



Week of August 28, 2009

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Principal's Notes

Opening Chapel - Pastor Wollman led our opening chapel service on Wednesday. His topic was based on our school's theme for the year - Isaiah 41:10 - which focuses on God's promises and how faithful he is in fulfillment of those promises. This is a beautiful passage that we will be talking about throughout the year. It offers us assurance that God is ever faithful and will always take care of us. Mr. Schrader will lead next week's chapel.

Busy Start! - As is usual, the year begins with many start-up activities, and we encourage your participation in them. This coming Monday evening, August 31, will be our Back-to-School Night for the middle school, beginning with a joint session in the church at 7:00pm. This will be followed by a walk-through of your child's classes. The elementary school will have their turn at this event on Thursday, September 3. Among the first PALS events are a Get Acquainted Tea on September 3, at 9:00am, and a potluck dinner on September 10, at 6:30pm. This will be followed by a business meeting. With a new principal in the building this year, this is a very important time for all of us to get on the same page, make sure we understand where we are headed, and especially, come to a mutual understanding of how we can best meet the needs of your child. This school is about the kids! We look forward to your family's participation in these events.

Initial Perspective - As the "new guy" on the block, I have to tell you how impressed I was walking around our school on the first day...so many good things going on. Truly pleasant, tuned-in kids; truly dedicated teachers who within the first few hours of the school year have already established a positive learning environment. I judge this from the orderliness of the classrooms I visited and the expressions on the faces of the children. They're ready to learn! I feel very blessed and thankful for the opportunity to be here! Have a blessed and relaxing weekend!

Mr. Schrader

Please remember these important dates:

Coming Up Next Week

- 31 - Opening Day for P4's
- First Grade starts full days
- Back to School Night Gr. 6-8, 7 PM
- 1 - Opening Day for P3's
- 3 - Get Acquainted Tea, 9-10:30 AM
- Back to School Night K-5, 7 PM
- 7 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Labor Day

Coming Up This Month

- 10 - PALS Pot Luck 6:30 PM
- 21 - Golf Tournament
- 25 - School Closed Professional Day
- 28 - Midterm Reports Gr. 5-8

Swine Flu Info for Parents Parents, in light of continued attention given to influenza and specifically Swine Flu, here are the latest recommendations from the CDC in reference for schools:

Recommended school responses for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Stay home when sick: Those with a flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines. They should stay home even if they are using antiviral medications.
- Separate ill students and staff: Students and staff who appear to have flu-like symptoms should be sent to a room separate from others until they can be sent home.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory: The new recommendations emphasize the importance of the basic foundations of influenza prevention: stay home when sick, wash hands frequently with soap and water when possible, and cover noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or in a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available.

- Routine cleaning: School staff should routinely clean areas that students and staff touch often with the cleaners they typically use. Special cleaning with bleach and other non-detergent-based cleaners is not necessary.
- Early treatment of high-risk students and staff: People at high risk for influenza complications who become ill with influenza-like illness should speak with their health-care provider as soon as possible. Early treatment with antiviral medications is very important for people at high risk because it can prevent hospitalizations and deaths.

We will monitor flu symptoms and absences very carefully and report any trends to the county nurse for further recommendations.

S P N St. Paul's News *from* PALS.....

A Welcome Back! I hope everyone had
L an enjoyable summer. PALS will be
S holding its annual "Get Acquainted Tea" on Thursday Sept 3, 9:00am in the Parish Hall, followed by the room mother meeting. This is a great time to meet the PALS board and sign up to volunteer for our fundraisers. We will start the school year off with our first fundraiser, Dutch Mill bulbs. Look for it to come home in the Friday folder. Don't forget about our Pot luck dinner on Thursday Sept 10 at 6:30pm, followed by our first PALS meeting. Please remember our "no cash" policy and make sure that everything is labeled when you put it in the PALS box in the office.

