



#### **Mission Statement**

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# From the Principal

We have officially made the turn into the 3rd quarter and into 2023. I pray that everyone had a restful and blessed Christmas and New Year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to, shopped for, and made gifts for me and Tara. The gifts were thoughtful and in some cases unexpected blessings. Thank you also to everyone who took the time to write cards or notes of gratitude prior to the break. I can't possibly begin to thank everyone for the gifts, thoughts and prayers but I want to let all of you know they are appreciated.

## **Donuts for Grownups**

A celebration of the Male Caregivers in our children's lives will be held on January 25 from 7:50 - 10:25. We invite all males with primary caregiving responsibilities to join us to get updates on our school, join their children for a couple of classes and ask questions you may have of our principal. A flier with a signup will be going home on Thursday or Friday. But you can also access an electronic copy here.

## **Healthy Choice Program**

WELS Lutherans for Life's Healthy Choices program (HC) equips parents and 5th-12th grade students. We empower youth to develop personal character, healthy relationships, and avoid the risks of teen sexual activity. Our experienced educator reaches students where they are at regardless of their past. This is much more than a "say no" program. St. Paul will be hosting the Healthy Choices program on February 2 and 3. You can find a letter with additional details <a href="here">here</a> or visit their <a href="website">website</a> for more information. As part of this visit there will be a voluntary parent meeting on February 2 from 5:30 to 6:15 to discuss many of the social pressures our teens and preteens are facing. Anyone is welcome to join us for this meeting, but we would appreciate pre-registration to help us plan for seating. You can sign up by emailing <a href="mailto:office@stpaulgreenbay.com">office@stpaulgreenbay.com</a> or clicking on the <a href="mailto:facebook">facebook</a> invite.

#### **Open House**

Do you know a family who is considering a Christian Education for their children but needs a little more information? Please consider inviting them to our Open House on January 29 from 11:30 - 1. Please feel free to share the flier attached here.

## **Music & Athletic Schedules**

We strive to have schedules set before the school year starts, but inevitably some changes need to be made as performances get shuffled or games get rescheduled. Teachers and coaches strive to communicate those changes as they are made, but notes don't always make it out of backpacks. We will always update the Google Calendar to be as accurate as possible. Please consider linking to this calendar or if you are really tech savvy, adding it to your calendar program.

# **School News**

## Athletics-Mr. Jammer

Volunteers are still needed for Friday's games, especially the Boys A. Please check the online sign up. With cancellations, rescheduling, and additions, an updated BB/Cheer Schedule was sent home right before Christmas.

• Friday, January 13 - Home BB games vs Neenah Lutheran, Neenah Girls B - 4:30 pm, Boys B -5:30 pm, Boys A - 6:30 pm.

 Tuesday, February 7 - Away BB games vs SVLS, Menasha Girls B -4:30 pm, Boys B -5:30 pm, Boys A - 6:30 pm

(For information concerning our league visit our Fox Valley WELS Athletic League website <a href="fwwal.org">fwwal.org</a>.)

### **Physical Fitness Program - Grades 1-8**

As part of the physical education curriculum, grades 1-8 participate in a physical fitness program. This program will be starting this January at the start of the 3rd Quarter. The objective of the physical fitness testing is to emphasize the importance of cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength/endurance, and flexibility. There are seven exercises to assess important aspects of a student's health. In using this physical fitness program, the hope is to provide the basis for success and fun in a wider variety of physical activities and to help the student improve their fitness and health.

#### Technology- Mr. Brennan

In technology class we are focusing on developing empathy as it is largely being lost in our digital world. We may find it easy to be rude or hurtful with what we say online as we do not see the reaction and pain it causes. We are working on how to better communicate and display our intent in what we post and respond to.

#### **Extended Learning- Mrs. Plitzuweit**

First of all thank you so much for the wonderful gifts I received for Christmas! I am humbled by the generosity! 2nd quarter reports for any and all students receiving services from our program should have gone home and been received with the report cards. Please take note of any consultations requests. I have requested to meet with a few of you just to discuss next steps in the SNSP experience. Feel free to mark on those forms if you would like to request a meeting with me as well.

### Wizard of OZ!

It is the new semester which means it is time for Drama Club to get into action! It is not too late to sign up to audition for the play if you would still like to. We have a smaller group this year which means any and all parts are available for any and all that would like to be a part of the production. All are still welcome to be a part of the stage crew as well if that is a preference. I am sending home information, and also emailing, the audition schedule and a very preliminary schedule of rehearsals. Also included in the information is a copy of the audition contract and a letter about expectations for both cast and crew. Contact Mrs. Plitzuweit for any questions.

### **Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter**

Congratulations to the following who made the Second Quarter Honor Roll. You have used your God-given abilities well. All glory goes to Him. **8th grade** - Valeria Cordova-Frias, Jackson Dedow, Michelle Holley, Isaac Martin, Miley Rivers, Lily Schmidt **7th grade** - Emily Rott, Eric Techlin, Kane Thorstensen, Caitlyn Zwieg **6th grade** - Avery Blum, Isabella Carlson, Emily Holmes, Levi Schultz, Julia Terzich **5th grade** - Kadie Barkow, Gabriella Dollhopf, Cooper Fabry, Grayson Neumann, Eva Ouradnik, Jaiden Plitzuweit, Sydney Wallin **4th grade** - Olivia Carlson, Easton Dedow, Parker Ruesch, Hope Schultz, Nathan Zwieg **3rd grade** - Elizabeth Daul. Thank you to Applebees and Texas Roadhouse for the rewards.

