



Principal's Pad



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ILLNESS - Last Friday we had over 20% of our students out with the stomach flu. The Health Department was notified. This is a good time to remind parents that if your child falls ill in the afternoon or evening, they should stay home the following day. Students should also be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Our teachers and janitors are doing their best to sanitize the building but students who come to school ill are simply infecting the rest of their classmates. Please help us by closely monitoring your student before they come to school.

NO SCHOOL ~ There will not be any classes for students on Friday, Jan. 20th to celebrate the end of the first semester! There will also be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, Jan. 27 for Parent Teacher Conferences.

HOT LUNCH FEES: The USDA, under the HHFK Act of 2010, requires all schools to increase their hot lunch fees. Effective Monday, January 23, we will be stepping up our paid meal fees to \$2.25 for 1-8 graders, \$2 for K and Day Care students and \$2.75 for adult meals. The cost for a carton of milk will go up to 30 cents as a result of higher milk prices. Questions on this or any aspect of the lunch program please ask Kay Maurer or Janet Jass.

CARNATION SALES THIS WEEK ~ Orders with exact change can be turned in before or after school to Miss Schultz (room 105). Orders need to be in sealed envelopes with child's name and class/grade on the front of the envelope. Additional cards can be gotten from Miss Schultz. Carnations will be delivered on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Show someone you care! Students can send flowers to other students, teachers, classroom aides, pastors, coaches and parents. Parents may also send them to their children. Thank you for your support!

NON-WORKING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Mrs. Gestrich will still be collecting them until January 31st. Thanks!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – There will be no scheduled appointments for this session. The teachers will be available in their classrooms for you to see them on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6-8:00pm and again on Friday Jan. 27 from 9am until noon.

FUTURE CHEERLEADERS – This is just a reminder that the forms for future cheerleaders are due to Mrs. Natz by Wednesday, January 11th. Thank you!

ROOM MOTHERS – A reminder to turn in your reimbursement forms for Christmas party expenses. Forms are available outside the school office and may be turned into the PTL box also located outside the school office. Thank you for all your help in our classrooms!

PIZZA SALES: If you would like your child to sell pizzas this year please look for the forms and instructions to go home next (Tuesday, January 17). Orders will be due on Friday, February 3. If your child wishes not to participate in the pizza fundraiser you may still have the option of making a cash donation to help defray school costs. We thank you for your support of St. Paul's School.

TROPICAL DAY: Don't forget to dress in your favorite tropical attire on Thursday, Jan. 19! Please remember that clothes must in good taste and follow the dress code.

WE WELCOME BACK TAMMY KEOGEL! She has recovered quite quickly from her surgery and is happy to be back. We thank her that she spent her time recovering sorting through our Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels, and Sentry Receipts.

LOMBARD HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Anyone needing hotel rooms for the Lombard Tournament should have their requests in by Friday, Jan. 13th. You can turn in your information to Mr. Fenrick or contact Mrs. Renae Frisque (868-6666).

JLIT – WHERE CAN I HELP? The 40th Annual JLIT Basketball tournament is just around the corner on Feb. 24-26. This is a major fundraiser for our school. Money raised is used in all areas of the church and school, not just athletics. Because of this, your help is greatly needed around the church and school during the weekend. Even if your child is not involved in athletics, please consider helping during the JLIT weekend. Please sign up in the basement of church to help in areas such as concessions, watching the gym doors and hallways, or helping check tickets. *This can be counted toward your family's volunteer time.*

JLIT DEPARTMENT HEAD NEEDED: We are in need of someone willing to head up the Fellowship Hall Clean-Up Department during the JLIT weekend. This person would be responsible for ensuring that we have helpers to clean off tables, return trays, gather silverware, and make sure that garbage is taken care of. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Michelle Beran at 754-4471, ext. 2.

JLIT CLOTHING SALE: PTL will have a clothing sale for our 40th JLIT! See the order form that was sent home last Friday. Forms with payment (made out to St. Paul's PTL) will be due Monday, Jan. 23. Questions? Please call Michelle Perleberg.

USED ST. PAUL'S CLOTHING SALE: If you have used St. Paul's clothing that no longer is worn or does not fit, why not consider passing it along to someone who does not have anything? Clothing can be turned into the office before Friday, Jan. 27th. Please make sure that clothing is washed and free of stains. We will advertise when this clothing will be made available for others to select from.

BOX TOP'S CONTEST - Jill Trumpy has taken on the task of being the Box Top's coordinator for St. Paul's. Please see the attached letter from her regarding a six week contest that will reward the top two classrooms that collect the most Box Tops with an ice cream treat at the end of the year. Stop in to pick up your forms outside the school office.

