

## Principal's Pad

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<u>WELCOME</u> – I am blessed to be with you this school year serving the Lord and St. Paul's as principal. My wife and I want to thank everyone for making us feel welcome and at home here. As we start the school year I want to let you know that my door is always open if you would like to visit about school or any other topic. We have a fantastic ministry here, and I am confident that the future holds many blessings for us. God's blessings to you and your family! -Mr. Lunak

SINGING FOR WORSHIP – On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> grades 3 and 4 will be singing for the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Students may sit with their family and come forward to sing from the front steps. On the weekend of September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> grade 6 will be singing for Saturday 6pm worship and grades 1 &2 will be singing for the Sunday 8am worship.

MORNING DROP-OFFS - In the mornings, and after school, there is a lot of traffic flow. Please do not stop to let your child "hop out" of the car as this slows down the traffic flow. Please find a parking stall and then let your child(ren) out of your vehicle.

Also, please do not allow your children to play in the school parking lot before school begins. We want everyone to be safe.

**CROSSING GUARD RULES-** For the safety of our children and the flow of traffic, we ask the following:

- 1. When dropping off students in front of school in the morning, please DO NOT do a u-turn in front of the school.
- 2. Please do not cross Ringold or the parking lot when safety patrols have their arms out. They are instructed to wait until there are no cars coming. It may take a while, so please be patient.
- 3. If you are parked in front of the school or church, please walk students through the school and exit front doors. **DO NOT walk up or down the parking lot hill.**
- 4. After school, you MUST TURN RIGHT OUT OF THE PARKING LOT.
- 5. Please <u>SLOW DOWN</u> when entering and leaving the parking lot. We have over 240 students attending school so there is a lot of traffic and students. Let's keep it a safe\_place. If need be, please add a few more minutes into your schedule.
- **6**. Be aware there will be a stop sign on Ringold.
- 7. NO CELL PHONES when entering and leaving the parking lot.

AFTER SCHOOL NOTES - Please be sure to have your children picked up when school is out at 3:00. Unless you have arrangements with our daycare for after school care, your children should be in your supervision at this time. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE **AS WELL!** All students are to leave the school grounds after dismissal unless they are under the supervision of a teacher or parent. Parents who permit their children to play on our playground after school are responsible for watching them at all times. On a separate note regarding the end of the school day, please make sure you as parents are waiting until 2:55 to enter the building at the end of the school day unless you have a special need to be in the building. Please also make a note to yourselves to allow room for the students get into their lockers when the bell rings.

ATTENDANCE POLICY- Parents must call school to report a student's absence for the day. Even though contact by phone must be made on the day of absence, all absences must also be excused in writing

by parents, or physicians, the day the child returns to school. When leaving for an appointment, or coming back from an appointment, please remember that the PARENT must sign the student in or out. Thank you!

WASHINGTON DC MEETING - The organizational meeting for the 7th grade Washington DC Trip will be MONDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. Please see Mr. Kroll if you have any questions regarding the DC trip.

James Kroll 608-754-4471, ext 207

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP TO HOST SCOOPIE

NIGHT – Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> be sure to go to Culver's on Milton Ave. between 4-8pm. For every order you place, our youth will get 10% of the sale. Bring your friends and family, come talk to "Scoopie" and have fun! Don't forget to pick up your Culver's SCRIP!

MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS – Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 3:15 pm in the Band Room. Parents of band students should especially consider attending this meeting due to the upcoming planning for the fall Band concert dinner, among other topics.

This group is a great way to be involved in your child's band experience as well as supporting music education at St. Paul's. Mr. Viemeister will be leading the meeting which will not last a long time. See you all there!

**LUIGI** – CAN YOU HEAR? – No, it is not the lyrics to an anthem but the name of a Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) service dog attached to Mr. Viemeister, Band Director. After years of being an active band director/musician/performer, Mr. Viemeister has been diagnosed with a hearing loss and requires a hearing service dog that will alert him to sounds he either can't hear anymore or has difficulty hearing. Luigi is a Yellow Labrador/Golden Retriever mix that accompanies Mr. Viemeister to St. Paul's. He wears a vest that indicates he is working and should not be treated as a pet. Anyone who sees Luigi and Mr. Viemeister should remember that petting him is not allowed because it will distract him. If Luigi is pet is may wipe out up to three days of training. You can look but please be respectful and don't pet. You can ask Mr. Viemeister any questions about Luigi as well as doing small demonstration talks for classrooms.

HOT LUNCH NEWS: Applications for free and reduced hot lunches are accepted anytime during the year. This is money readily available through the National School Lunch Program and families are encouraged to apply. Forms were included in your home visit packs. You only need to fill out one form for your entire family. Please consider this offer and remember that all applications are kept confidential. For assistance or applications, contact Janet Jass at ext. 220 or jass@stpaulsjanesville.com.

Please remember that when you send money with your child for their account that you put it into an envelope WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME on it and give it to their teacher or to Mrs. Jass in the Video Room.

## **COMFORT DOG FUNDRAISER** – Come to Skelly's

Farm Market, this Sunday, September 11, noon - 3:00! Meet 3 Comfort Dogs, Lila, Rhoda, and Zoey, and their handlers!!!

Learn about how the Comfort Dog Ministry works! Enjoy brats, hot dogs and Skelly Sweet corn for a Free Will dontation that will go towards the down payment for St. Paul's very own Comfort Dog!

Half the admission price for the corn maze and wagon rides will also go to our Comfort Dog Ministry. See you Sunday at Skelly's Farm Market, noon to 3:00!!!



Sept. 9 – Flames CC Meet

Sept. 14 – Scoopie Night

Sept. 15 – AR Reading Night

Sept. 16 – Hat & Sunglass Day

Sept. 19 – DC Meeting 6:30

Sept. 22 – Cheerleading Tryouts

Sept. 26 – Florida Meeting 7pm

Sept. 29 – 8F Field Trip

Sept. 30 – Field Trip Day Grades 5-7

Sept. 30 – Midterm