

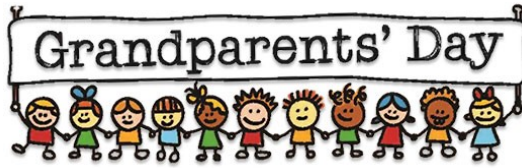


FACTS TRAILS

March 16, 2023

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY is tomorrow! We are looking forward to a wonderful morning. Remember that there are **TWO** sessions this year, and your family should have signed up for one of the two: either 8:00-10:00 or 10:30-12:30. Your children should only be in the building with their grandparents during their scheduled session; there are no actual classes happening outside of the Grandparents' Day event itself! No afternoon extended care is available.



FINANCIAL AID: If you are applying for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year, keep in mind that you must apply through both **EMPOWER** and **FACTS**. The school board and tuition assistance committee has set the application deadline for **MONDAY, APRIL 17**.

UPCOMING DATES

March 17 Grandparents' Day
Early Dismissal
(*no afternoon ext. care available!*)

March 20-24



March 28 Yearbook group photos
April 7-10 Easter Break
April 11-15 Girls' basketball conference tournament
April 17 **Deadline** to apply for tuition assistance
April 21 Athletic banquet
Spring pictures
April 22 Mother-son scavenger hunt

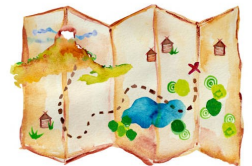


LENTEN DINNER: Parish Education is in charge of dinner next Wednesday, March 22 during spring break. They will be serving soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall downtown from 5:30-6:30 prior to the midweek service at 7:00. A freewill offering will be taken during the meal. Parish Fellowship will be serving lasagna, salad, and bread on March 29.



2022 TAXES: You have online access to print your tax information for both **FACTS** and **Fast Direct** at any time. Please contact the school office if you are having trouble with either site.

MOTHER-SON SCAVENGER HUNT: This year's mother-son event will be a scavenger hunt themed "Amazing Grace." Douglas Jones and Tony Richard are the PTL reps in charge of this event, and they are looking for some more dads to help! The majority of help needed is in each location of the hunt to help with the challenges. Please contact either Douglas or Tony via **Fast Direct** if you're able to help.
(Partnership hour opportunity!!)



SPRING BREAK: the school office will have limited hours during break; please feel free to email Mrs. Olney at aolney@stpaulslutheran.net or send a **Fast Direct** message if you need anything! Have a *wonderful* break!!!

Please see next page for information from our dinner and auction!!!

Dear St. Paul's staff and families:

March 3rd-11th was our St. Paul's silent auction, with the live auction and pork chop dinner event on Saturday night! We sold over 900 adult tickets and 140 kids' meals (both lunch and dinner). It was a FULL house and we thank all those who came out to eat and participate in the live event, to all those who generously donated items for the website, and those who bid on those items, too! It was also a night to remember! With such a large event, there are many major and minor players and we are grateful for them all! Here are the highlights.

A huge thank you to all our business sponsors who helped make this event possible with their funding!

- **Gabrielle Brandenburg-Emerick** – event co-chair, Genius Tech Master and creator of the auction website, along with item certificates, event program, part-time emcee, and more than anyone will ever know!
- **Julie Salzman** – kitchen manager for the event -- in charge of making all the food to go with the pork chops, and also helped with ticket sales. The food was great! YUM!
- **Kim Norton** – food coordinator, responsible for food costs and donations for the meal
- **Valerie Brown** – ticket sales, finance, and donated meal delegation (over 100 meals were donated by our families and delivered to Bradley and Bourbonnais Fire departments, Harbor House, and Prince Home in Manteno, thankfully delivered by Brian McHugh, Kevin Kurtz, Pastor Drinnon, Jennifer DuMontelle, and Zorig Purevsuren – thank you!)
- **Christie Rahn** – helped with all the office mantra and asked/received many, many donations from our congregation members
- **Theresa Colagrossi** – many auction donations, including the CUTE PUPPY that got a new home!
- **Jessica Schweizer** – many auction donations, especially the prizes in the Price is Right game
- **Kelsey Ramirez** – auction donations and creator of the fantastic "Thank you Video"! If you haven't watched it, please go to our Facebook page to view it! Please also consider frequenting our many business sponsors and donors!
- **Jordan Yeoman, Laurin Stauffenberg, Andrea Denault, Amanda Fedrow** – many auction donations
- Jill Slager – coordinator of all the classroom basket donations
- Terri Jones – intake coordinator for all the donations
- Angela Heldt – many auction donations, wine wall and barrel of booze coordinator, event program, and event co-chair

A special thank you to **Bill Dyche** as our guest Master of Ceremonies! He made it so fun! Thank you to **Mr. Nordmeyer** for his leadership support throughout the last several weeks and helping the committee to go "outside the box." Thank you to **Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers** for making the DELICIOUS pork chops! Thank you to the PTL representatives for creating the many beautiful classroom baskets! Thank you to all our basket wrappers – **Kim Norton, Julie Ouwenga, Laura Peterson, Lisa Renfroe, and Mary Kay Tanka**. Thank you to all the families who donated the many, many bottles of spirits. It was a success! Thank you to the **8TH GRADE** parents and **Mrs. Stirnaman** for their babysitting service!

Last but not least, we thank all the **TEACHERS AND PARENTS** who worked the event in the kitchen, running food, hosting, and cleaning up! It was a HUGE JOB and we are grateful! We could not do it without YOU!

FINALLY... the official amount raised at our event will *for sure* allow our teachers to enjoy their new SMART boards in the 2023-2024 school year! Exact amount to follow.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

-from the St. Paul's PTL