

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



April 30, 2010

We have been asked by The Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools to pass this action alert on to our parents. Please consider making a phone call to your representative and encourage others to do so as well.

Voucher Bill To Be Voted On Soon!

Senate Bill 2494, after being passed by the State Senate nearly a month ago and the House Executive Committee last week, will soon be taken up for a vote in the Illinois House of Representatives.

This Bill establishes a pilot voucher program in the City of Chicago to test the idea that state supported school choice can benefit students enrolled in the lowest-performing and most overcrowded public schools in Chicago. This Bill will not be of direct benefit to parents currently enrolled in many nonpublic schools, but it has the potential to help nonpublic elementary schools and place a foot in the door of the important policy proposal that the state can improve our educational system by supporting a parents' right to choose the schools best suited to the needs of their children.

Please call your State Representative as soon as possible and share this message:

"Senate Bill 2494 provides educational choices to families enrolled in Chicago's lowest performing and most overcrowded schools. This is a good way to test a public/private educational partnership. Please vote YES."

To find the contact information for your State Representative, go to www.ilga.gov and click on Legislator Lookup in the lower, right-hand portion of the page located under the title "Additional Resources". You can then look up your State Representative by district #, your home or school address, or zip code.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tonight April 30 - Cub Scout Pack Night – 7:00 P.M.
- Sat. May 1 - Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.
- Sun. May 2 - Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Family Worship –
9:30 A.M.
- Thurs. May 6 - **Teacher Appreciation Day!**
- Fri. May 7 - **K-2 Musical – "The Principal & the Pea" – 7:00 P.M.**
- Sat. May 8 - Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.
- Sun. May 9 - **Mother's Day!**
- Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Family Worship
– 9:30 A.M.
- Tues. May 11 - **BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN FORUM – 7:00-8:00 P.M.**



BOARD OF EDUCATION PARENT OPEN FORUM

On **Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:00 P.M.** our Board of Education will be holding an Open Forum for parents. This is your opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns you may have. The Board of Education wants parents to be informed of plans for the 2010-11 school year by the Board directly, not in other ways that often lead to misinformation. We hope you will be able to attend. If you are unable to and you have a question or concern, please feel free to contact a member of the Board. Their phone numbers and emails are listed in the front of the Family Directory. Please note that Lee Baker's correct email is lbsb582@yahoo.com. *Childcare will be provided if needed.*

ATTACHED . . . May Calendar of Events & Menu

CHAPEL INFORMATION

Next week's chapel service will be led by Sixth Grade on the topic "Christ be My Leader in Comforting and Encouraging

Others". Cherub Choir will sing and 8th graders are the helpers for the service. March Baptism Birthdays will be celebrated.

The following two chapel services will be on Thursdays. The May 13th service will be in celebration of Ascension Day. On May 20th we will have the K9 Comfort Ministry bring in their "puppies" to talk about how the dogs can help others. This ministry is a branch of Lutheran Church Charities. We hope you can join us!

MUSIC NOTES

- . . . Junior Choir will sing at the 10:45 Worship Service on Sunday, May 16th.
- . . . Children's Choir will sing at the 8:15 service on Sunday, May 23rd.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - May 3-9

Please join us in celebrating our wonderful teachers and staff next week during **Teacher Appreciation Week**. We will have large "cards" posted outside each room and ask that both parents and students write notes of appreciation to remind our teachers just how great they are!

ATTENTION ROOM PARENTS!

Just a reminder that teachers will be leaving school for a special Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Thursday, May 6th, and your assistance will be needed that day in the classroom. We ask that you arrive at your child's room by 11 a.m. (Please, no sooner!) and then plan to stay until around 1:30 P.M. In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week A special craft or activity should be planned and presented to your teacher upon their return. *Thanks. ~ The St. Paul PTL*

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS were due last Friday. If you have not yet turned yours in, please do so as soon as possible *even without the deposit*. **ATTENTION PRE-K PARENTS:** When you turn in your form please indicate whether you plan to have your child attend 2, 3, or 5 half-days or full-days for PreK-4 or the half-day or full-day Kindergarten. This will help us as we make plans for the coming year. If you know you will not be re-enrolling for next year, please advise us by completing and returning the bottom portion of the form. Records will not be forwarded to another school without proper notification. If you have any questions or concerns regarding re-enrollment, please contact the school office or Mrs. Townsend. Thank you.

TUITION INCENTIVES REMINDER

- 1) Re-enrolling families can pay as many months' 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.

ALUMNI NEWS

- Congrats to St. Paul alum Michael Anglemire. The St. Pat's freshman received First Honors for the third quarter. Michael also did a fantastic job in St. Pat's spring production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

- We are also pleased to announce that alumna Julia Cuscaden, a freshman at Trinity High School, earned First Honors for the Third Quarter.