The 16th Annual St. Paul's Golf Outing will be held on Monday, September 21st at the Winters Run Golf Club in Bel Air. You can still sign up through Monday, September 14, so ask for a registration form in the school office. Sponsors are also needed, so if you have a business or know someone who does, please considering sponsoring a tee sign. Proceeds benefit St. Paul's School.

Clothing Swap - The Evangelism Committee will be holding a Clothing Swap on Saturday, October 16, featuring gently used clothing, handbags, shoes, children's clothing, coats, and formal dresses (think Homecoming!). No money is involved! For each piece of gently used clothing you donate, you get to pick a piece of clothing, a purse, shoes, children's clothing, etc. Drop off dates will be announced, but no clothing will be accepted the day of the swap. We are also looking to borrow sturdy clothing racks for a few days before and the day of the Swap, extra hangers, clean grocery bags, and mirrors. The Swap will run from 9 AM til 2 PM. Please contact Miriam in the office for more information.

Christmas Bazaar - The Evangelism Committee will be holding St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday, November 14, from 9 AM til 2 PM. The Bazaar was a great success last year, so come out and enjoy the Tasting Table, lots of popular vendors and a visit from Santa! If you have a business like Avon, Mary Kay, Silpada Jewelry, Pampered Chef or Tupperware, and would like to rent a table, please contact Janice Hanna at Rinkydink74@hotmail.com.

NYC Bus Trip - The bus trip to NEW YORK is Thursday, December 10th. Cost is \$100 and includes bus, ticket to Radio City Christmas Spectacular and driver gratuity. Contact Janice Hanna at rinkydink74@hotmail.com. Some seats are available just to ride along and do your own thing at \$40.00 each. Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

Also coming this Fall Breakfast with Santa! Watch for more details as the time gets closer!

POT LUCK DINNER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
PARISH HALL
6:30P.M.

All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Pot Luck Dinner. It is an evening of fellowship, fun and good food. Dinner will be followed by the first PALS meeting of the year. It is an excellent opportunity for discussing plans, goals and activities in a relaxed atmosphere for the new school year, so please join us. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Even though it is Pot Luck - it is ORGANIZED! Your food assignment is:

- Pre-Kindergarten.....Main Dish
- Kindergarten.....Dessert
- Grade 1 and 2.....Salad and/or Vegetable
- Grade 3 and 4.....Dessert
- Grade 5 and 6.....Salad and / or Vegetable
- Grade 7 and 8.....Main Dish

More than one child, you are to follow the food assignment of your youngest. Please have your children return the following slip to their teacher A.S.A.P.

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Name..... Grade.....

..... I will attend

.....I am unable to attend

.....I will be there to help set-up or clean up (circle)

Go Green!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle . . .

. . . as we Repeat our very popular and profitable
Dutch Mill Bulbs fundraiser!

Pizza boxes and candy wrappers end up in landfills.
Dutch Mill Bulbs don't just beautify the environment;
They also green our (St. Paul's School) bank account. They
are eco-friendly and economical (only \$6.00 / sale) earning
us 50% on every sale.

- So let's:
- Reduce waste from polluting products.
 - Reuse and increase the impact of spring color with
Dutch Mill Bulbs
 - Recycle with bulbs that flower year after year.
They are worth the investment.

On sale August 28th through September 11th.

