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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

Regular Worship Schedule
Saturday - 5:30 pm
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 am
9:00 am Koinonia begins
September 8 in Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

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

COMING EVENTS

- Fri., 9/6 4:30 pm home Soccer v Zion Beecher
- 5:00 B Volleyball home v Trinity Tinley Park
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- Sat., 9/7 Grounds work day
- Mon., 9/9 8:30 am Paid TRIP orders due
3:15 pm Jubilate
- Tues., 9/10 School Pictures grades PS-8
3:15 pm Student Council Meeting
3:30 pm BVB Practice
4:00 pm Drive Through Prayer
4:30 pm Soccer home v Forrest Ridge
- Wed., 9/11 8:30 am Chapel
3:30 pm BVB Practice
5:00 pm AVB Practice
- Thurs., 9/12 TAP in school Ice Cream Social
8:45 am Late Start Thursday Grades 1-8
4:30 pm B Volleyball home v Trinity Crown Point
4:30 pm Soccer home
5:30 pm A Volleyball home
- Fri., 9/13 Spirit Day
TRIP order pick up
4:30 pm Soccer at Ill Lutheran Crete
6:30 pm B Volleyball home v St. John CC Hills
7:30 pm A Volleyball home
- Sat., 9/14 11:00 am B Volleyball home v Ill Lutheran Crete
12:00 pm A Volleyball home
- Sun., 9/15 10:45 am COTL Singers

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Dear Parents/Guardians,
• Save the Date for a Tailgate! Come out and

cheer on our soccer and volleyball teams with a Tailgate party in between games. Mark your calendars for September 23 to show your Spartan Pride. Soccer and Volleyball play at home against Immanuel, Valpo. TAP (our parent and teacher group) will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and families can bring a side to share for tailgating dinner at 5:30 p.m. More details to come next week.

Barb Mertens, Principal

BUSINESS

MEDICATION

Please keep in mind that no medication, prescription or nonprescription (cold, inhalers, allergies, etc.) is to be kept in classrooms, lockers, book bags, etc. All medicines with appropriate forms need to be in the school office.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS - SIGN IN, PLEASE

Please remember to sign in and out and wear a name badge whenever you enter the school building, before school, during the day and after school. Inside doors will be locked during the school day. Visitor badges are available in the school office.

ABSENCES/CALLS

Parents need to call the school office by 7:45 a.m. to leave a voice message to excuse a child in the event of an illness. Any homework requests will be honored at the end of the school day from the office. The attendance policy is detailed in the school handbook.

Phone calls the day of an absence or early dismissal other than illness are not considered pre-planned.

NEWS TO SHARE

Information is distributed from time to time through the appropriate classrooms sharing additional extracurricular activities available to the community.

This week:

Girl Scouts flyer

FORGOT SOMETHING?

Lunch, backpack, homework, sports gear... Please agree that students will check in the office to see if their item is delivered when needed so we do not unnecessarily interrupt class time.

Parents can write a student's name on the window board as a reminder.

TRIP ORDERS

Paid orders are due by 8:15 a.m. on Mondays orders are taken:

September 9 and 23

October 14 and 28

November 11 and 18

December 9 and 16

You may pick up your order **after 3:00 p.m.** on Thursdays and during school hours on Fridays. Remember when you place an order online, payment must also be received by 8:30 am on Mondays when we place orders. A signed information/disclaimer form is due with your first order.

***COOK'S NIGHT OFF! -**

Enjoy LUNCH OR DINNER at MOD PIZZA, 10441 Indianapolis Boulevard, Highland, on Wednesday, **September 25, 2019, from 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM.**

You can present a coupon (print or electronic) at the time of order, or tell them you are part of the St. Paul's fundraiser, and St. Paul's will receive 20% of the proceeds for every sale. Share your coupons with family, friends, and neighbors, but please don't distribute them at MOD Pizza. Coupons will also be available in the Welcome Center, the school office and the Church office. All proceeds from this year's Cook's Night Off! will be used by St. Paul's Athletic Department to upgrade sports equipment, sports facilities, and uniforms. What an awesome way to enjoy some good food, good company, AND support St. Paul's!!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

***TAP (Teachers and Parents)**

We would like to welcome all of our new families to St. Paul's & welcome back all of our returning families. We hope that all of you are settled back into the routine of a new school year. TAP is very excited about our school year & we look forward to working in partnership with our families, students & staff. For those of you who are new to our school, TAP is a group here at St. Paul's that plans special events for our school & staff, as well as help to fund raise for special projects to benefit our school. Our 1st meeting will take place on **Monday, September 30th in the school lunchroom @ 6:00 pm.** We will serve pizza to all in attendance & then while we meet in the lunchroom we are offering babysitting for ages 3 (who are potty trained) and up. They can play games in the gym and our Senior High Youth Group members will supervise. Please watch for further information via newsletters & school emails to sign up / RSVP for the meeting so we can plan for food. We look forward to seeing you all there on Sept. 30th!