ST. PAUL'S JANESVILLE VERUS FIRST IMMANUEL CEDARBURG AT THE BRADLEY CENTER That's right; our A Cheerleaders, A Girls, and A Boys again have the opportunity to play where the PROs play on

Saturday March 24th. We have the court from 3:00-5:00 and are followed by the Bucks/Pacers at 7:30. Your special ticket price of \$21, \$31, or \$41 will get you in for all the games (including the Bucks.) It was a great family event last year. If you have questions or would like to support and join us; please contact: Scott Gestrich, 608-774-2207, gestriscn@airproducts.com or Mark Fenrick mfenrick@stpaulsjanesville.com

SCRIP PROGRAM ~You have likely heard the word **SCRIP** here at St. Paul's, but you may not totally understand exactly what **SCRIP** is. Over the next few weeks, we are going to explain it all to you. Let's start at the beginning. What is **SCRIP** and how does it work? **SCRIP** is a fundraising program, implemented at St. Paul's in 1997. This program allows St. Paul's to purchase gift cards from national & local businesses at discounted prices. We then sell these cards to you at face value, generating an instant rebate to St. Paul's with each card sold. Rebates range anywhere from 1.5% to 30% of the face value of each card. Participating retailers accept **SCRIP** gift cards dollar-for-dollar in place of cash or credit. Paying with **SCRIP** instead of cash or credit allows you to generate much needed financial support for St. Paul's without spending a penny more than you are already spending for everyday expenses like groceries, gas, clothing, and entertainment. You receive the full value of goods and services – same as cash or credit – PLUS St. Paul's receives a rebate equal to 1.5% - 30% of your purchase. It's true – your money is actually worth more when you pay with **SCRIP**! Using **Scrip** is a great way to be a good steward of the generous gifts God has bestowed upon you.

♥ **THANK you!**

~ To everyone for the gifts for the faculty, as well as everyone who brought food to the lounge.
~ To everyone for donating to Christmas bags which were given out at the children's program.
~ Thank you to Mary Toberman & crew for putting up & taking down the school Christmas tree in the lobby.
~ Thanks to all who bring in Box Tops! We just received a check for over \$450 from them. Keep bringing them in for the next order.
~ Thank you for taking advantage of Sentry receipts! We received a reimbursement for \$164.



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~Kemps Nickels for Schools just reimbursed us \$41. Send in those caps!

~ This year marks the 40th anniversary of JLIT. Thank you to **Thronsen Lettering** for creating this year's logo. Look for it around school and church in the coming weeks.

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSINGS

1. We do not always do what is done in the public schools in Janesville. Our schedule is not always the same, and we do not have to consider what is done with the buses. We have to make the decision on what we think is best for our school. You may or may not agree with the decision, but it is my job to "make the call."
2. Usually the decision is made by 6:00 a.m. We then call WJVL (99.9 FM), WCLO (12.30 AM), and WJOY (107.3 FM) and have them announce it on the radio. Last year we had parents request that we also inform the television stations, so we now also call NBC15 (Channel 5 on cable) and inform them. It will also be posted on our website.
3. When it is announced that Janesville schools are having school, calling off school, having a delay, or dismissing early, that does not necessarily mean we will be doing the same. Please listen for St. Paul's name to be announced.
4. When the public school has a late beginning, and we do not, we do not mark students tardy who come late. We realize some of you have to bring children to our school, as well as have siblings in high school, so we do not penalize the child for the conflict. Simply get your child here as soon as possible, and be careful on the roads.
5. There may be days when you have a fear that the roads are getting bad, but we are not dismissing early. If you have that fear, and want to come and pick your child up early, please do so. We do not mark your child absent for an early dismissal.

6. We realize that some of you live quite a distance from school and road conditions are different in the various locations. We have to make a decision without the benefit of reports from all over the county. If the decision is to have school, but you cannot bring your children safely please feel free to keep them home. We do not want to be the cause of an accident. Thanks for your help on these Wisconsin Winter Days!!!

CALENDAR

- Jan. 10 - 12 ~ Carnation Sales
- Jan. 13 ~ BBall Games Home vs. St. Mark's Watertown
- Jan. 14 & 15 ~ A Girl's BBall Tourny @ Lakeside
- Jan. 17~ Pizza Packets go home
- Jan. 18 ~ Market Day Pickup 2:30
- Jan. 19 ~ NJHS 7:15 am
- Jan. 19 ~ Tropical Day
- Jan. 20 ~ End of Semester/NO SC HOOL
- Jan. 20 ~ BB Away @ TSL
- Jan. 21 ~ B-Boys BBall Tourny @ TSL
- Jan. 23 ~ Voter's Meeting 7:00
- Jan. 26 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00-8:00
- Jan. 27 ~ NO SCHOOL/Conferences 9:00-12:00
- Jan. 27 ~ BB Home vs. Oconomowoc
- Jan. 30 ~ National AR Challenge Begins