MARCH LIGHT OF CHRIST AWARDS

Character is defined as what you do when no one is looking. Students are nominated for this award by the teachers for doing helpful acts when they didn't think anyone was looking. The following students were nominated for the Pillar of Character listed:

Leah Martinez	Second Grade	<u>Fairness</u>	Leah had to share a computer. She didn't complain.
			She asked her partner, "What game do you want to play first?" Wonderful job, Leah! <i>Mrs. Graf</i>
Brandon Cruz	Fourth Grade	<u>Caring</u>	Brandon & Grace were helping Mr. Boberg move a table. Brandon had the patience to stop when Grace needed to reposition her hands. <i>Mrs. Johnson</i>
Katherine Cuscaden	Fourth Grade	<u>Caring</u>	Katherine volunteered to help her classmates understand the assignment when she finished her math. <i>Mrs. Johnson</i>
Peyton LaValley	Fifth Grade	<u>Citizenship, Respect, Responsibility & Trustworthiness:</u>	Peyton was a tremendous help at Lit Night. She set up mats, collected books, and whatever else I asked her to do she would answer "Got it." <i>Mrs. Graf</i>
Kenny Erdmann	Sixth Grade	<u>Citizenship</u>	Kenny immediately got paper towels and helped a classmate clean up after a water bottle fell and spilled on the floor. <i>Mr. Lingel</i>
Richard Marrero	Sixth Grade	<u>Citizenship</u>	When a classmate's water bottle fell and spilled to the floor, Richard immediately got paper towels and helped clean it up. <i>Mr. Lingel</i>
Derek Durovic	Seventh Grade	<u>Citizenship, Respect, Responsibility & Trustworthiness</u>	Derek was a tremendous help at Lit Night. He moved furniture, hung a banner, set up chairs, and did whatever was needed to help set up and take down. <i>Mrs. Graf</i>

“**THE PRINCIPAL & THE PEA**” will be presented by Grades K-2 next Friday evening, May 7th, at 7:00 P.M. All are invited!

8TH GRADE BANQUET REMINDER

The next banquet meeting will now be held next WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, at 7:00 P.M. in Mrs. Townsend's room. Please plan to join us! Thanks. ~ *The St. Paul PTL*

PTL FUN FAIR!

Please plan to join us for St. Paul's Fun Fair on Wednesday, May 19th from 6:30 – 8 P.M. We will have a “jumpy” and lots of fun carnival games for kids of ALL ages! More details to follow! Thanks ~ The St. Paul PTL

MARKET DAY NEWS

A big thank you to 5th Grade and all our other helpers for working last month's Market Day pick up. Our next Market Day is Saturday, May 15th and the designated helper classroom is Kindergarten. Paper Market Day orders need to be in by Tuesday, May 11th or you may order on-line at www.marketday.com until 11 P.M. on Wednesday, May 12th. Eligible customers, don't forget to place a minimum \$40 (pre-tax) order this month to receive your FREEquent Buyer reward. Eligible means you made 2-\$40 purchases between February and April. Market Day is treating us to lots of promotions...This month only, a yummy variety of cookie dough is available with these savings: buy 2 boxes, save \$1, or buy 3 boxes, save \$3, or buy 4 or more, save \$5. Also you can receive a FREE 4-pk of 1/4lb. burgers with the purchase of \$50 or more (pre-tax). And lastly, an "on-line only" offer: receive a FREE Artichoke Spinach Dip with the purchase of \$80 or more (pre-tax) when you enter this promo code: MAYFREE at checkout. So don't miss out on all the delicious products and savings this month. *Got a scheduling conflict during pick-up time? We will gladly save freezer space for your order IF you contact us before delivery day.* Call Sue at 773/792-8709 or email sloose@ameritech.net to make arrangements.

LHN Drama Department Presents: Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" (04/30/10 - 05/02/10)

7:00 P.M. on Fri. 4/30, Sat. 5/1, Fri. 5/7 & Sat. 5/8 -- 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, 5/2 - Tickets \$10.00/Adults and \$5.00/Students

THE STORY: Neil Simon's Broadway hit is a mesh of his comedy and the writings of Russian playwright, Anton Chekov. We meet the Writer who is busy at work on several ideas, both good and bad. Through a sequence of hilarious vignettes, we meet his characters and are introduced to his charm. Come out and laugh with us as we re-mount the show that re-launched our theatre department in 1993. *Alumni Alex Smolinski and Courtney Harfmann have parts in the play.*

WALTHER LUTHERAN DRAMA DEPARTMENT is presenting the Wizard of Oz TONIGHT @ 7:00 P.M., tomorrow @ 7:00 P.M., and Sunday @ 3:00 P.M. Contact the school to purchase tickets: 708/344-0404. Adults-\$8, Students-\$4, Ages 3 & Under-Free.

PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your prayers this week: the family of Eric Gore (7th) whose grandma died last Friday; the nana of Reanna Sturgill (PK-4) who had a liver transplant Wednesday; the grandpa of Olivia Ringelstein (PreK) who is seriously ill; the family of Nathan Mendez (2nd) whose uncle died; friends of Sam (PK-4) Gruszczeni's family whose 2 year old son Liam has brain cancer; and the mother of Matthew (PreK), Alexandria (3rd) and Jessenia (5th) Gonzalez for healing. *We pray for God's blessings of strength, healing, comfort and peace.* We also pray that God will continue to watch over Luther North as plans for the future of the school are finalized.