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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



December 4, 2009

"I am the Prince of Peace. As I said to My disciples, I say also to you: *Peace be with you.* Since I am your constant Companion, My Peace is steadfastly with you. When you keep your focus on Me, you experience both My Presence and My Peace. Worship Me as King of kings, Lord of lords, and Prince of Peace." (*Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young)

It's hard to believe that it's December already. It's hard to believe that our students are preparing for their worship services. The year has gone by quickly—how cliché, but true. I don't have to tell you about all the things that we "have to do" before Christmas. So during this hectic time, remember Christ's words, "Peace be with you." Not our humanistic peace of mind, but the true Peace of Christ.



MARKET DAY PICK-UP IS TOMORROW FROM 8:30 – 9:30 A.M. HELPERS – 4TH GRADE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight	Dec.	4	-	BB Home vs. Park Ridge – JV @ 5:00 & 6:00 P.M., V @ 7:00 & 8:00 P.M.	
			-	"Captive Free East Coast" Youth Concert @ Luther North – 7:00 P.M.	
Sat.	Dec.	5	-	MARKET DAY PICK-UP – 8:30-9:30 A.M.	
			-	Bensenville V BB Tournament	
			-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M. - Junior Choir Sings	
Sun.	Dec.	6	-	Bensenville V BB Tournament	Sunday School – 9:30 A.M.
Mon.	Dec.	7	-	JV BB @ Mt. Prospect – 5:00 & 6:00 P.M.	
Tues.	Dec.	8	-	V BB @ Mt. Prospect – 6:00 & 7:00 P.M.	
Wed.	Dec.	9	-	Advent Service – 7:00 P.M.	
Thurs.	Dec.	10	-	JV BB @ Arlington Hghts. – 5:00 & 6:00 P.M.	
Fri.	Dec.	11	-	V BB @ Quest Academy – 5:00 & 6:00 P.M.	
Sat.	Dec.	12	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.	

CHAPEL INFORMATION

Next Wednesday's chapel service will be led by First Grade on the topic "**'Twas the Night Before Christ's Birth**".

MUSIC NOTES



. . . Junior Choir will sing at the 6:00 P.M. service tomorrow night.

ATTACHED

- . . . Menu for December
- . . . Emergency School Closing Information
- . . . Information on Holiday Art Classes for students of all ages

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Practice has begun for our school Christmas services on Wednesday, December 16th. The Kindergarten through Fourth Grade program is at 6:00 P.M. and the Fifth through Eighth Grade program is at 7:30 P.M.

ST. PAUL HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

You are invited to join us in worship during this Holiday season at the following services:



Wednesday	-	Dec. 11	Advent Service – 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday	-	Dec. 16	School Christmas Services - 6:00 (Gr. K - 4) 7:30 (Gr. 5 - 8)
Thursday	-	Dec. 17	PreK Christmas Service – 2:00-3:00 P.M.
Sunday	-	Dec. 20	Sunday School Christmas Worship – 10:45 A.M.
Thursday	-	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 P.M. (Holy Communion @ 7:00 & 11:00)
Friday	-	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service – 10:00 A.M. (w/Holy Communion)
Thursday	-	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Service - 7:00 P.M. (w/Holy Communion)

UPTOWN FOOD COLLECTION

Mr. Charles Hawkins of the Chicago Uptown Ministry Food Pantry sent a note (see the church bulletin board) expressing their thanks for the generous donation of food (more than 400 lbs.!) provided by our church and school families.

PRESCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!

Please contact Mrs. Nowak if you would like to be a helper in the preschool classroom. Help is especially needed on Thursdays.

PENNIES FOR PIES

Thank you to all the classrooms for participating in the "Pennies for Pie" collection. The total amount collected was \$135.00!! Market Day was able to supply 14 pies for the St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. The winner of the contest was First Grade. They collected \$37.92 worth of pennies earning an ice cream treat for their efforts. It was a close contest because PreK collected \$34.23. More pies will be purchased at tomorrow's Market Day. Thank you again to everyone for your support and congratulations First Grade!!

SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION

Through December 20th we are collecting food for 5 families in our own church or school who are in need. Specific food items can be found on the ornaments on the Christmas tree in the breezeway. Please choose an item and bring it in by December 20th. Following the 10:45 service that morning the food will be boxed up and delivered to the families. Thank you for your help!



