MONDAY MESSENGER DECEMBER 5, 2016

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WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS: For any snow or cold closings, please watch for <u>St. Paul's – Franklin</u>. We do not follow the Franklin School District, or Wisconsin Lutheran High School.

JANUARY HOT LUNCH: The January Hot Lunch order form is coming home today. Completed orders and payments must be turned in by this Friday, December 9th. Please remember to keep a copy at home!

PTO MEETING: Our next PTO meeting will be held this Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30-7:30 PM here at St. Paul's. We encourage all parents to attend!

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE: The Christmas Wish Tree will be up in the main school hallway today. The envelopes that are hanging on the tree represent various items that the teachers would like to be able to have in their classrooms and/or the school in general. If you would like to grant a wish, please take the envelope, make checks payable to St. Paul's School and place in the box marked "Wish Tree".

MID-TERM REPORTS: Mid-term reports will be coming home this Wednesday. Please check your child's backpack.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 7th, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir, Adult Choir and Junior Handbells will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service beginning at 5:30pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up on the sheets in the back of church if you'd like to attend the meal. If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex as well. (If you are donating food, please have the items at church by 4:30pm.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal. Junior Choir should meet in Mrs. Becker's classroom by 6:15 PM and Handbells should meet in church by 6:10 PM.

***UPDATE* CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE**: As we have done in recent years, in lieu of a classroom gift exchange we will be collecting items for area missions. So far the response to this project has been very low. Please see the information sheet coming home today on how your family can help. We are looking for these items to be turned in by Friday, December 16th.

CLASSROOM DOOR DECORATING: Our classes are competing in a Christmas Classroom door decorating contest! Doors will be completed by this Friday – come check our students' creativity! The winning class gets a pajama day!

SCHOOL CLEANING: Our next school cleaning date is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 AM. The following families are scheduled to clean with Mr. Willms: Bergemann, Martin, Noonan, Petricek, Prakasam and Schultz.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: We have only one Children's Christmas Service this year, on Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 PM. All students are asked to participate in this service. If you are unable to be here, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible, as preparations for this service are underway.

LIVING NATIVITY: Our Living Nativity will be held on December 17th & 18th. There will be performances with live animals celebrating the birth of the Savior at 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00pm each night. Following each performance, there will be refreshments and crafts. This is a great event for the whole family – we hope to see you there!

ALL-SCHOOL HOLIDAY LUNCH: We are excited for our All-School Holiday Lunch on Thursday, December 22nd, donated by the Boldt family and Thrivent. We are in need of 3-4 more volunteers to help prep, serve and clean up that day from 10:45 AM – 1:00 PM. Call or text Jaime Petricek at (414) 238-5122 if you are able to help!

SCRIP: Our only Scrip order for December will be placed on Monday, December 12th. Please have your order in the Scrip box in the office by 3:15, or you may place your order online. **New to our Scrip program?** If you have not signed for scrip and would like to place an order go to www.shopwithscrip.com to enroll. Our school code is: D6DC88D14747. If you order and do not enroll or have a family account your rebate will go directly to the school. Families who are enrolled have the following options: 50% rebate to their family's tuition account, 50% cash back, or 50% charitable contribution to the school. We also have cards available in stock in the office. Payment is required at the time of purchase and orders will benefit your account if you have one set up.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our annual Kalahari Safari date has changed! This year we will be going on March 2nd and 3rd instead of the February trip in past years. By changing the date we hope to avoid any potential basketball tournament conflicts for our families. Watch for more details in December.

SECOND QUARTER MISSION PROJECT: During our second quarter we will be collecting for Lighthouse Youth Ministry. Lighthouse Youth Center provides the community with a central location where youth can gather safely for recreational activities, receive assistance on their academic assignments, enjoy the positive influence of adult Christian mentors, and have opportunities to study and discuss the truths of Scripture. All youth ages 10 – 18 are welcome to use the Lighthouse Youth Center free of charge.

BOX TOPS: Congratulations to 1st grade for winning 1st place for the month of October with nearly 33 tops per student! Second grade took 2nd place with 23 tops each, and Kindergarten took 3rd place with 19 tops each. We submitted just short of \$500 worth of Box Tops to the company, this included the end of last school year's submissions and what we've collected so far this year. Thank you and keep bringing them in!

YEARBOOK PICTURES: If you have taken any photos during field trips or school sporting events, we would love to use them in the yearbook! Send your photos to: spfyearbookphotos@stpaulsfranklin.org

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: December 15th, January 5th & 19th, February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

SPORTS:

Boys B Team BB Practice:	Wednesday, December 7 th NO PRACTICE – MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE Tuesday, December 13 th 5:45-7:00 PM Wednesday, December 14 th 5:45-7:00 PM
Boys C Team BB Practice:	Wednesday, December 7 th NO PRACTICE – MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE Thursday, December 8th 5:30-6:30 PM Tuesday, December 13 th 5:00-6:15 PM Wednesday, December 14 th 5:00-6:15 PM
Girls A Team BB Practice:	Tuesday, December 6 th @ Zion 8:00-9:30 PM Thursday, December 8 th @ St. Paul's 6:30-8:00 PM Tuesday, December 13 th @ Zion 8:00-9:30 PM Thursday, December 15 th @ St. Paul's 6:30-8:00 PM
Girls B Team BB Practice:	Thursday, December 8 th 3:30-5:00 PM Tuesday, December 13 th 3:30-5:00 PM Thursday, December 15 th 3:30-5:00 PM
Games:	 Tuesday, December 6th – Home vs. Trinity, Racine NO BOYS C OR GIRLS A GAMES Girls B at 4:45 PM, Boys B at 5:45 PM (please note time change) Friday, December 9th – Home vs. St. Paul's Muskego Boys C at 4:00 PM, Girls B at 4:50 PM Boys B at 5:40 PM, Girls A at 6:30 PM Friday, December 16th @ Siloah Boys C at 4:30 PM, Girls B at 5:20 PM Boys B at 6:10 PM, Girls A at 7:00 PM
Tournaments:	Saturday, December 17 th & Sunday, December 18 th Boys C ONLY @ Mt. Calvary – Time TBD