

# THANKSGIVING

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## CANNED FOOD DRIVE; BRING YOUR CANNED GOODS IN!

St. Paul's School's annual canned food drive started November 1st and runs through December. Hunger knows no season! St. Paul's Human Care Board donates food to approximately 21 families every 2 months. The food pantry is needing canned meats, such as tuna & chicken, tomato sauce & canned tomatoes, soups, canned fruits & vegetables, hot & cold cereals, jello, pudding and non-perishable items such as foil, and plastic wrap. Please drop off donated items in the barrel in the atrium downtown or in the red box in the lobby of the school.



## PLANNING A BIG FEAST FOR THANKSGIVING? ARE YOU A BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPER? SHOP T.R.I.P. FIRST!

There are many choices including Walmart, BestBuy, Bed Bath & Beyond, GameStop, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohls, Whole Foods, Target, Jewel-Osco, I-Tunes, Barnes & Noble and so many more! See Julie Salzman for your order today! You can reach her by text/phone at 815-530-7320. You can always order from the app RaiseRight to get your T.R.I.P. orders for immediate download. It only takes a few minutes to set up. Stay safe and shop online! T.R.I.P. earns money for your school account as well as St. Paul's!



**CHAPEL**-Chapel is Wednesday at 8:30AM. Our Chapel offering for the month of December will be donated to a local family in need. The Beedle family has both Annebelle, 5, and Abigail, 1, that have Batten Disease, a very rare terminal illness. Batten disease is a fatal type of genetic nervous system disorder. This disease causes a decline in thinking ability, functional ability, loss of vision and seizures. They currently are travelling to Ohio monthly and weekly to Luries Children's Hospital to have treatments to slow the disease. Even with insurance, not everything is covered with the frequent travels.



## DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Order now and save. Yearbooks can be preordered for \$17 until November 30th. Our yearbooks are full color and include pictures of all classes, sports teams and activities. They are great mementos of the school year. Yearbooks will arrive sometime in late May, but in plenty of time for your child to get autographs.

## UPCOMING DATES

Nov 22-26	Thanksgiving Break****
Nov 30	Last Day for \$17 Year book
Dec 16	Christmas Event
Dec 17	Early Dismissal 11:30K-8, 11:15 PK No Afternoon Extended Care
Dec 20- Jan 3	Christmas Break
Jan 4	Classes Resume
Jan 4	Re-Enrollment for current students begins
Jan 6	Enrollment Open House 5-6:30PM
Jan 10	Members and Siblings Enrollment
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Day No School

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION DONATIONS

St. Paul's Lutheran School PTL is hosting our annual Spring Auction and Pork Chop Dinner on Saturday, March 12, 2022. The silent auction will begin online March 4, 2022, and end at 7 pm on March 12, 2022, during the live dinner. The auction committee is well underway working on this event! If you work for or own a business that would be interested in donating a basket, service, or giving a sponsorship or advertisement, please let Mrs. Meyer or Mrs. Rahn in the office know, and we will work with you to get this done and also provide the proper paperwork for tax benefits! If you have a talent to share, we would also love to get some great handmade products or experiences for the Auction! All donors will receive advertisement for their donation on our Auction website, and our *Thank You Video* that will run on our school website and Facebook page from March 4th-March 12th and during the Pork Chop dinner event on March 12th. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. All proceeds for the event will be used to provide teaching supplies for our teachers and rubber mulch for our large playground. All donations are due February 7th, 2022. Thank you!

## PARKING NOTICE

Please take notice in the parking lot, there are two spots that are designated for the two families that have bought them at the last Spring Auction. They are clearly labeled with a white sign next to disabled parking. Even if the spot is empty, it does not mean it is open to everyone else. Please be courteous and avoid parking there if you have not paid for the spot.



## Kindergarten through 8th Grade Parents,

I have good news and bad news.

First of all, we will not be having a school Christmas concert this year. Because Covid regulations are still in place, we did not feel comfortable having a concert.

Now, I have good news to balance that bit of information. We will still have an outdoor Christmas event at our school complete with Christmas carols, hot chocolate, cookies, and Christmas lights. Everyone (students, parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends) is welcome to this event on Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. More information to come soon!

In addition, St. Paul's has been asked to be part of a new village of Bourbonnais event that is being held on December 2 near Dairy Queen and, formerly, Beggars Pizza. The village is holding a Christmas event with a lighting ceremony and children from area schools singing for the event. St. Paul's would like to send a group of students to spread the Gospel message. All students (K-8) are working with Mrs. Benson to learn three Christmas songs. However, we only have room for 45 students to fit comfortably on the risers for this performance.

If you would like to have your children sing at this outdoor event, please sign up using the sign-up genius. We need to know who will be attending by Monday, November 22. We will have more information regarding time and location closer to the date. The signup is:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/508044EAEA82EA4F94-village](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044EAEA82EA4F94-village)

It is going to be a wonderful Advent season!  
Jamie Stirnaman

## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS

Like everything else this year, Covid is affecting how we handle holiday gatherings. Please keep in mind that as you mix with friends and family throughout this holiday season, it is important for you to keep informed amongst your group if someone in that group is diagnosed with Covid. If that is the case, like any other Covid exposure, If your children are exposed to someone in the household they will need to quarantine for 14 days. Please contact the school office.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS HAD A COVID TEST AND YOU ARE AWAITING RESULTS THEY ARE NOT TO BE AT SCHOOL UNTIL THE TEST COMES BACK NEGATIVE.**

Please let your holiday group know the importance of this openness with each other. The school is not going to be checking on this, but we ask that each family be responsible so that we don't have major exposure after the breaks and be able to continue with in-person instruction. We are thankful that God has kept us relatively safe at St. Paul's, and we pray His continued protection for the weeks to come.

*Thank You*

**A GREAT  
BIG THANK  
YOU** to all  
who helped  
make St.

Paul's Book Fair a success. Whether you helped set up, ran the register, fluffed and straightened the merchandise, helped pack up, or offered advice and encouragement, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Terri Jones



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at our downtown church. Students will begin learning songs in Sunday School this Sunday, and we will spend some time each week during the Sunday School hour preparing for the program. *Sunday School attendance in November and December is especially important as we get ready to share the Christmas message.*

## CHRISTMAS BREAK/EARLY DISMISSAL

We are on Christmas Break from December 20th to January 3rd. December 20th is a early dismissal at 11:15 PK and 11:30 K-8 and there is **NO** afternoon extended care available.



## Advent Services

Join us for Advent Services on Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15 at the Downtown Church at 7PM. Advent dinners are served from 5:30-6:30PM in Fellowship Hall downstairs at the Church. (Enter off the alley)

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Friday, December 24th at 5PM, 7PM and 10PM at the downtown church.

## Christmas Day Service

Saturday, December 25 at 10AM at the downtown church.

## New Year's Eve Service

Friday, December 31 at 6PM at the downtown church.