



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN...

This past week I was standing at the front door greeting students. As they were coming into the building one of the students' younger siblings was complaining about how cold it was outside (It was 52 degrees). Being the child's loving mother, she picked her son up and wrapped him a warm blanket that made everything well. When one pays attention to this small gesture, it is amazing how a simple love driven action can make a difference.

In life, we are confronted with many things. It may be an angry child or spouse, crabby employer, or a rude clerk in a store. It also may be a tragedy, such as a loss of a family member or a loss of a job. It is easy at these moments to feel totally exposed and open to the world. It is at these moments the devil waits to pounce. Peter wrote of this when he said, "Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone devour" (1 Peter 5:8). The devil uses people and events to pile onto your life to make you feel like you are completely alone.

The good news is that you are not. Our Lord is right there beside you. The Lord has promised this many times. He told the children of Israel, "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14). In the book of Isaiah we read, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." (Isaiah 43:2). There are many other places where the Lord wraps His loving arms around you and assures you of His comfort and control. We can be at peace.

As Christians, we live in that peace, but we are not to keep that wrap of peace to ourselves, but we are to share it with others. We should not just sit back and wait for something to happen, but we should seek ways in which we can wrap others with the peace of Christ. This is part of discipling. The compassion we show to others will witness more than mere words. It will open doors for you to share the message of Christ. Peter writes, "Always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15). Through the power of the Holy Spirit the door is open and through His power we have the message of hope in Christ to wrap others in God's unending love.



THEREFORE GO!



Tiger Tracks

September 29, 2018

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PARTNERSHIP HOURS OPPORTUNITY

- Concession help needed for this Friday *9/28 4:15-end for soccer. Volleyball tickets and concessions 5:45-7:45, 7:15-8:45
 - *10/10 needed 4:15-6:15
 - *10/11 needed 4:15-6:15
 - *10/13 needed 10:15-2:15
- See Julie to volunteer or send her a message



CANNED FOOD DRIVE: Bring in Your Canned Goods! The annual canned food drive starts October 7-November 18th. Please help the less fortunate by bringing in nonperishable food and non-food items such as soups, cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tomatoes, pastas, canned pasta sauce, canned meats, Jello and pudding mixes, baking mixes such as Bisquick, cake, cookie and brownie mixes, boxed meal kits, macaroni and cheese, Beefaroni, canned spaghetti and other pasta meals. Also paper towels, toilet paper, foil and plastic wrap. The donations will go to the food pantry at St. Paul's for the November and December food distributions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Are you ready to participate in this exciting event? For the past few years we have been packing shoe boxes with school supplies, personal care items and other goodies for children around the world. It cost \$9 to mail each shoe box, therefore monetary donations are appreciated as well. Envelopes for a monetary donation are located on the table in the entrance of the school. Please make any checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran. On Saturday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the school, we will begin packing shoe boxes. You won't want to miss the fun so mark your calendars now. Last year we shipped about 200 shoe boxes. Let's see what we can do this year!

CHAPEL - Chapel is Wednesday at 8:30AM. Please join us, everyone is welcome. We are collecting chapel offerings for PRC Baby Bottle Drive In October. St Paul's is having a "Spare Change Baby Bottle Drive" to benefit the River Valley Parenting & Pregnancy Resource Center in Bradley, IL. The bottles will be distributed November 3 & 4 and 10 & 11. Bottles will also be available in the church office. The RVPRC is a life affirming, Christ centered, non-profit agency that provides many services to women, men and grandparents. The centers operational expenses, for this ongoing ministry, is provided solely thru donations. All bottle donations need to be brought back to church by November 30th. Please return all bottles as they are the property of the RVPRC. Thank you!



ABSENCES— If your child is ill you must CALL the school office first thing in the morning at 815-932-0312 If you are unable to reach someone live please leave a message with your child's first and last name, grade, illness, and if you will be stopping by to pick up homework. Certain illnesses are required to be reported to the state of Illinois.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept 28	Last day for shorts
Oct 6	Operation Christmas Child 10am
Oct 8	Columbus Day School in Session
Oct 9-11	Life Education Van
Oct 10	Athletic Pictures for golf, soccer, volleyball and cross county immediately after school
Oct 15	Boy's Basket Ball First Practice
Oct 18	Windy City Players
Oct 19	No School Teachers Conference
Oct 21	Octoberfest Dinner 12:30



Debit, Credit and ACH are here!
You can now make payments to your extended care and your lunch accounts electronically on Fast Direct. Steps to get started.

- 1) Log into Fast Direct. Click your \$ finance tab on the top blue bar. This will give you transaction history so you can see your balances. Click the amount due to see the breakdown of your charges.
- 2) On the right side you will find your wallet. Click there to set up your accounts. You can choose debit, credit or ACH. There are fees associated that parents are responsible for ACH is \$1 and Debit and Credit is 3%.
- 3) After you set up your wallet, you will go into make a payment on the left side. Click there and it will show you what balances you owe. You can designate which money is applied to what account.
- 4) You will receive a receipt in your fast direct account.

As always we will still accept cash and checks in the office. These can be dropped off anytime. In addition you can put a check or cash in an envelope in your child's folder. Teachers are great about sending these down to the office.

FALL IS HERE! THIS FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY to wear shorts. As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child to school with appropriate protection, i.e. coat, hat, gloves, scarf. PE & Recess will continue to be held outside weather permitting.

Uniform Reminders-Leggings are only allowed to be worn under a dress. They are not allowed to be worn on their own. Jeans with rips or wholes are not allowed either.

BOYS BASKETBALL PRACTICE STARTING OCTOBER 15th!



BEE MOM'S—(formally MOPS)

Join BEE Mom's! Mom's with kids from newborns to 5 years old are invited to gather at St. Paul's for sharing, prayer, and a bunch of God's grace. BEE Moms exist to support each other in our vocations as mothers, wives, and sisters in Christ. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the school site in the library. Childcare is provided. Please contact Bethany Hanel at 913-961-2425 if you have any questions.



Oktoberfest Dinner - St. Paul's Oktoberfest Dinner is October 21st in the school gym following the 11:05 service, about 12:30 or 12:45. If you haven't come before, you won't want to miss the fellowship, German music and German-style food!! The menu includes: bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, applesauce, pretzel bread and pumpkin & apple desserts. For kids or those who don't care for brats or German potato salad, hot dogs and potato chips will be available. Apple cider and coffee will also be served. There will also be German music to complete the atmosphere! A freewill offering will be taken, but is not required. We hope you can join us!! **Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Set up, serve, clean up, dessert. There are forms available to sign up in the office.**

