



St. Paul's Lutheran School

SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



St. Paul's Teaching Staff:

Dave Hall, Headmaster, Science and History Teacher, Athletic Director
Rev. Edward Naumann, Pastor and Catechesis Teacher
Holly Klotz, Secretary, Art Teacher
Scott Gercken, Kantor, Religion, Latin and Music Teacher
Vicky Greco, Literature, Language Arts and Spanish Teacher
Sarah Duffy, K-2 Teacher
Cathy Krueger, Math Teacher

Spelling Bee!!



Winners!!



Headmaster's Message

One of the things I cherish most about our school are the clear and concise classroom rules that we follow on a daily basis. They lay the foundation for everything else, and without them, students would have a severe disadvantage in learning. What is the origin of rules? The ten commandments of course. This is why we study them first. The ten commandments totally defy the false concept of moral relativism. This is the idea that no one can be judged, and that you should not criticize any other organization, viewpoint, religion, because they are all "equal". At public schools they focus on values over rules, which promotes the false concept of relativism. This teaching gives students a false illusion that they can "manage themselves" and that ultimately there are no universal rules to follow, only personal values created by each individual student. Since this power is given to children, this is a serious mistake and will lead to chaos and disorder over time. For children, classroom rules and the ten commandments are essential and necessary to lead students in the right direction of humility and the fear and love of God. Our catechism clearly states, "*God threatens to punish all that transgress these Commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not act contrary to them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all that keep these Commandments. Therefore we should also love and trust in Him and willingly do according to His Commandments.*"

Last month, we had a student attend our school for an all day shadow day. It was quite interesting. It brought me back in time, about 10 years ago, when I used to work at a public middle school. The student was nice, and friendly, but

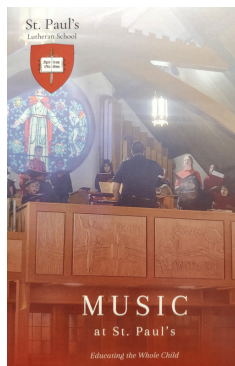
seemed to have no idea of what classroom rules were and how to follow them. When I taught back then, I used to spend a lot of time discussing rules with students, why they are important, what they mean, and how to follow them. I soon learned, however, that teaching students about rules did not provide me with the outcome that I expected. Yes, most students did follow rules, but there was a significant percentage of students that wanted nothing to do with it, and that became a huge problem. This was the effect of the promotion of moral relativism and values. If all students do not follow rules, it is a problem because students that see the others blatantly not following the rules will assume it is ok and also, not follow rules over time. So one or two defiant students in a classroom can act like a virus, and "infect" the other students. But surely the principal could take care of a situation like this right? Actually, no, not according to my experience. At the first school I taught at, a student accused me of choking him, because I needed to discipline him for misbehaving. I was required to have a meeting with the student and principal. Thankfully, the principal asked good questions that thoroughly debunked his accusation against me, so I did not get in trouble. As far as I remember however, no consequences were given to this student who made the false accusation against me. After this I realized that rules are just words on paper, and as a teacher, I had no real power to enforce them.

Students need rules, just like all Christians need to follow the 10 commandments. Can students follow rules perfectly? Can Christians follow the 10 commandments without error? No, of course not. School rules and the 10 commandments teach us humility, which we desperately need everyday.



School Happenings...

Joy Campbell, a member of our church and former student at St. Paul's designed and printed out these amazing brochures!



Sofia Paisker, also a member of St. Paul's has created some great spiritwear. She is having a special day on Wednesday, May 7th!!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Dollar for dollar, your donation to St. Paul's will be matched up to

\$5,000 Total!

As a thank you for your donation, you will receive newly designed St. Paul's spiritwear outlined below.

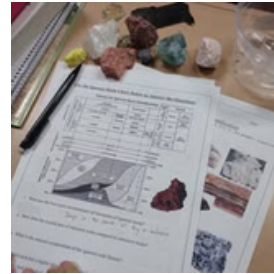
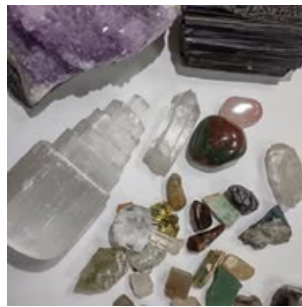
\$25 minimum donation = youth cotton t-shirt

\$35 minimum donation = adult polyester t-shirt

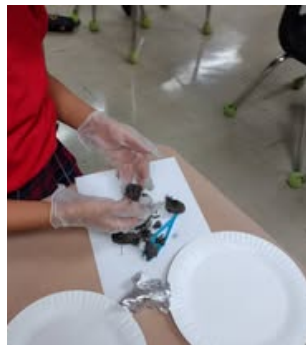
\$45 minimum donation = adult crewneck pullover OR hoodie

while supplies last
Fundraising event ends 6/15/2025

Rocks, Minerals and Fossils Experiments!!



Owl Pellet Lab!!!!



Help St. Paul's raise \$10,000 AND take home all new spiritwear!

Now through June 15, submit a donation on behalf of St. Paul's to Sofia Paisker (via cash, Zelle, or Venmo) and your donation will be doubled up to \$5,000 total! As a thank you for your donation, you will receive newly designed St. Paul's spiritwear.



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St. Paul's Fieldtrips!

Upcoming Dates and Events:

St. Paul's Awards Ceremony,
May 22nd!



2025 Graduation, May 22nd!

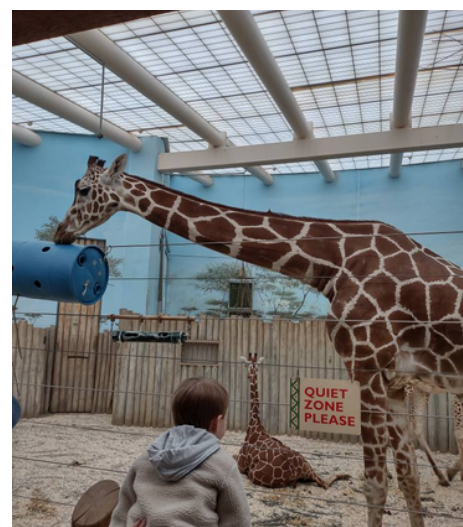


Annual School Picnic, Kiwanis
Park, May 23rd!!



Summer Break,
May 24th!!

Brookfield Zoo!!



Chicago Art Institute!!

