

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



February 26, 2010

Dear Parents—

Last week I called all of you to action to write letters to the Governor to restore the Illinois Textbook Loan Program. Representative Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora) and Senator Ira Silverstein (D-Chicago) have been asked to introduce legislation in the House and Senate to restore funding at Fiscal Year 2007 levels. The bills are **House Bill 6096** and **Senate Bill 3530**. Efforts are underway to sign up as many co-sponsors as possible. Last week, there were 14 co-sponsors added in the House and 8 in the Senate.

Now your help is needed: Please call your State Representative and ask him or her to sign on as a co-sponsor to House Bill 6096 and call your State Senator and ask him to sign on as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 3530.

The textbook program has been in operation since 1975. Its purpose is to provide secular textbooks, learning materials, and instructional computer software to public and nonpublic school students grades K-12. Although most of the program's funding goes to public schools, nonpublic schools have long depended on this program and have used the benefit to continually update math, science, and reading textbooks, as well as to purchase new instructional software for technology labs. Students cannot learn or succeed without effective and up-to-date learning materials and this program has helped ensure those materials are present in ALL schools.

To find contact information for your State Representative and State Senator, go to www.ilga.gov and click on Legislator Lookup in the lower right-hand portion of the page. You can then look up your State Representative and State Senator by district number, your home, or school address, or zip code.

On a lighter note, hats off to Mrs. Wo, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Graf, and Ms. Kosman for St. Paul's first ~ hopefully annual ~ Community Night. The students, with the help of their teachers and parents did a tremendous job. The vehicles and buildings were great. The occupation displays were informative. The students were insightful about what they had learned. What a blessing it was to have businesses here in our school!

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend. Mrs. Townsend

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri.	Feb. 26	-	Mid-Term	
		-	Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner – 6:00 P.M.	
Sat.	Feb. 27	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.	
Sun.	Feb. 28	-	Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.	Family Bible Hour – 9:30 A.M.
Mon.	March 1	-	8TH GRADE BANQUET MEETING – 7:00 P.M.	
Wed.	March 3	-	Mid-terms sent home	
Sat.	March 6	-	Worship Service – 6:00 P.M.	
Sun.	March 7	-	Lutheran Schools Week Services 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.	Family Bible Hour – 9:30 A.M.
			Cherub & Children's Choirs Sing @ 10:45	
-			School Open House – 1:00-4:00 P.M.	

CHAPEL INFORMATION

Next week's chapel service will be led by Mrs. Bejot on the topic "Not Just a Story".

CHOIR NOTES



. . . Our Cherub and Children's Choirs will sing at the 10:45 service on Sunday, March 7th.

ATTACHED . . . Volunteer Sign-Up for March 7th Open House
. . . March Calendar of Events & March Menu
. . . Lutheran Schools Week Schedule of Events
. . . Market Day Dessert Order Form & Pizza Sale Flyer
. . . February Issue of "Home & School Connection"

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Last Friday's "Community Night" was a great success!! Our Kindergarteners paraded through the gym in their vehicles. Then first through third graders presented information about the businesses and buildings that they visited. Ten community partners came to share information and treats with attendees. Parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors moved from tale to table interacting with the students. We were pleased to have over 150 people in attendance!



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our second School Open House will be on Sunday, March 7th, from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. and we need YOUR help to make it a success. If you can help in any way, please fill out and return the attached flyer. Thank you!



PTL LITERACY NIGHT

Just a reminder that the PTL "Beaches of Books" Literacy Night has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 9th, from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. as part of our Lutheran Schools Week celebration. Our beach-themed event will be filled with many activities, including storytelling, craft stations, a puppet show, and poetry reading from our junior high students. (Please see the attached flyer for more details!) Students will be allowed to wear beach hats, sunglasses and appropriate t-shirts on Wednesday during the school day, and everyone is encouraged to "dress the part" that evening! We also are in search of a few volunteers to assist us during the event, so please contact Alison LaValley @ (773) 625-4076 or alavalley@nrca.net, if you can help. Thanks! ~ The St. Paul PTL



