

## Mission Statement

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran School is to teach children and their families about God's plan of salvation, to guide them in applying their faith to their lives and to share that faith with others through an excellent Christ-centered curriculum and environment.

## From the Principal

Our FVL theme of Overflow with Hope has a January emphasis on our Powerful Hope focusing on Titus 3:5-7 "he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Our common table prayer includes a line, "and His mercy endures forever," and yet it can become far too easy to recite that line without really thinking about what it means. It is truly amazing to ponder the power of the mercy our Lord has given to us.



## Donuts With Grownups

Just a reminder that we will be having our 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. You can also access an electronic copy [here](#).

## Snow Days and Delays

Recently a parent asked, "Why not just have no school if there's going to be a delay?" This is a great question, and here is my response. *The decision to cancel or delay school is never an easy one for school officials to make. This is usually only done when there is a situation so severe that the physical safety of the staff and students is in jeopardy. In the case of a delay due to weather, the decision is made when the plows and then the buses and parent vehicles may not be able to get to school on time. The reason to have school after a delay comes down to legal requirements over the number of hours. At this time, St. Paul could have 1 1/2 days worth of no school or snow days before we would need to add additional days to the school year or minutes to each day. The decision to keep a child at home, when school is in session, is always up to the parent. If you feel like the weather is such that you will not be able to make it in safely, then you should keep your child at home.*

## HOW DO WE HELP OUR KIDS MOVE ON FROM MISTAKES?

In [this issue](#) of Parent Conversations, the author provides practical, Biblical advice on how to help your child move on from mistakes.

## What do you like about St. Paul?

Many of you have shared stories about your time at St. Paul as parents and guardians. We will be looking to collect a series of short video clips (15 seconds to 3:00 minutes) from parents,

guardians, staff and students discussing what they like about St. Paul. If you are interested in spending just a little bit of your time to support this project, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Brittany Rivers.

## School News

### Athletics-Mr. Jammer

Away BB games at Martin Luther, Oshkosh - Friday, January 20: \*Boys B - 4:30 pm, \*Girls B -5:30 pm, Boys A - 6:30 pm. Home BB games vs St. Peter, Weyauwega - Monday, January 23: Girls B - 4:30 pm, Boys B - 5:30 pm, Boys A - 6:30 pm. Home BB game vs Emanuel, New London - Wednesday, February 25: 4:30 - Girls B. The games against SVLS, Menasha, on Tuesday, February 7, start at 4:30 pm.

(For information concerning our league visit our Fox Valley WELS Athletic League website [fwval.org](http://fwval.org).)

### Technology- Mr. Brennan

We are looking to improve and update our digital footprint. If you see any concerning comments about St. Paul, out-of-date information, or inaccurate information, please contact us. We would always like to present the correct information in all mediums.

## PTO

Voting on the PTO name change has begun! Cast your vote in our [Facebook](#) group. **Spirit Week** starts Monday and there is a LOT going on. We have special visitors coming on Wednesday, 3 home games, a mascot naming [contest](#), penny wars (start saving your change), and theme days! Here is a sneak peek at what next week's theme days are:

- **Monday** - Pajama Day
- **Tuesday** - Favorite Sport Day
- **Wednesday** - Fancy Day & Donuts with Grown Ups
- **Thursday** - 80's Day
- **Friday** - Eagle Spirit Day & 8th Grade recognition night

Come to Friday night's game in St. Paul colors or spirit wear and earn **FREE** nachos!!!

## 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.

## Classroom News

### 7 & 8-Mr. Brennan

We are working on finding common ground among our classmates to help promote this throughout our students' lives. Ask your student if they've learned anything about the other students in the classroom, perhaps one they don't normally associate with. There is a Cultural Project due on Feb. 16th, students are asked to teach the class something about the culture of a selected country. They should make this presentation in class, and go beyond our textbook.

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### 5 & 6-Mr. Jammer

Our classroom sings this Sunday, January 22, here at St. Paul in the 10:30 AM service. Your child can sit with you as a family during worship and just come forward to the front of church when it is time to sing our song. Remember, we are also singing in the Prayer at the Close of Day service (7:30 PM) on Wednesday, February 1.

