

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



November 20,

2009

From one of my favorite devotionals: *"This is the day that I have made!* As you rejoice in this day of life, it will yield up to you precious gifts and beneficial training. Walk with Me along the high road of thanksgiving, and you will find all the delights I have made ready for you."

"To protect your thankfulness, you must remember that you reside in a fallen world, where blessings and sorrows intermingle freely. A constant focus on adversity defeats many Christians. They walk through a day that is brimming with beauty and brightness, seeing only the grayness of their thoughts. Neglecting the practice of giving thanks has darkened their minds. How precious are My children who remember to thank Me at all times. They can walk through the darkest days with joy in their hearts because they know that the Light of My Presence is still shining on them. *Rejoice in this day that I have made*, for I am your steadfast companion." (*Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young) **Wishing you all a Blessed Thanksgiving—Deb Townsend**

H1N1 ACTION PLAN

As you know, we have confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu here at St. Paul. **Parents, please remember to call in any time your child will be absent even if it isn't for the flu.** If you do not call in, we will contact you to check on the reason for the absence. If you need to call before someone is in the office, please leave a message on Mrs. White's voicemail so she can notify teachers of the reason for the absence. We know that some of you are emailing teachers directly, which is fine, but the office needs to be informed as well. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. *Thank you*

Please remember that if your child has a fever, they will not be allowed to return to school until they are **fever-free for 24 hours**. *Fever reducing medication will not be allowed as a means for returning to school.* This policy has been in our Handbook all along and it's going to be more important than ever to strictly adhere to it. You should have a back-up plan in case your child develops a fever at school and needs to be sent home. **Plan ahead for childcare.** Teachers have been educating students on proper hand washing and the safest way to handle sneezes and coughs (into their elbows). Non-alcoholic hand sanitizer is available in all the classrooms. Older students will be allowed to carry and use hand sanitizers, at their parent's discretion. Please help us keep our students and staff safe and well. If you desire further information, feel free to check out www.flu.gov or cdcinfo@cdc.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat.	Nov. 21	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.
Sun.	Nov. 22	-	Worship Services - 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. - First Communion Reception – 9:30 A.M.
Wed.	Nov. 25	-	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:00 P.M. - Pie Social following service
Thurs.	Nov. 26	-	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING DAY - Worship Service – 10:00 A.M.
Fri.	Nov. 27	-	NO SCHOOL
Sat.	Nov. 28	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.
Mon.	Nov. 30	-	Classes Resume – 8:30 A.M.
Tues.	Dec. 1	-	BB Home vs. MCA – 5/6 boys @ 4:00, 7/8 girls @ 5:00 & 7/8 boys @ 6:00
Wed.	Dec. 2	-	Advent Service @ 7:00 P.M.
Thurs.	Dec. 3	-	Bensenville V BB Tournament
Fri.	Dec. 4	-	BB Home vs. Park Ridge – JV @ 5:00 & 6:00, V @ 7:00 & 8:00
Sat.	Dec. 5	-	MARKET DAY PICK-UP – 8:30-9:30 A.M. - Bensenville V BB Tournament - Worship Service – 6:00 P.M. - Junior Choir Sings

CHAPEL INFORMATION

Next week's chapel service will be on TUESDAY and will be led by Pastor Roberts on the topic **"In Offering God My Gratitude and Praise"**.

ATTACHED . . . December Calendar of Events
. . . Information on our new Recycling Program
. . . Market Day Flyer
. . . Information on our 2nd Annual Nativity Display

MUSIC NOTES

. . . Our Children's Choir will sing at the 8:15 service this Sunday, Nov. 22nd.
. . . Junior Choir will sing at the 6:00 P.M. service on Saturday, Dec. 5th.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite you to join us in worship at one of our Thanksgiving services next week -- Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. and Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M. There is a pie social in the gym immediately following the Wednesday night service.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our annual food drive for Uptown Ministry is underway. Our students have been collecting donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items in their classrooms. The class that collects the most pounds of food per student will get a free recess! There is also a table in the church narthex where donations can be dropped off through Thanksgiving weekend.

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS:

Our Student Council is asking all students to donate \$5 to purchase Christmas gifts for eight people in need in our community. In the past, the individuals and families our school and church have helped at Christmastime have come to us through Uptown Ministries. This year, we are offering help a little closer to home. The names of these eight people have been provided through St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. The Student Council will purchase two gifts for each of these eight people and wrap them. On Tuesday, December 15th, members of the Student Council will help distribute Christmas gifts to families and individuals at St. Cyprians. ***Students, please bring \$5 for this special project by December 9th.*** Thank you for helping us reach out to people in need!

ALUMNI NEWS

We are pleased to acknowledge the 1st quarter accomplishments of our following St. Paul alumni: Julia Cuscaden, a Freshman at Trinity High School, earned high honors in the pre-international baccalaureate program; Andrea Melvage, a Junior at Resurrection, earned 1st honors; Jennifer Shmerl, a Sophomore at Resurrection, earned 1st honors; Isabella Collazo, a Junior at Resurrection, earned 2nd honors; and Emily Czerwionka, a Senior at Resurrection, earned 2nd honors.