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB sign-up sheets and money were due today but can still be turned in on MONDAY. *Happy Birthday and Happy Reading! Mrs. Graf*

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The St. Paul Lutheran School Board of Education (BOE) is currently seeking individuals who may be interested in becoming a member of the Board. The Board of Education works together with the administration and staff of the school to see to it that an excellent Christian education is offered through our school. There is currently a need for adding three new St. Paul Church members and one new Community member to our current School Board consisting of Lee Baker, Chairperson, Ken Erdmann, Gale Keefe, Cathy Sienkiewicz and Kathy Slupik. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Education, please contact Chairperson Lee Baker at lbsb582@worldnet.att.net or at (847) 721-6877. We thank you for your consideration to this important request.

ALUMNI NEWS

We are pleased to recognize **Julia Cuscaden**, a freshman at Trinity High School, for earning First Honors for the first semester of the 2009-10 school year. Congratulations Julia!

LIGHT OF CHRIST AWARDS

Character is defined as what you do when no one is looking. Students are nominated for this award by the teachers for doing helpful acts when they didn't think anyone was looking. The following students were nominated for the Pillar of Character listed:

Sam Gruszecki	PreK	<u>Responsibility:</u>	"Sam always goes above and beyond to help his classmates. He sees a need and is always the first one to assist. Thanks, Sam, from all your PreK friends!" <i>Mrs. Nowak</i>
Katherine Gonzalez	PreK	<u>Caring:</u>	"Katherine volunteered to share her portion of applesauce so a friend could have some too." <i>Mrs. Nowak</i>
Sean Bracken	First Grade	<u>Citizenship:</u>	"When older students borrow gloves or playground balls, Sean volunteers to put them all away." <i>Mrs. Palmer</i>
Nathan Malek	Second Grade	<u>Caring & Responsibility:</u>	"Nathan displayed great caring and responsibility while reading with a partner. He really encouraged the other student and helped him." <i>Mrs. Graf</i>
Erin Behland	Seventh Grade	<u>Caring:</u>	"When a student dropped her belongings Erin helped her pick them up." <i>Mrs. Palmer</i>
Lauren Kreher	Eighth Grade	<u>Caring:</u>	"Lauren helped a student pick up her belongings after she dropped them." <i>Mrs. Palmer</i>
Audrey Tamulewicz	Eighth Grade	<u>Caring:</u>	"Audrey is <u>always</u> ready to help anyone at any time. She is especially eager to help me. She has helped me by taking things out to my car after school." <i>Mrs. Townsend</i>
Emily Johnson	Eighth Grade	<u>Responsibility:</u>	"Emily came over and volunteered to help me when I was marking the hymn pages for my class." <i>Mrs. Palmer</i>
Bram Turner	Eighth Grade	<u>Citizenship:</u>	"Mr. Boberg says that Bram routinely picks up trash on the playground and parking lot. He is a good steward of our school as well as our environment.." <i>Mrs. Townsend</i>

MARKET DAY THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mrs. Palmer, her 1st Grade students and parents, and our regular helpers who worked at our last Market Day pick up - we couldn't do it without your help! Thanks again!

MARCH MARKET DAY & DESSERT BONUS NEWS

Our next Market Day is Saturday, March 13th, from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. Paper orders are due Tuesday, March 9th, and on-line orders by 11:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 10th. This will be our last pick up before Easter and spring break, so don't forget to order what you need for your holiday entertaining and for the kids home on vacation. Attached (and also available in the Narthex Market Day box) is a "Sweet Endings" Dessert Bonus order form. This is another Market Day "bonus sale" that provides St Paul the opportunity to earn extra dollars on these special desserts for March only. So, if you don't regularly order from Market Day but would like to participate in this bonus sale, you can fill out this simple desserts only form. Order deadline and delivery is the same as listed above for the regular Market Day form. The "Sweet Endings" profit is based upon amount ordered, so please help boost our bonus sale by ordering a yummy dessert or two for your Easter dinner. As always, thanks for supporting St Paul through your Market Day purchases.

