



PANTHER PATTERN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
April 20, 2017

The Foundations of Christian Education: PEACE, HOPE, JOY, and LOVE

"For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." *1 Corinthians 13:12, 13*

The angel said to the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" [Luke 24:5-6]

Jesus assured his disciples, "Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you." [John 14:19-20]

Bask in the glory of Jesus' resurrection as often as possible. These words are found in a song by Chris Tomlin about both Jesus' resurrection and our own. Follow [the link](#) to a video of this song by the Martin Luther College Choir, or find another version you enjoy. In my opinion, the words and music combine to move hearts and minds closer to our Redeemer.

Principal, Benjamin Bain

*Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead*



*And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise*

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MEET MATH RESULTS

What is Meet Math? Meet Math is a service club at Martin Luther College that provides mathematics contests for students in grades 5-12 enrolled on WELS or ELS schools. Four contests of six questions are provided each school year. Fifth and sixth graders compete against other fifth and sixth graders, while seventh and eighth graders compete against other seventh and eighth graders. Combined enrollments in these paired grades determine the divisions, so similar enrollments compete against each other. Both team and individual scores are submitted throughout the year.

Our St. Paul's fifth and sixth graders finished the year in second place in their division! Individually, Cole Bryant ranked second with a score of 20, and Andrew Ames was tied for sixth with a score of 18. Way to go!

Our St. Paul's seven and eighth graders competed in the division with the largest schools, finishing in sixth place. Individually, Leah Schilling finished tied for first place with a score of 21, while Micah Schibbelhut finished tied for fifth place with a score of 20. Awesome job!

2016-17 SCRIP CREDITS

As we approach the end of the school year, many families are making their final payments to St. Paul's. As a reminder, your scrip credits will accumulate through April 30 to be applied to the current school year. This amount won't show on your school statement until early May. To see the credit to expect from scrip, log in to your Family Account on shopwithscrip.com. From **Dashboard**, click on **Family Functions**. Choose **Order History**, which lists your account activity for the current year. The amount listed as **St. Paul's - Education Account** is your credit accumulated from May 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

CALL ACCEPTED

Danielle Fetcenko has accepted the call to teach 4-yr-old preschool here at St. Paul's. We look forward to Joe and Danielle's arrival. We pray that the Lord would bless their move to the area and their teaching ministry at St. Paul's.

SCHIBBELHUT WINS KOHL TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to a nomination by St. Paul's eighth grader Micah Lenz, St. Paul's will receive a \$3,000 grant from the Kohl Foundation this summer.

"The Kohl Teacher Fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in the State of Wisconsin, USA." Applicants are evaluated on "1) personal educational philosophy, 2) demonstrated ability to inspire students' love of learning, 3) creation of innovative projects or programs, 4) commitment to community, 5) unrealized goals for their classroom or professional development, and 6) positive qualities they see in education, and changes they would like to see made to strengthen and improve teaching."

After being nominated, Mrs. Schibbelhut collected three letters of recommendation and wrote several essays about her work as a teacher. In addition to the \$3,000 grant to St. Paul's, Mrs. Schibbelhut automatically becomes a candidate for the Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools Teacher of the Year. Thank you Micah Lenz, and congratulations Mrs. Schibbelhut!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to kindergartner, Hannah Lipps, who won first place in the La Crosse County Library's 2017 "March of the BookMarks!" Over 2,000 bookmarks were turned in this year. Hannah received a 1st place medal. Her bookmark will be on display in all five branches and will be copied and distributed for patron use. Honorable mention awards were given to the following students: Ella Skolnik (k), Lauren Wickus (4), and Leah Schilling (8). All bookmark entries are on display through April 30 at the branch location where they were turned in.

National Volunteer Week (April 24-28)



Thank you!!

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others . . .

so that in ALL things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11a

BAND REGISTRATION

WSMA Band Clinic will be held from 1:00-2:45 p.m. Friday, April 21. Band members should arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. This is for the Lancer Band only. Later that day a rehearsal will be held for all band students. **Sabre and Lancer Bands** meet from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Jazz band will meet from 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Band registration for all students will be held Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Luther High School Band Room. Register at that time to avoid paying a late fee of \$20.

SINGING SCHEDULE

The Junior Choir will sing at both the 8:00 & 10:30 services Sunday, April 30.

NEW SCHOOL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The St. Paul's Board of Education has selected to change the school management system that we are currently using starting next school year. We are currently using the Skyward system and will be moving to a system called TADS and TADS Educate. Those of you who have children at Luther High may already be familiar with TADS.

What are some of the reasons we are doing this?

1. Financial aid assessment and distribution is much better. This will integrate with Luther so you will only need to submit one application for both schools.
2. TADS offers superior reporting options and tracking of both school and parent finances.
3. Integrated payment plan options are available in TADS that would require another 3rd party vendor in other systems.
4. TADS allows us to drastically reduce the amount of paper needed for registration and other activities.
5. The classroom management package is comparable to Skyward.
6. The user interface is improved over our current Skyward configuration.
7. This package is nominally less costly than Skyward and should require less day to day support/involvement to maintain.

While I know there will be some concerns and possible discomfort with this (and any) change, I want to assure you that this transition is intended to make the experience of connecting parents to St. Paul's School easier and more transparent while allowing the school to operate more efficiently. Please keep your eyes peeled for further communication coming out later this school year about this transition as well as how this will impact future year's timelines for registration, etc.

If you have any specific questions at this point, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, Mr. Bain, or any of the other Board of Education members you may know.

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Thanks for your time!

Ryan Miller
Chair, St. Paul's Board of Education

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FUNDRAISER FOR PANTHER PARENTS

BIG BOAR BARBECUE



WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD 3-7PM
MEAL INCLUDES: PORK SANDWICH, BEANS AND COLESLAW
DESSERTS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE BY DONATION

TICKETS ON SALE
BEFORE SCHOOL AND AT
SCRIPT COUNTER (WED/SUN)
STARTING APRIL 2

\$9

PROFITS RAISED GO TO PAY FOR
BUSING FOR FIELD TRIPS,
RETIREMENTS,
8TH GRADE GRAD SUPPLIES,
KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL
CHRISTMAS ITEMS,
GRANDPARENTS' DAY, PARENT
SQUARE, MARKETING

EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL PARKING LOT
WEATHER PERMITTING TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE FOR DINING AND FELLOWSHIP

FLASH SALE

Sold at the Scrip
table in the school
hallway or contact
Katie Miller.

For a limited time only!!

Big Boar tickets for

\$8 each