

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



June 9, 2010

What a year! It seems like it was nothing but bad news—beginning with the departure of Mr. Heinze and Pastor Schoenfuhs. Then we began to hear words like unemployment, recession, declining home sales. And St. Paul did not go unaffected. We graduated eighteen last year and in September we didn't make up that number. We were left to deal with a declining enrollment and then a budget shortfall. As a result, we are losing staff positions and personnel—Deaconess Karen Rubel, Mrs. Nowak, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Sokniewicz. But, there is good news too! Mrs. Renee Ramsey will take over our lunch program. We will continue to have a resource teacher. We're looking to increase our Pre-K program with both a 3-year-old and a 4-year-old classroom. Interviews for these positions will take place next week. And, even better, we have **fourteen** new families enrolled for next school year. The majority of these are Pre-K students, but we also have new students all the way up to eighth grade. God has a plan for us and we see His hand at work! I pray that you have a safe, restful summer. I look forward to seeing you again at registration.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The faculty and staff cannot begin to thank all of you who have so generously given of your time and talents throughout the school year in so many different areas – far too many for us to list! We sincerely appreciate all that you have done for our school and wish you God's richest blessings!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 12 - **MARKET DAY PICK-UP** – 8:30-9:30 A.M. - Helpers – 6th Grade
- **CUB SCOUT CAR WASH** – 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
- June 21 - Aug. 6 - **W.I.L.D.K.A.T.S. SUMMER CAMP**
- July 12 - 16 - **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
- August 17 - **REGISTRATION DAY for 2010-11 School Year – 1:00-6:00 P.M.**
- August 25 - **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
Chapel Service – 8:45 A.M.
Dismissal - 11:45 A.M.



MARKET DAY PICK-UP IS TOMORROW FROM 8:30-9:30 A.M. HELPERS – 6TH GRADE

Just a reminder, we do have Market Day pick-up throughout the summer months, so mark your calendars for July 10th and August 7th also.

CUB SCOUT CAR WASH

Due to the uncooperative weather this past Saturday, the St. Paul Cub Scout Pack #3977 (1st–5th grade boys) have rescheduled their car wash for **THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 11th, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.** All donations will help support our terrific Cub Scout program here at St. Paul. Please tell your family and friends about the car wash. Thank you!

END OF YEAR TUITION/FEE NOTICE

Parents are reminded that all outstanding tuition and/or other fees need to be paid TODAY in order for report cards to be given to students. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Townsend.

TUITION INCENTIVES REMINDER

- 1) Re-enrolling families can pay as many months of tuition as they wish before July 31st at this year's rate. This helps cover salaries over the summer months when tuition does not come in.
- 2) The second incentive is the "finder's fee". For every new **full-day** family that an existing family brings to St. Paul Lutheran School, the existing family will receive a \$150.00 tuition break.
- 3) The third incentive is that new families – full-day Kindergarten through 8th Grade - will receive 50% off tuition for the 2010-11 school year.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY for the 2010-11 school year will be **Tuesday, August 17th**, between the hours of 1:00 – 6:00 P.M. Watch for your packet of registration materials to arrive the end of June/early July. We encourage all our families to plan to register on August 17th. *If your vacation plans conflict with that date, please make arrangements with Mrs. White to register BEFORE you leave for vacation.* Your cooperation with this request will be greatly appreciated.

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

Attention parents: If a physical, dental or eye examination is required for your child at his or her grade level, forms will be included in the registration packets which will be mailed by the first of July. If you have appointments scheduled and would like to pick up forms now, please see Mrs. White. Physicals are required for new students and those entering Kindergarten and sixth grade. Dental exams are required for all children entering kindergarten, second and sixth grades. Vision exams are required for all children entering Kindergarten.

IL SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN AUGUST

Summer vacation is here but a sales tax holiday in August has many parents already thinking about "back to school." The IL General Assembly will offer a sales tax holiday on school supplies from August 6-15. Parents buying clothes, shoes and most school supplies will pay only 1.25%!

JOIN US FOR PLANT ZOOM VBS THIS SUMMER!



Planet Zoom is Zooming our way and we want you and all your friends to join us! During the week of 7/12-7/16 at Planet Zoom, children 3 years old to 6th grade will learn about Jesus, meet new friends, get to do fun activities, sing awesome songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks and more. We will learn more about our un-BEE-lievable God and how we can share Him with the world. We are taking registrations now!! You can turn in the paper registration or register online at www.stpaulcanfield.org. The cost is \$10 for the first child, \$5 for the second child, and \$3 for every other child in each family. Students seventh grade and older as well as adults are needed as volunteers. Talk to Julianna Shults for more details. Thank you for being a part of our Planet Zoom VBS where kids will learn about the Gospel with memorable activities, confess that they believe in Jesus, our Savior, and then zoom out to share Jesus' love in the world.

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Don't forget to keep up your recycling over the summer! You can help both the environment and our church and school by telling everyone you know – family, friends, neighbors, and local businesses – to drop off their magazines, newspapers, catalogs, office papers, old mail and shredded paper (in clear plastic bags) in the Paper Retriever container in our parking lot. Thanks so much for your continuing support!

ST. JOHN'S VBS

St. John's Lutheran Church will be holding its Vacation Bible School the week of June 14th from 9:00-12:00. The program this year is *High Seas Expedition – Exploring the Mighty Love of God* and is free for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Register online @ www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stjohnschicagoVBS or call Kathi Deahle @ 312-217-1219.

PRAYER LIST

We pray God's blessings of comfort, healing and strength for all those who are ill or recovering from illness especially Steven Zick (1st) who has been in the hospital. We also pray for God's blessings on our graduates in all their future endeavors.

+ BLESSINGS FOR A WONDERFUL SUMMER! +