

News from St. Paul's School

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Together we grow

As we enter the second half of the 2011-2012 school year, we continue to be committed to providing quality education in an environment where Christian faith is taught, learned, and lived. We are blessed to have parents who are active partners in our educational ministry, and we are blessed to have the support and partnership of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

We will soon begin registration for a new school year. I invite you to share the story of St. Paul's Lutheran School with your friends and neighbors and members of your congregation. Please see me if you would like to share a school display at your church any weekend.

As we prepare to face the challenges of 2012-2013, we are strengthened in our knowledge that God loves us. We ask for your support and prayers. Please call when you have questions or suggestions. Together we can continue to grow in faith and learning.

Calendar Notes

Jan. 26 – Worship led by 2nd grade
Jan. 26 – Cheese pizza – Gr. K - 3
Jan. 31 – Pepperoni pizza – Gr. K - 3
Feb. 1 – Pepperoni pizza – Gr. 4, 5, 6 & EP
Feb. 2 – Baptismal Remembrance Service
Feb. 9 & 13 – Parent Conferences
**Feb. 8 – NO WED AM OR MWF PM
PRESCHOOL**
**Feb. 9 – NO MT/TF AM OR T/TH PM
PRESCHOOL**
Feb. 17 – NO SCHOOL (NO PRESCHOOL)
Feb. 27 – 2012-2013 Kindergarten Orientation
March 4 – 11 – Lutheran Schools Week
March 5 – 2012-2013 Preschool Open House
March 12 & 13 – Preschool Registration

April 2 – SNOW MAKE-UP DAY

April 3 – SNOW MAKE-UP DAY

SCRIP – It Really Adds Up!

We had a CENTS-ational month for SCRIP in December!! Thanks to all of you that purchase SCRIP so faithfully!!

And thanks to those of you who gave it a try over the holidays! We hope you've discovered how simple it is to use and make a difference for our school at the same time!

For the three weeks in December that we were able to sell SCRIP, each week brought in sales over \$11,000. Of those sales, we received \$600 in profit! That is \$1,800 in three weeks! Truly amazing!! Thank you!

Profit for the 2011 calendar year was \$15,000! What a huge growth from 2010, when profit was only \$4,000. These dollars go into the Annual Fund which helps our school in so many ways!

SCRIP sales will continue to be on Wednesdays (4:30 to 5:30 pm, Parish Hall), Fridays after school (3:00 to 3:30 pm, school), and Sundays (8:30 to 11:00 am, Narthex of church).

It really makes cents!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for February 9 and February 13. Watch for your conference reminder coming home with your child.

The Parent Teacher Organization plans to support the staff by providing meals and snacks on Feb. 9 and 13 during the Parent-Teacher conferences. Anyone who would like to assist with this project by providing a salad, bread, dessert, or drink for Thursday evening or snacks for Monday afternoon should call the school. The PTO Board appreciates your assistance.

BOARD BITS

Budget Planning. Greetings on this snowy, blustery day! It's the season not only for wintery weather but also preliminary School Board work for the 2012-13 budget. Jack Dahlby, Church Treasurer, attended our last meeting and shared analysis of St. Paul's School Salary Schedule and that of the public school. Additionally, the Board began looking at various scenarios for tuition for 2012-13. Last year, as a part of a special task force appointed by the Church Council, personal contacts were made with all 4th and 5th grade parents. Those who made the calls felt that there was very good dialog and the responses helped the church/school in planning for the future. Those who made calls felt so positive about the opportunity for parent feedback, that one of the task force recommendations was that we continue to do this every year. The Board will make these calls during this next month. The information will be summarized for the Board and held in confidentiality.

Lutheran Schools Week. The weekend of March 10th and 11th brings an excellent opportunity to share the mission of the School with the Congregation. All volunteer roles (ushering, lecturing, assisting minister, communion assistants, special music, etc.) will be filled by students and families of the School. Krismar Ramker and Lisa Alexander are working with Pastor Schneider and me to fill these roles. Thanks to them for their leadership. There also will be a 10:00 AM forum in the Parish Hall. There is no better way to share our mission than through the examples of our students and families!!! We invite you to join us for worship that weekend and appreciate your willingness to participate!

State Department Visit. St. Paul's School is an accredited school (not all private schools are accredited). This means that there are certain standards, expectations and activities for which we are held accountable. The Iowa Department of Education sent four representatives to St. Paul's School on January 24th and 25th. They reviewed documents, interviewed a number of different groups (staff, parents, and Board members

included). Christi presented an overview on the 24th and there was an exit summary on the 25th. The state visit allows us to share our story and receive feedback for continuous improvement!

Jan Ott, School Board Chair

Blue Zone

Nine factors in a community contribute to increased well-being and a longer life. They are called the Power 9 Principles and are easy, small steps that everyone can do to make their community a Blue Zone. Help Waverly's efforts by signing up in support of Blue Zone. By signing up, you can join the 15% of Waverly's citizens who've already signed up. Just log into www.bluezonesproject.com or text "BZP" to 772937.

Box Tops Deadline

The Box Tops for Education deadline is Feb. 23 for the 2011-2012 year. Please turn in any box tops you have been collecting for us.

Thank you for supporting the many school programs available.

Mission

St. Paul's Lutheran School is committed to providing quality education in an environment where Christian faith is taught, learned, and lived.



Baptismal Remembrance

The Baptismal Remembrance Service for February will be Thursday, Feb. 2 at 8:35 a.m. Students who were baptized in the month of February will be honored with an individual baptismal blessing. Parents, friends and family members are encouraged to attend this special event.

Claire Boots	2/27/00
Evan Bixby	2/17/02
Sasha Wilson	2/9/03
Emily Vering	2/04
Carson Graven	2/1/04
Isabella Meyer	2/26/06

February birthdays

Sam Solheim	2/6/02
Raquel Zehr	2/6/01
Madison Rediske	2/12/01
Ben Barber	2/14/06
Indy Epley	2/16/05
Michael Groen	2/20/06
Jordan Downing	2/23/00
Caleb Hein	2/28/04

Celebrate your birthday and enhance our school library at the same time by sponsoring a book. Students can choose a favorite book title and make a gift of money to the library as a special birthday celebration. The recommended gift is \$10.00. Please place your gift in an envelope and give it to the school secretary, Mrs. Graeser.



Directory change

Address Change

Gabi Leavens (Kindergarten)
246 Briggs Ave.
Readlyn, IA 50668

Phone Number Change

Braidyn Chesnut (EP)
319-610-3017

New baby news

Congratulations to big sister, Mikah Jones (Wed AM) on the birth of her sister, Aylah Ryan, who was born on December 14. May God bless Aylah and her family.

Congratulations to big brothers, Isaac Becker (1st grade) and Daniel Becker (Wed AM) on the birth of their sister, Rachel Joy, who was born on December 22. May God bless Rachel and her family.

Congratulations to big sister, Sally Gade (Kindergarten) on the birth of her brother, Colt William Ramige, who was born on December 27. May God bless Colt and his family.

Spotlight on 4th grade

This semester the fourth grade students study regions of the United States. They began with the Northeastern section of the country. Each student selects a state from the region to study in-depth. The students have completed a booklet detailing the basic facts about their state. They also selected at least two famous people from their state and wrote about how they impacted the state. In addition they learn about historical events, tourist attractions, interesting facts, and products from their state.

Pictured left are Jentry Eick and Raelynn Matlage sharing their first semester projects about famous Iowans. Jentry wrote about and drew Kate Shelley for her famous Iowan. Raelynn is standing in front of Herbert Hoover, which was her famous Iowan.