**HURRY AND GET YOUR ORDER IN.
CHECKS ONLY - PAYABLE TO PALS.**

School Calendar

- 2023-2024
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| August | <p>26 - Opening day for Kindergarten – 8th Grade: 8:45 AM (1/2 days for 1st Grade)</p> <p>31 - Opening Day for PreK 4's / First Grade starts full days / Back to School Night Grades 6-8, 7 PM</p> |
| September | <p>1 - Opening Day for PreK 3's</p> <p>3 - Get Acquainted Tea 9AM / Room Mom Meeting</p> <p>- Back to School Night, K-5, 7 PM</p> <p>7 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Labor Day</p> <p>10 - Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 PM</p> <p>21 - Annual Golf Tournament / Check In at 8 AM / Start at 9 AM at Winters Run Golf Club in Bel Air</p> <p>25 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Professional Day – Teachers' In-Service</p> <p>28 - MidTerm Reports Grades 5-8</p> |
| October | <p>1 - PALS Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>5 - School Pictures PreK 4 – 8th Grade</p> <p>6 - School Pictures PreK 3 and Absentees</p> <p>16 - SCHOOL CLOSED - SED Conference</p> <p>30 - End of 1st quarter (45 days), School Closes at 12 N for Report Card Prep</p> |
| November | <p>5 - PALS Meeting 9 AM</p> <p>- School Closes at 12N – PreK -8 Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled in afternoon and evening</p> <p>6 - SCHOOL CLOSED PreK -8 Parent/Teacher Conferences</p> <p>14 - Book Fair / Christmas Bazaar 9-2 / OPEN HOUSE</p> <p>25-27 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving break</p> |
| December | <p>2 - Advent Service 7 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>3 - PALS Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>7 - Midterm Reports Grades 5-8</p> <p>9 - Advent Service 7 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>16 - Advent Service 7 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>18 - School Closes at end of day for Christmas Break - Full Day</p> <p>24 - Christmas Eve Services 7 PM & 11 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>25 - Christmas Festival Service 10 AM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> |
| January | <p>4 - School Reopens following Christmas Holiday</p> <p>7 - PALS Meeting 7 PM</p> <p>15 - School Closes at 12 N for report card prep. End of 2nd quarter (41 days)</p> <p>15 - Balance of Tuition due for those on the 2 Pay Plan</p> <p>18 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Martin Luther King Holiday</p> <p>22 - Report Cards Distributed</p> |
| February | <p>4 - PALS Meeting 9 AM</p> <p>6 - OPEN HOUSE (tentative)</p> <p>12-15 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Winter Break</p> <p>16 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 PM</p> <p>17 - Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>24 - Lenten Service 7 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> <p>25 - Midterm Reports Grades 5-8</p> <p>26 - SCHOOL CLOSED – Middle School & Kindergarten Conferences; Teacher Inservice Grades 1-5</p> |
| March | <p>3 - Lenten Service 7 PM <i>St. Paul's Lutheran Church</i></p> |

- 4 - PALS Meeting 7 PM
 - 8-12 - Lutheran Schools Week – tentative
 - 10 - Lenten Service 7 PM *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*- PreService Dinner served by PALS
 - 12 - **School Closes at 11:30 AM** for Skating Party
 - 17 - Lenten Service 7 PM *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*
 - 19 - End of 3rd Quarter (41days) - **School Closes at 12N** for Report Card Prep.
 - Middle School Play
 - 20 - Middle School Play
 - 24 - Lenten Service 7 PM *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*
 - 26 - Report Cards Distributed
- April
- 1 - **School Closed** for Easter Break
 - Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*
 - 2 - Good Friday Service 7 PM *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*
 - 12 - **School Reopens** following Easter Break
 - 14 - 7th Grade Geography Fair
 - 15 - PALS Meeting 7 PM
- May
- 3 - MidTerms 5-8
 - 6 - PALS Meeting 9 AM
 - Middle School Sports Banquet 6 PM
 - 20 - PALS Executive Board Meeting
 - 27-28 - PreK & K Conferences in afternoon
 - 27-28 - 8th Grade Field Trip
 - 31 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Memorial Day
- June
- 1 - School Picnic - tentative - School Closes at 11 AM
 - 3 - Regular dismissal time (3 PM)
 - Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 pm - ***This is a change from the original calendar***
 - 4 - **Last Day/School Closes at Noon** / 4th Quarter ends (47 days)
 - 7 - Teachers' Meetings
 - 10 - Mail out report cards