***NEW COLLECTION PROGRAM**

From now until March 2, 2020, collect and send to school all your Strack and VanTil receipts. Dollar amounts are worth points that we can redeem for free Apple products and accessories, audio visual equipment, science supplies, sporting equipment and more. **SAVE EVERY RECEIPT.** Please circle the total amount minus any purchases for money orders, Western Union, gift/prepaid cards, lottery, fuel or alcohol/tobacco purchases. This program is sponsored by Strack Van Til Apples for the Students. Send in your receipts from any Strack and Van Til as you receive them and don't wait until the last minute. We will be sending in batches of receipts all program long. Collection bins will be in the school and preschool offices and the church fellowship hall.

HELP NEEDED

On Saturday September 7 at 9:00 am we are asking for volunteers to come out and help with a few things around our grounds - Repair the concrete by the softball backstop, replace some railroad ties around the playground, and help thin out the plantings on the west side of the church by the cone roof. If anyone is interested in taking some of the plantings for their own use at their home you are welcome to do so on that day as well. It is our plan to also disburse some of those plantings in other areas around our property that same day.

Please meet by the Gym Entrance K. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Bachert, Chairman, Board of Trustees.

STUDENT COUNCIL IS STARTING UP!

We will have our first meeting on Sept. 10th at 3:15pm in the Science lab. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Bleke at ableke@stplmunster.com or Miss Bosman at bbosman@stplmunster.com. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL PICTURES ARE ALMOST HERE

Student pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 10. Every student will have a picture taken for the class picture and school information whether or not a picture package is ordered. Wednesday is a make up day only for any student who was not in school on Tuesday, including preschool. An information flyer and order form will be sent home Monday. **CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO INTERSTATE STUDIO OF INDIANA, INC.** Orders can also be placed online at

inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/40577CB.

Flyers were sent home. Extras are available in the school office.

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC NEWS

Updated calendars can be found at www.stplmunster.com.

FALL SPORTS TAILGATE PARTY

Please join us on Monday, September 23 to show your Spartan pride!! Come & cheer on ALL our fall sports teams. Wear your blue & white and bring your school spirit. Our soccer team & B girls volleyball team play at 4:30 & our A girls volleyball play at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by TAP. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chairs. Concessions will also be available. Come cheer on ALL of our teams and join us after the games to eat and spend time together with family & friends! See you there. GO SPARTANS!!!

RELIGION

***MEMORY WORK Week of September 9**

	Bible Verse	Catechism
Grades 1-4	Proverbs 3:3-4	3 rd and Fourth Commandment
Grades 5-8	Same	Same and add Explanations in Bold print

CHAPEL MISSION FOR 1ST SEMESTER

For the 1st semester of school our Chapel Mission project will be Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs. We tend to see the work of the Comfort Dogs on Chicago news frequently. Sadly, these dogs are being deployed all over the United States following tragic events to assist in the recovery process. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. The dogs participate in scheduled and special events. Students can bring an offering to chapel on Wednesdays to help support this organization. We hope to have a visit from some of the Comfort Dogs during our first semester.

***CHAPEL**

Chapel offerings for the first semester are designated to the K-9 Comfort Program sponsored by Lutheran Church Charities.

Offerings this week: \$49.87

Offerings for the semester: \$89.73

***PRAYER LIST**

Beginning this week, we will pray for our students and their families. This week we pray for: Emily Barnes, Graham Bartosik, Kayla and Marvell Beckham, Alexander Bidiones, Tyler Blair

ACADEMICS

***CENTER FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT**

Weekend an Academic program catalogues for the Center for Talent Development sponsored by Northwestern University are available to review in the school office. Programs and courses are available from age 3 to high school students. All courses are also available through their website at ctd.northwestern.edu/courses.

CHURCH NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION

Looking for ways you and your 6th-12th grader can get involved with St. Paul's youth ministry? Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com to be on the email list to get more information. All events will be on the online church calendar with purple lettering. Join us on our Facebook pages St. Paul's Munster Junior High Youth and St. Paul's Munster Senior High Youth.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of our church family, the new member class is on Sunday mornings. Please contact Caroline Weller, Membership Secretary at cweller@stplmunster.com or 219-826-6270 x106

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT MEETING

As we look to rededicate at St. Paul's, we will also take a good look at the youth ministry at St. Paul's and how to engage as many youth as we can. That will mean more adult involvement and some different looks at youth ministry. I invite all parents of 6th-12th graders to come Thursday, September 12 at 7pm to discuss this. Contact Jaymes Hayes at jhayes@stplmunster.com if you are able to attend.

IMPACT PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

The Impact kickoff event will be Thursday, September 19 at 6:15pm. 6th-8th graders will break up into groups and travel all around the town. Drivers are needed to help drive the youth around. Please turn in the permission slips by September 22. Please come on time so we can go out quickly.

DRIVE THROUGH PRAYER????

Are you standing in need of prayer? Do you have a few concerns on your heart? Do you wish you could have someone to pray with you for spiritual support? Come join in prayer on September 10th from 4-6 pm. We are trying out a new concept here at St. Paul's. It is Drive Through Prayer. Just drive into our south parking lot and you will be directed to an area where someone will be ready to pray with you for a few minutes. Be refreshed by prayer before you complete your drive home. Come be uplifted through prayer!

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