a href="here">here</a> is the 2024-2025 school calendar You can find our Google Calendar <a href="here">here</a>. Support your favorite Eagles by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.



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