SNOW DAY PROCEDURE

We will again be implementing the emergency school closing procedure we used last year. The St. Paul Lutheran School family names and phone numbers have been split up and given to the St. Paul staff. Each staff member is in charge of calling about 10 families. After Mrs. Townsend decides to call off school she will start calling staff members and they will in turn call school families. The process should take approximately one half hour. **If you, for any reason, have changed your phone number as it is listed in this year's school directory, please let the office know right away so we can give it to the staff member who will be calling you.** If the weather looks like it could be bad, please be alerted to the T.V. and radio news stations as they also will be contacted and report our school closing on their stations. Attached to this issue of News and Notes is the information for the Emergency School Closing website which is another place that you can check online to see if we will be closed.



HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Our Student Council is asking all students to donate \$5 to purchase Christmas gifts for eight people in need in our community. In the past, the individuals and families our school and church have helped at Christmastime have come to us through Uptown Ministries. This year, we are offering help a little closer to home. The names of these eight people have been provided through St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. The Student Council will purchase two gifts for each of these eight people and wrap them. On Tuesday, December 15th, members of the Student Council will help distribute Christmas gifts to families and individuals at St. Cyprians. **Students, please bring \$5 for this special project by December 9th.** Thank you for helping us reach out to people in need!

2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY

It won't be long before we start thinking about the Christmas season, and that brings us to the 2nd Annual Christmas Nativity Display. This event is designed to share with others the special nativity scenes that you use in your home every Christmas. You'll be surprised at how many different kinds of nativities there are, and how different countries interpret the Christmas meaning. The display will be the weekend of December 12 (from 5:00 to 8:00 pm) and December 13 (from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm). As we begin to prepare for the event this year, we would like to ask for help from anyone who has a

few spare moments. Your help can be used in many different ways—including helping to set up and break down tables in the gym, donating cookies or beverages, helping to monitor the event, and especially offering your nativity for viewing. A flyer is attached for you to give to a neighbor or a co-worker so that we can spread the word about this annual Christmastime event. Please contact Mary McCallister at marymac93@yahoo.com or at (773) 774-6335 if you can help or if you have any questions. Thanks!

NOVEMBER'S LABEL/BOX TOP/MILK CAP WINNER is FIRST GRADE. They collected an average of 43 per student. Thank you to everyone for bringing in all your labels, milk caps and box tops. Please keep 'em coming! PLEASE MARK YOUR BAG(S) if you want a specific grade(s) to earn credit for your contributions. Thank you!! Please Note: We **are not** collecting "Kid\$ Cap\$ & Ca\$h" tops at this time, only the Kemp's bottle caps.

YEARBOOK SNAPSHOTS



Parents, as we begin work on our 2009-10 yearbook we are looking for pictures from cross country meets, volleyball games, PTL nights, science olympics, etc. If you have taken pictures at any of these events, please turn them in to either Mrs. Wo or Mrs. White in the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

Please be reminded that during basketball season the following guidelines need to be observed:

- Parental supervision or arrangements with another adult for supervising your child at games is needed.
- Written permission from a parent needs to be given to the teacher if a student is staying for a game and other adult supervision has been arranged.
- Students may not leave the building if staying for after-school activities.
- Students need to sit upstairs in the balcony where seating for fans is located.
- Students are expected to follow the instructions of any teacher or adult supervisor present.

Parents also need to take an active role in the supervision of their children at these activities. Your help in adhering to these guidelines is greatly appreciated.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

St. Paul Lutheran School yard signs are here. For a donation you can get a yard sign to proudly display your support as well as help spread the word about our wonderful school. The signs are in the school office. All proceeds from donations go towards marketing efforts for the school and church.

MARKETING TEAM

St. Paul Lutheran School has a marketing team that has been diligently working towards marketing our wonderful school. Marketing is fun and can be done in many ways. Small steps go a long way and we need your help! PLEASE take a poster or two from the table in the school hallway and post it at your workplace, the neighborhood community boards in grocery stores, libraries, train stations, etc. Working together WE CAN get the word out about St. Paul Lutheran School.

PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your prayers this week: the family of Will Clarke (8th) whose grandmother died last week; and the mother of Matthew (PK-3), Alexandria (3rd) and Jessenia (5th) Gonzalez who remains in the hospital awaiting further surgery. We pray God's blessings of peace, comfort and healing for these individuals and their families. *We also pray in thanksgiving for the safe birth of Mrs. Gyllstrom's first grandchild, Charles Michael, born Wednesday afternoon. We praise God that mother and baby are doing well!*