#### PTO

Congratulations to the Novak family, winners of the Most Valuable Volunteer Raffle! We had 57 families step up and volunteer their time, at least once since school started, filling 310 needs. 24 families made the <u>Leaderboard</u> by filling at least 5 in the first half





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of the year. The Carlson family filled 18 needs, taking 1st place as the Most Valuable Volunteer!!! More volunteer opportunities will be available so please keep a look out for how you can help support our students!!

## Classroom News

#### 7 & 8-Mr. Brennan

Welcome back to school. I would like to thank everyone for their Christmas greetings and hope everyone had a great break. We are back in school now and would like to focus on being a positive influence on those around us during this bleak midwinter time of year. We also would like to focus on using our time in school more wisely and putting our best effort into all we do. Report Cards went home this past Tuesday if you had a request or made a request for a conference please watch your email so we can set a time this month for that meeting.

## 5 & 6-Mr. Jammer

Thank you for all the Christmas greetings, cards, and gifts. They are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all the donations for our classroom Christmas party. You should have received your child's 2nd Quarter report on Tuesday. Please sign and return the envelope if you haven't already done so. Looking ahead, our classroom sings on Sunday, January 22, here at St. Paul in the 10:30 AM service. We are also singing in the Prayer at the Close of Day service (7:30 PM) on Wednesday, February 1.

### 4-Mrs. Hepner

Welcome back to school! We are learning our routines again with a few changes to hopefully help make for smoother days. We are starting our magnetism unit in science this week. Watch for photos on our facebook page! In social studies, we are finishing up the southeast region. Next week we will be starting a project on the Midwest. In writing, our next unit is all about opinion writing. There will be different prompts throughout class for them, until we get to the bigger piece of writing. A date for the calendar, January 29th we are singing at the 10:30 service here at St. Paul. Also we are beginning physical fitness testing, so please remind students to get plenty of sleep.

## 3-Mrs. Loescher

Thank you, parents, for the wonderfully kind Christmas gifts and for supplying food and other items for our Christmas party! We have an exciting new unit starting in Music class this month recorders. I will be encouraging the third graders to bring their instruments home to practice as much as possible, provided they can remember to bring it back to school each day for class! A few other reminders: third quarter book reports should be selected by Jan. 17. And, we are singing for church on Jan. 29.

## 2-Mrs. Bakeberg

Thank you, again, for your kind Christmas gifts; you were very generous. We had a blast at our party; thanks for providing the snacks and drinks. We are learning more about Jesus' life and miracles in Christ Light. For science we are experimenting with liquids, and for math we are counting coins and paper money. A main goal from now until the end of the year is for each second grader to become a careful speller. Expectations are that the spelling rules we have learned are put into practice in all written work. Please return the conference response sheet and envelope by Tuesday.

## 1-Mrs. Blum

Thank you so much for the sweet and fabulous Christmas gifts! We enjoyed our celebration before break and are now happy to be back together, learning and playing. Report cards, progress notes,

and conference letters came home on Tuesday. Please read them carefully and then fill out the conference note to return. Please also sign the envelope and return it to school. We have begun new guided reading groups this quarter, have many new library books to read in the classroom, and are learning to represent and interpret data in math. In writing we are beginning to write personal narratives and in science we are studying sound and light. We are also beginning to learn our songs for the spring musical "Welcome to the Jungle"! It's an exciting start to the 3rd quarter!

#### K-Mrs. Jammer

Thank you parents for the wonderful Christmas gifts! They are very much appreciated. The report cards, along with lots of other papers in the envelope, came home on Tuesday. Please sign the envelope and return it along with the consultation response sheet. Our field trip to the Green Bay Children's Museum is tomorrow. Please send car/booster seats. We have been decomposing numbers in math, using balls and bean bags in phy ed to practice throwing and catching skills, listening to music that is in patterns of 3, and investigating trees in the season of winter.

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

Your teachers are so appreciative of the kind and generous Christmas gifts we received! We are spoiled! This week we heard about Jesus's baptism and had a chance to learn more about baptism and all of its blessings from Pastor Zabell. We also made foil snowflakes, counted mittens, talked about our emotions and enjoyed a new, snowy sensory table.

## From the office

Fresh Thyme Market gift cards now available through Scrip.Earn 5% with reloadable physical gift cards, available in \$25 and \$100 amounts.In addition to the existing Gas & Gift Card that earns 4%, Kwik Trip has also introduced a new Grocery Only Card that earns 10%

## Upcoming Dates

1/13 - Basketball Home Games

1/16 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day

1/17 - Boy's A BB Away Game

1/20 - Basketball Away Games

1/24 - EARLY RELEASE @ 2pm

1/25 - Donuts with Grown Ups

You can find a link to the full school calendar <u>here</u>. You can find our Google Calendar <u>here</u>.



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