

# PANTHER PATTERN

A weekly newsletter of St. Paul's Lutheran School  
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## Spoiling Children

"The job of grandparents is to spoil their grandchildren." You have probably heard some say something like this. Generally, the tone is playful when it is said. Does this mean the speaker doesn't really mean it?

There are two factors that can contribute to "spoiling children," either from grandparents or parents. The first is the wealth many in our country enjoy. Parents and grandparents often can afford to give nice gifts, and it certainly is fun to see children get excited when they open their presents. If nice gifts become the norm, however, they come to be expected. Try this: Ask your child to get no gifts for Christmas or a birthday so that the money can be donated to a cause. (Many are suffering from recent hurricanes and earthquakes.) Their response will be instructive.

The second factor is a busy schedule. There are so many wonderful activities for our children and families to do today. Parents may feel a sense of urgency to give their children a chance to try everything while they are young. While a busy schedule isn't wrong, it can take away time to train and discipline our children. The busyness may simply make parents too tired to discipline well. As a result, our children do not receive the training they so desperately need from us.

As usual, Martin Luther had some strong words on this issue.

This at least all married people should know. They can do no better work and do nothing more valuable either for God, for Christendom, for all the world, for themselves, and for their children than to bring up their children well....

You could do no more disastrous work than to spoil the children, let them curse and swear, let them learn profane words and vulgar songs, and just let them do as they please....

If we want to help Christendom, we most certainly have to start with the children....

"A Sermon on the Estate of Marriage," *Luther's Works* 44, 12-13, (1519)

God bless you as you discipline your children with love.

Principal, Ben Bain



## BE BOLD BE STRONG

"THE RIGHTEOUS  
ARE AS BOLD AS A  
LION."

PROVERBS 28:1



## CALLING IN AN ABSENCE OR LATE ARRIVAL

When calling in your child's absence due to illness, please include the symptoms (fever, cold, nausea, sore throat, etc.). These symptoms are reported to the La Crosse County Health Department so they can track the number and types of illnesses in our county. No names are shared beyond our school.

If your child will be late for school, please also indicate whether your child will be taking hot or cold lunch. If taking hot lunch we will need to know which option they are taking for that day and the next.

### Chapel Thought

God assembled our bodies in a beautiful way, giving us different parts for different purposes, all with ways to be used to glorify him.

*"God has arranged the parts of the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."*



## **SCHOOL DRESS**

Beginning Wednesday, October 1, shorts are no longer allowed during the school day. In case of unseasonably warm weather, Mr. Bain may grant special permission on certain days via ParentSquare.

From the handbook: Jeggings, leggings or yoga pants may be worn. *For those students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the top garment must cover to the top of the inseam of the jeggings, leggings and yoga pants.*

## **TESTING GRADES 3-8**

This year, our students will be taking Measures of Academic Progress (MAP Growth) in the areas of language, reading, and mathematics. Tests are taken on Chromebooks, and results are available very quickly. MAP tests allow students to be assessed several times during the school year. Our plan is to test students in fall, winter, and spring.

How can you prepare your child for testing? While a test is only one measure of a student's abilities, it is much more beneficial for students to do his or her very best on each test. Encourage your child with ideas you remember using when trying to answer difficult test questions. Otherwise, prepare them for learning as you would every school day: a good night's sleep & a healthy breakfast.

Testing will begin soon. Look for ParentSquare messages to inform you of the schedule.

## **SINGING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, October 1, grades 5 and 6 will sing at the 8:00 am service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Holmen. Preschool and kindergarten will sing in the 10:30 am service Sunday, October 22.

## **BAND LESSONS**

Band students will be dismissed at 2:45 pm so that they can arrive at Luther on time for rehearsal from 3:00-4:00 pm. *Only* Lancer Band members will play at "Celebrate Luther." *Both* bands will have a concert at the Science and Fine Arts Fair Saturday, November 4.

Please note that band lessons will be billed through our school office. Please make your checks out to Luther High School, but submit them to Lori or Elaine in the school office. **Both bands** will have a concert at the Science and Fine Arts Fair.

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## **SEEKING FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR**

St. Paul's Lutheran School is blessed to participate in the National School Lunch Program, in partnership with Holmen School District. We are looking for a Food Service Director to replace Mrs. Connie Gronholz.

Requirements

- Minimum high school diploma
- Minimum one year experience with school nutrition programs (could be volunteering with our hot lunch program)
- Familiarity with bookkeeping programs (currently QuickBooks)

The position requires approximately 20 hours/week during the school year, and some hours during summer months.

A position description is available upon request.

Applications are available in the school office. Resumes would be accepted in place of an application.

Deadline: October 18, 2017