MARKET DAY PIZZA SALE COMING SOON

Mark your calendar and check backpacks...next week begins our Uno Pizza Sale. This special bonus sale begins Fri., March 5th, with orders and payment due Tues., March 23rd. Orders can also be placed on-line with a credit card. Delivery will be Saturday,

April 17th. So look for a white envelope next week, containing a full color brochure and order form and all the details about Market Day's special Uno pizza sale. Enjoy restaurant quality pizzas from Uno in the comfort of your home. Choose your favorites and stock your freezer with these delicious varieties: Legendary Deep Dish Pizzas, Thin Crust Hand-Tossed Pizzas, Thin & Crispy Flatbread Pizzas, and Italian Calzones. Please ask your family and friends to order also and help St Paul earn extra dollars from this special Market Day Uno pizza bonus sale.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MARKETING ACTION TEAM NEWS

-- The St. Paul Marketing Action Team wants you to know what we've been doing and how you can help! The first Open House of the year on January 31st was a resounding success thanks in large part to parents and friends of St. Paul spreading the word, and posters, postcard mailings and press releases that were authored and distributed by members of our team. Community Night held Friday, February 19th, was a terrific event which packed the gym thanks to our students, teachers, families and local community partners!

-- In the interest of spreading the word about our next School Open House, Sunday March 7th, from 1:00-4:00 P.M., WILDKATS Summer Camp Program and all the other great initiatives from St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, we would love to have your help! Please email Carla Stone at Carla.Stone@Illinois.gov or call Craig Bechtel at 224-567-8450 if you can assist now on the marketing team or think you could help spread the word in the future!

-- The easiest way to spread the word beyond talking with others about St. Paul is to display your pride in St. Paul-- make a donation for a yard sign (available in the office), purchase a bumper sticker or window cling, and put up our school flyers in your places of work and around the neighborhood!

-- Please email or call with any questions or ideas you have. Thanks to God we have a wonderful school to share His love and pray we will be blessed with many more students and families to further grow! ~ Thanks for your consideration and God Bless!

LHN DRAMA PRESENTS: "NIGHT OF ONE ACTS" [02/26/10 - 02/28/10]

7:00 pm on Fri., 2/26 and Sat., 2/27 / 3:00 pm on Sunday, 2/28 - Come and enjoy these five plays, guaranteed to keep you laughing for days. (St. Paul alumna Jenna Little is in the play.)

CHECK PLEASE/CHECK PLEASE TAKE TWO/CHECK PLEASE TAKE THREE by Jonathan Rand: Meet Guy and Girl. Both are looking for love and both have entered the very dangerous territory of...blind dates! Will they find their true match or will they become casualties in a world of weird and annoying single individuals looking to date?

TIME FLIES by David Ives: Two mayflies discover love...and that they live for only twenty-four hours.

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS by David Ives: Three monkeys are placed in a room, where scientists hope they will write Hamlet. Tickets are \$8.00 Adults and \$5.00 Students

BATTLE OF THE PRAISE BANDS

This Sunday, February 28th, the "St. Paul Praise Band" will be participating in a "Battle of the Bands" competition at Walther Lutheran High School. The event begins at 4:00 P.M. If you did not order a ticket in advance, they are \$15 at the door.

PRAYER LIST

Please include the following in your prayers this week: the grandmother of Eric Gore (7th) who had surgery yesterday; the father of Eric (5th) and Emily (8th) Johnson who is recovering from surgery; and the mother of Matthew (PK-3), Alexandria (3rd) and Jessenia (5th) Gonzalez for continued healing. *We pray that God will watch over them and grant them His blessings of healing, strength, comfort and peace.*

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ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS!!

Please plan to join us **MONDAY NIGHT, MARCH 1ST**, for an 8th Grade Banquet Meeting. We will meet in Mrs. Townsend's room @ 7:00 P.M. to discuss plans for the banquet. *Thank you ~ Mrs. Townsend and the St. Paul PTL*