### 4-Mrs. Hepner

We finished up our unit on Adjectives this week. We will not be having an assessment on it and simply beginning our new unit of adverbs next Monday. Continue watching the weather for outdoor gear. I still strongly recommend snow boots to keep our classroom dry and free of the dirt and salt from the playground. Book report books need to be chosen and approved by next Wednesday, January 25th! We will be singing at the 10:30 service on January 29th and then the following week we sing at Messiah, don't forget to add those singing dates to your calendars.

### 3-Mrs. Loescher

You may have already heard about our exciting new "pet" - we are spending the next several weeks studying crayfish in Science class! Throughout the week, students will take turns caring for the crayfish. In addition to the fish food I am providing, crayfish can also eat lunch meat, hot dogs, dry cat food, swiss chard, and bacon. Feel free to send a little of any of these with your child, just for fun! Finally, remember that our next church singing date is January 29 at 10:30am.

### 2-Mrs. Bakeberg

We are having fun working on the musical songs and lines! It's a great learning experience about speaking slowly and clearly for a group. In writing, we are still working on personal narratives. For science we are now investigating materials that are small particles, like corn meal and rice. January is the month we learn about famous African Americans. Ask your child about Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and most recently studied, Harriet Tubman.

### 1-Mrs. Blum

We are working on and learning about many things as we start the 3rd quarter! Kids are excitedly learning musical songs, all about sound and light, about different artists and the paintings they are famous for, and all about identifying and using data in math. We are continuing to hear how much our God loves us in Christ Light and are learning about determining the size of a problem in SEL so that we can have appropriate reactions to our problems.

### K-Mrs. Jammer

Our two newest sight words are *little* and *said*. Please make use of the booklets that come home with our new words and drill the ones that have already been taught. DATES TO REMEMBER: 3K-5K sing in church Feb. 19 at 10:30. Kindergarten also does Pre Show Entertainment for the grades 1-4 musical on Friday, March 3 at 6:30. We will need to have all the children there as we are playing bells and boomwhackers. We began our Science unit which is investigating paper. Look for things made of paper in your home.

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

We learned about Jesus' first miracle. Since he can do anything AND he loves us, we know we can go to him in prayer with any trouble or concern! This week we honed our fine motor skills by sorting beads onto pipe cleaners, engineered bridges with cups and popsicle sticks, and some of us went on a letter hunt while others experimented with Wikki Stix.

## From the Office

Curious about what's going on at Luther Prep? Check out their quarterly [PULSE](#) Newsletter.

## FVL Youth Sports - Upcoming Opportunities

- 12U FVL Force (Summer Softball) - Registration deadline 2/23
- Our 12U FVL Force Youth Softball team is in need of 2-4 more girls to be able to play!
  - Girls who were 11 or 12 years old by December 31, 2022 are eligible.
  - Practices and tournament dates are listed on our [PDF calendar](#).
  - Online registration is closed, so please contact Anne Wilson (awilson@fvlhs.org or (305) 978-5618) if you are interested.

Foxes Summer Baseball - Online Registration extended to 1/31

- [4:3 JPG graphic](#)

14U Summer Softball League - Online Registration deadline 3/3

- [4:3 JPG graphic](#)

## Tuition Tax Deduction

Tax season is quickly approaching. And a simple form can help deduct up to \$4,000 for K-8 grade tuition and \$10,000 for 9-12 grade tuition on their state income taxes. To receive the deduction you must use the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Schedule PS form. Here is a [digital copy](#). If you would like a hard copy, please connect with Brittany in the main office. Learn more about the tuition tax deduction [here](#).

## Upcoming Dates

- 1/20 - Basketball Away Games
- 1/23 - BB Home Games vs. Weyauwega
- 1/24 - **EARLY RELEASE @ 2pm**
- 1/25 - Donuts with Grown Ups
- 1/25 - Girl's BB Home game vs. Emanuel, New London
- 1/27 - BB Home Games vs. Riverview, Appleton
- 1/27 - Eagle Spirit Night & 8th Grade Recognition

You can find a link to the full school calendar [here](#).

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