



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN...

This week as students returned from vacation, I would frequently hear the question, "What did you get for Christmas?" It is always interesting to hear students respond to this question especially the younger ones. Some might spill out a laundry list of toys, bikes, video games and many other things. Other students will pause and think for a while. After all it has been over 2 weeks since Christmas and the newness has faded. Some of the gifts have relegated to the back of the closet to be found in six months when looking for something else. Sadly, some of the gifts have already found their way to the garbage bin.



From a Christian perspective it is easy to fall into this practice as well. The nativity scenes have been put away for the next 11 months the lights are put out, but the great gift remains. In the Gospel of John 1, we read of this Christmas gift in a section of scripture usually left untouched on Christmas Eve. The apostle wrote, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning and that through Him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1: -2) The term Word in this passage is referring to the second person of the Trinity also known as the Son of God. He was there at the beginning and was active in creation.

But then the Christmas gift is presented in John's Gospel the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:15) This is the great story of Christmas. That God became flesh and dwelt among us. It was necessary because of man's sin that someone had to die for payment of those sins. Only a human could die. But it is also true that only the perfect Son of God could live perfectly and absolutely complete the payment in total for man's sins. This is the gift of Christmas. When the quaintness of the shepherds and the wise men disappear. This gift remains. Christ remained on this Earth to go to the cross and rise from the dead for us. Because of this gift, the gift of heaven waits for all who have faith in Him as their Savior and Lord. The gift remains a vital part of yours and my life.



So as you put the final Christmas festive decorations away in the coming weeks leave the Great Gift of God's Son made flesh for us in the center of your life and faith.



FACTS TIPS

January 11, 2019

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RE-ENROLLMENT AND EARLY ENROLLMENT STARTED MONDAY JANUARY 7TH Early enrollment began for returning families and St. Paul's church members on Monday. Open enrollment for everyone will begin on Tuesday, January 22nd. Information was mailed to your home December 28th. If you did not receive this or need additional copies stop by the office. If you would like more information or would like to speak with someone about the school, our Principal, Mr. Krupski, would be glad to speak with you. Please call the school office at 815-932-0312.

FINANCIAL AID If you are applying for financial aid for the 2019-2020 school year, FACTS website does not open it until Feb 1st. Please do so after that. The determinations are not available until May. Getting your financial aid requests in early is imperative as funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.



THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21st.

We will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

FAMILY COSMIC BOWLING
Join us for Cosmic Bowling on Saturday, January 26th from 2:30-4:30PM at Brookmont Bowling Center. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$12 per person and includes 2 hours of cosmic bowling and shoe rental. Registration forms went home with students today. If you would like to attend please return the form to the school office by January 23rd. Checks should be made payable to **St. Paul's PTL.**



CHAPEL - Chapel is Wednesday at 8:30AM. Our Chapel offering for the month of December will be donated to **Phil's Friends**. Phil's Friends provides Christ Centered Support and hope to those affected by Cancer. So far we this week we have raised \$50.08

TAX INFORMATION FOR 2018 NEW THIS YEAR
New procedures for your TAX info for 2018. You will now be able to access your tax information anytime online and print it out. Follow the steps below:

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- Log into your account
- Select View Details
- Select View Payment Summary
- Select Year and Hit Print

FAST DIRECT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

- Log into your account
- Select the Finance Icon
- Select the Tax Report
- Select the Year and Print

EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH. Students in K-8 will be released at 11:30AM, and Preschool will be dismissed at 11:15AM. **There will be no lunch served** this day. If you will be utilizing our extended care, please sign up in advance and please send your child to school with a cold lunch.

UPCOMING DATES

Jan 17-20	Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament
Jan 18	Early Registration Ends
Jan 18	End of 2nd Quarter
Jan 18	Early Dismissal 11:15 Pre-K 11:30 K-8
Jan 20-26	National Lutheran Schools Week
Jan 21	No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 22	Open Enrollment Begins
Jan 22	Spelling Bee
Jan 23	Tim Hannig's Show 6:30PM
Jan 26	Cosmic Bowling 2:30PM
Jan 31	Group Yearbook Pictures



**National Lutheran Schools Week
January 20th Thru January 27th.
“Our God is Real and Present Here” Psalm
46**

Sunday, Jan. 20th: K-8 sings at 8:30AM

Monday, Jan. 21st: **No School – Martin Luther King Day**

Tuesday, Jan. 22nd: **Theme: “God is Real in Grace”**

Dress: Christian Wear & Accessories
Event: Chapel & Thank You Bookmarks

Wednesday, Jan. 23rd: **Theme: “God is Real in Praise”**

Dress: Class Color Day
Event: Tim Hannig – entertainer at 9:00 (PreK-2nd) & 1:00 (3rd-8th) Night Show 6:30

Thursday, Jan. 24th: **Theme: “God is Real Eternally”**

Dress: Decades Day
Event: None

Friday, Jan. 25th: **Theme: “God is Real Everywhere with Everyone”**

Dress: St. Paul’s Wear
Event: Service Mission in the Community

Sunday, Jan. 27th: Preschool sings at 11:05 service

** There will be a daily dance break in the morning

MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE

We have raised \$15,145 for the matching funds challenge. The money is designated for Tuition Assistance. Thank you for your generous gifts helping our church and school.

**58TH ANNUAL VASITY BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
JANUARY 17TH-20TH**

We are getting ready for our last tournament of the year! We will have 12 teams from all over playing in this tournament over 4 very long days! We need your help to make the tournament a success. Below are the dates and shifts that need to be filled.

Saturday January 19

Concessions:

1:15-4, 3:45-6:45, 6:30-9

Set-up for church after last game**

Sunday January 20

Take down church before 1st game**

**Setting up and taking down for church will earn double partnership hours. Students are welcome to help which counts toward partnership hours. In addition, students will have a dress down day for helping on January 22nd.

If you are able to help, please contact Julie Salzman at 815-530-7320 or speak with her after school.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR COLLECTING BOX TOPS.

We recently received a check for \$379.50! Please continue to clip your Box Tops, it’s an easy way to earn money for our school. All you need to do is cut them off the packaging and drop them in the blue box in the school office. We earn 10¢ for every Box Top, sometimes more. As you can see, it adds up.

SPREAD OF ILLNESS We are getting an increasing number of students who are coming down with flu and or stomach flu. In that we are trying to limit the spread of illness. Please be reminded that school policy states that if a student is ill, the student may not return to school for a period of 24 hours after any symptoms of the illness and/or fever have disappeared.

