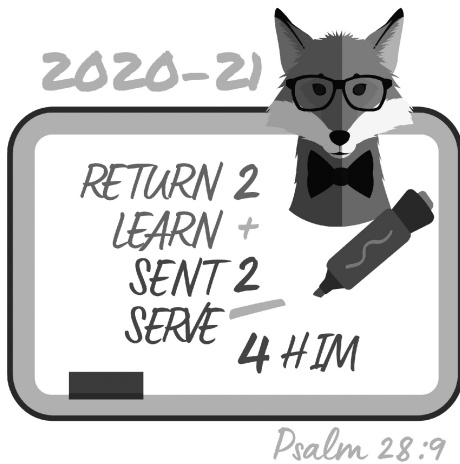




ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

8601 Harrison Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

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THE MISSION OF ST. PAUL'S
We, as a Lutheran School in partnership with our parents and congregation, provide a high quality education to nurture our students to become lifelong learners, responsible citizens and Disciples of Christ.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule
Saturdays - 5:30 pm
Sundays - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Rev. Peter Speckhard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Donald Stock, Pastor
Jaymes Hayes, Director of Christian Education
Barb Mertens, Principal

Renweb Facts www.renweb.com - SPL-IN
website - www.stplmunster.com
Facebook - @StPaulsSchoolMunster

COMING EVENTS

- Fri., 12/11 Hanger Management Snack Shack - lunch hours
ISSMA entry fees due
- Mon., 12/14 8:30 am TRIP orders due
3:15 pm Jubilate
- Wed., 12/16 8:30 am Chapel K-4 recording
Of Advent Service
- Thurs., 12/17 Dollar No Collar
8:45 am Late Start Thursday
9:00 am Recording of Preschool
Christmas Program
- Fri., 12/18 End of Second Quarter/First
Semester
Spirit Day
Stocking stuffer items due
12:00 pm Dismissal - no lunch
Or extended care
Christmas vacation begins
- 12/21 - 1/1 NO SCHOOL/PRESCHOOL -
Christmas Vacation
- Tues., 12/22 Report cards available online
- Fri., 1/1 Tuition payment due
- Mon., 1/4 School Resumes

BUSINESS

*SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear orders were distributed through the classroom on Monday.

*SCHOOL DAY EVENTS

School will be dismissed at **12:00 pm on Friday, December 18**. There will be no hot lunch or extended care. **Grades Preschool-8 will not be in session Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1. Preschool-Grade 8 will resume Monday, January 4.**

There will be no preschool-grade 8 on **Monday, January 18**, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will serve as a make up day if needed.

***BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is seeking fill the position of Business Manager. Karen Hott will be retiring midyear 2021. We are looking to hire her replacement and have that person shadow Karen until her retirement. This 30 hour/wk. position involves accounting, bookkeeping, purchasing, supervising, and cooperation with the church and school staff. A qualified candidate will be able to make the legal and business side of this extensive ministry operate smoothly so that the spiritual mission of St. Paul's flourish optimally. Salary negotiable and commensurate with skills and experience. Full job description and requirements available upon request. Interested parties should contact Pastor Speckhard at pspeckhard@stplmunster.com and submit a resume by **December 18.**

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

***STOCKING STUFFER ACTIVITY**

Set the attached flyer regarding a special classroom activity in place of a gift exchange between students. Items need to be brought to school on **Friday, December 18.** See they flyer for the number of items for each class needed.

INDIANA STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Our Vocal and Piano ISSMA contest WILL take place this school year. Singers and piano students in grades 5-8 are eligible. Students will record their pieces AT SCHOOL on February 1st to have them submitted for judging. We will also have a local judge present to give feedback. Forms for the Vocal And Piano contest were sent home before Thanksgiving and must be returned with payment by **December 11.** Songs will be chosen before Christmas. I will work individually with each student during January.

Mrs. Foote

Our Instrumental performers are also involved in ISSMA. Their schedule is below:

Dec. 11, 2020 - All entries need to be turned in with fees.

Solo - \$15.00; Ensembles - \$7.00 per person.

Fees may be paid by cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Jan. 25, 2021 - Wind/ Percussion/ Strings. Solo's and Ensembles will be recorded on this day.

Feb.1, 2021 - Piano / Vocal. Solo's and Ensembles will be recorded on this day.

Instrumental students will receive their music in the next two weeks. More information will follow as we get closer to the performance dates.

Mr. Robbins

IT'S BACK

Save Strack's receipts dated through March 1 and return them to the office. Don't forget to scan them first for Box Tops for Education products.

***ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

Our students will be presenting the Christmas story to us this year in a special way. Since we cannot gather for a large service we will be recording programs that can be viewed at home as our own St. Paul's Christmas specials. Students have been working on music and spoken parts and will record the programs during the school day.

Links for viewing will be available soon after and can be viewed by family members anywhere. While we will miss the excitement of performing for family and friends here in the building, this outreach will help us connect with family members and others who have not been able to be part of our programs because of distance. See Mrs. Foote with questions.

December 9 - We recorded a program of Advent and Christmas carols and explained their history, significance and message. Our Band, Children of the Lord Singers, Jubilate and Jr. Ringers groups performed. Students in grades 5-8 had spoken parts.

December 16 - We will record a Nativity play by students in grades Kindergarten-4. Spoken parts and traditional songs will be used. Students in grades Kindergarten-4 are excused from dress code to dress up. Grade 4 will be in costume.

The December 9 service can be accessed through the link below.

<https://youtu.be/zXbGQHD4zck>

ATHLETICS

***BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGAN THIS WEEK.**

Currently games are set to begin in January. Listed below is information that may be needed for you if your child is playing basketball this season.

- Casey Eberth is our Athletic Director -

please be patient with her as she is learning what is all involved in this position in the midst of day to day changes when it comes to sports programs and an unusual year of sports or no sports. You may reach her at ceberth@stplmunster.com

- Jason Gena and Jim Minyard will be coaching both A and B girl's basketball
- Christopher Dust is the head coach with the assistance of Mr. Cedric Trotter and Mr. Steve Decker for A boys.
- B boys basketball has a volunteer. We are awaiting final commitment but they will be currently under the direction of A boy's coaches
- We do not have confirmation of the Illinois league games for January but have scheduled Indiana teams. We are currently looking at participating in a new sports league for next fall.
- PHYSICALS - due to the flux of sport teams we did not require physicals at the beginning of the school year. Due to the situation we are going to extend grace to those who are in need of a current physical. If your child is playing basketball they need to have a physical on file. If you do not have a current one for your player, you need to do so prior to the first game in January. We are aware that some doctor's office are offering virtual physicals. Forms are available in the school office or on the Parent Resource Page in Renweb. Please contact our Athletic Director with any questions or concerns you may have regarding physicals.

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Additions:

Stocking stuffer flyer

ACADEMICS

***REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ON LINE**

Friday, December 18 is the end of the first semester/second grading period. Report cards will be available online Tuesday, December 22.

RELIGION

MEMORY WORK Week of December 11

	<u>Bible Verse</u>	<u>Catechism</u>
Grades 1-4	Advent assignment	
Grades 5-8	Advent assignment	

***CHAPEL**

Weekly Wednesday chapel services are at **8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays**. This semester's mission project is Central Lutheran School in Newhall, Iowa.

Last week's chapel offerings were \$50.45.

Total \$1324.83