FIRST QUARTER CHARACTER COUNTS AWARDS

Each month we have honored students who have been "caught" demonstrating particular acts of good character. These students have been awarded the monthly "Light of Christ Award." We would also like to recognize students who daily demonstrate their good character through our quarterly Character Counts Awards. The following students were recognized in this week's chapel service for their constant good character:

Trustworthiness

Respect

Responsibility

Fairness

Caring

Citizenship

Kayla Chapetta (8)

Grace McCrudden (K), Richard Marrero (6)

Derek Durovic (7)

Jacob Kohler (2), Joey Sienkiewicz (6)

Ally Gonzalez (3), Katherine Cuscaden (4),

Evan Jones (5), HaileyChapetta (7)

Sarah Tuchel (1), Bramwell Turner (8)

PRESCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!

Please contact Mrs. Nowak if you would like to be a helper in the preschool classroom. Help is especially needed on Thursdays.

ST. PAUL SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for ideas for Christmas gifts? How about getting in the "spirit" with St. Paul Spirit Wear? A flyer was attached last week showing a variety of items to choose from for both children and adults. We also have a catalog in the office showing many additional items available for purchase. Stop by any time to look through it. Spirit Wear can be ordered anytime during the year. Questions?? Call Bruce Holmberg @847-699-9520.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

St. Paul Lutheran School yard signs are here. For a donation you can get a yard sign to proudly display your support as well as help spread the word about our wonderful school. The signs are in the school office. All proceeds from donations go towards marketing efforts for the school and church.

MARKETING TEAM

St. Paul Lutheran School has a marketing team that has been diligently working towards marketing our wonderful school. Marketing is fun and can be done in many ways. Small steps go a long way and we need your help! PLEASE take a poster or two from the table in the school hallway and post it at your workplace, the neighborhood community boards in grocery stores, libraries, train stations, etc. Working together WE CAN get the word out about St. Paul Lutheran School.

MARKET DAY NEWS

December is "Cookie Dough Bonus Days" (see attachment). Saturday, December 5th, is our last pick-up before Christmas break. Our designated helpers are the 4th grade students and parents. In addition to the delicious cookie dough you will find lots of wonderful products for your Christmas and New Year's entertaining. Also available are nice food gifts such as the Fannie May candies, Chocolate Pretzels, Gingerbread Boys tin, etc. And don't forget to order extra breakfast and lunch items for the kids home on Christmas vacation. From brunch goodies to dinner entrees, side dishes and desserts, there is certainly a delicious variety to choose from. Orders are due Tuesday, December 1st and our on-line deadline is Wednesday, December 2nd. Questions? Please contact Sue 773/792-8709 or Vicki 773/205-2574. Extra order forms are available in the office.

MANNA UPDATE

A link to the Manna website is now on St. Paul's website (stpaulcanfield.org/schoolhomepage/fundraising/schoolfundraisingpage) where you can find the order dates. The next Order Date is Friday, November 27th -- less than a month before Christmas! Gift cards make a great gift when you don't know what to buy someone. Thanks for supporting the 7th and 8th grade spring class trip!

STIR IT UP IN ADVENT!

You are invited to join us as we "STIR IT UP" during our Advent Festival on Sunday, November 29th, from Noon to 2:00 P.M. We will start with a spicy Chili Cook-Off lunch. Bring your best batch of chili to share and our judges will taste test for the best. If you don't want to cook chili, please bring a dessert to share. All of the extra fixings will be provided. After lunch we will do a short devotion about the meaning of Advent, and then create unique devotional books designed to help families "stir up" the Holy Spirit as you study God's Word during Advent. We hope everyone can join us as we kick off our preparations for the Christmas Season

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY

It won't be long before we start thinking about the Christmas season, and that brings us to the 2nd Annual Christmas Nativity Display. This event is designed to share with others the special nativity scenes that you use in your home every Christmas. You'll be surprised at how many different kinds of nativities there are, and how different countries interpret the Christmas meaning. The display will be the weekend of December 12 (from 5:00 to 8:00 pm) and December 13 (from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm). As we begin to prepare for the event this year, we would like to ask for help from anyone who has a few spare moments. Your help can be used in many different ways—including helping to set up and break down tables in the gym, donating cookies or beverages, helping to monitor the event, and especially offering your nativity for viewing. A flyer is attached for you to give to a neighbor or a co-worker so that we can spread the word about this annual Christmastime event. Please contact Mary McCallister at marymac93@yahoo.com or at (773) 774-6335 if you can help or if you have any questions. Thanks!

SPORTS NEWS

Our thanks to Mr. Rogers for volunteering to coach our 7-8 boys' basketball team. We are now looking for volunteers to work the score table for home games. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Lingel. Thank you.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Attention all Moms! You are invited to join other moms on the second Saturday of the month from 8:30-9:30 A.M. for a time of friendship and Bible study over breakfast. The Bible study topic is "A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water". It will encourage and uplift you as you reflect on life-giving streams that neither flood nor dry up: songs of God's wisdom, songs of our Savior's love.

We will meet on November 14th and January 9th. No gathering in December.

PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your prayers this week: the family of Mary Gancarczyk (1st) whose grandma died earlier this week; the grandma of Sean Sokniewicz (8th) who is recovering from a stroke and his sister who has been ill; the mother of Matthew (PK-3), Alexandria (3rd) and Jessenia (5th) Gonzalez for continued healing; the grandparents of Will Clarke (8th) who are receiving hospice care; the grandmother of Brandon McCallister for healing; the grandfather of Eric (5th) and Emily (8th) Johnson for healing; and quick recovery for students, family members, and all those suffering from the flu and other illnesses. *We pray God's blessings of peace, comfort and healing for these individuals and their families.*



WE WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

THERE WILL BE NO NEWS & NOTES NEXT WEEK.