



PANTHER PATTERN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School
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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*

Do you remember our theme for the 2016-2017 school year? It is the fourth and final foundation of Christian education. Each of the past years we have used one of the foundations – PEACE, HOPE, JOY, and LOVE. The Bible is full of descriptions of love (1 Corinthians 13, Psalm 36, Matthew 5, Romans 5, 1 John 3, and many more places). The Bible itself has been called God’s Love Letter to His children. The love parents give to their children is the love of God flowing through them. “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)

In order for that love to flow through us, connection to LOVE is essential. It is imperative that parents, teachers, and all Christians read and study God’s Love Letter often. Do you have a plan for personal and family devotions and Bible study? Perhaps you could choose a special topic or a favorite book. Maybe you can challenge yourself to memorize a Psalm or a favorite chapter of the Bible. (I personally enjoy Philippians 2.) Make a plan this summer to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18) As you do, so will your sense of peace, hope, joy, and love.
Principal, Benjamin Bain

“Rather than seeking its own good, the love of God flows forth and bestows good. Therefore sinners are attractive because they are loved; they are not loved because they are attractive.”
Martin Luther



REFORMATION 500 MOVIE “Return to Grace: Luther’s Life and Legacy” will be shown at the Marcus Theater on Ward Avenue, Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00, plus \$1.00 booking fee. Go to <http://barremills.NewLutherMovie.com> to purchase tickets.

MUSIC NOTES

Junior Choir will sing at the 8th Grade Graduation Service, Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Students in K-8 will also be singing one of **Pastor Baumann’s favorite hymns at his retirement observance Sunday, June 4.** You may pick which service you would like your child to sing at. The students do not have to stay for both services.

PASTOR BAUMANN’S RETIREMENT

A chicken dinner will be served at noon as part of Pastor Baumann’s retirement celebration. Tickets are available between the 8:00 & 10:30 services and after the 2nd service Sunday, May 21 and May 28. **Tickets will also be available on school days in Mrs. Van Loon’s room.** The cost: \$6.00 per adult; \$3.00 per children (for young children, a meal can be shared by two children). **Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 28.**

BOOK RETURNS

As textbooks are collected in each classroom, they will be inspected for any undue wear and tear. Students have been reminded to take good care of their books, keep them covered, and not write in them. Texts should be returned in good shape. Damaged books will be fined accordingly, up to half the cost of replacing the text. Brand new texts that are ruined may be assessed at the full replacement value. Fines should be paid by Thursday, the last day of school. All library books should also be turned in by this time.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (FRIDAY, MAY 26)

Lunch will be served on the last day of school. School will dismiss at noon. Buses from Holmen and Onalaska will be picking up the children. If your child is not walking home, please be sure to pick him/her up on time.

Everyone is invited to join the 8th Grade Class for their final days of grade school, their final program, and graduation service on the following days:

- **Wednesday, May 24 (6:30 p.m.)** Play "Bedtime Stories (As Told By Our Dad)(Who Messed Them Up)" by Ed Monk; (7:30 p.m.) Cake Reception
- **Thursday, May 26 (6:30 p.m.)** Graduation Church Service followed by 8th grade receiving line

HOT LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCE

In accordance with federal regulations, all negative balances need to be paid in full by the end of the year. All positive balances will be carried over until the next school year, unless a check is requested.

To check your balance you may contact me via email at cgronholz@stpaulsonalaska.org or look at your balance and details on your skyward account. *Connie Gronholz*

		<p>SUMMER DAY CAMP 2017 WILL BE HELD JULY 24-27</p> <p>Theme: "I Witness News"</p> <p>"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."</p>
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REGISTRATION 2017-18

This year, registration will be completed through TADS. Information will be coming soon through Parent Square and summer letter. You will also be able to find information on our website. Registrations will require a \$50 tuition deposit, which may be paid online or at the school office. Registration deadline is Friday, August 4, 2017. Please note that Financial Assistance applications are due by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR & SUPPLIES LIST

Are attached to this week's electronic newsletter. They can also be found on our website at www.stpaulsonalaska.org. All other materials needed throughout the summer months for registration will be put on the website as they are updated. Be sure to check it regularly throughout the summer.

FOUNDATIONS: A PARENT'S INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you are looking for a little night-stand reading, consider *Foundations: A Parent's Introduction to Christian Education* by Kenneth Kremer. All St. Paul's parents were offered a copy. (If you need one, please visit the office.) The chapters are all quite short, easy to read, and provide some questions for thought and discussion. This year's school year theme of LOVE begins on page 121. You may find the short chapters and questions fitting for family study.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!

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