MONDAY MESSENGER – TUESDAY EDITION

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WELCOME BACK! Hope everyone had a fun summer and is ready for a great year of learning!

MONDAY MESSENGER: The Monday Messenger is our whole school weekly newsletter that keeps you up to date on all things St. Paul's! The Monday Messenger is e-mailed each Monday (or the first day of the week) – usually late morning. It is also available on our website (stpaulsfranklin.org), and paper copies are available on the lobby bookshelf. Some items will still come home in paper form so please check your child's backpack each Monday. If you have multiple children in K-8, the packet will come home with your youngest child. Please read items carefully – some school activities you will read about are only for 3K & 4K, some are only for K-8, and some are for both!

COLD LUNCH REMINDER: Please remember that we no longer have hot lunch available, so your children will need a cold lunch each day!

NEXT WEEK – NO SCHOOL: There is no school next Friday, August 29th and the following Monday, September 1st for Labor Day weekend. Enjoy your time off!

K5 – GRADE 8 SCHOOL CLEANING: As outlined in our Student Handbook, we ask that our families in Kindergarten - Grade 8 participate in one school cleaning date. We will have one date per quarter, along with one summer date. Please use this Sign-Up Genius to schedule your preferred date. If you do not sign up by Thursday, August 28th, a date will be assigned to you. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping our school clean!

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY: School picture day will be Thursday, September 11th. Please note that School Pics does not provide paper order forms. **All** photo orders will be placed online using the following link: https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering. Use the drop down menu to select our school name. For our 3K & 4K families, if Thursday is not your normal day to attend you may come at 9:00 AM in to have your child's picture taken.

ABSENCE AND TARDY PROCEDURES: If your child will be absent from school, please call the office before 8:30 AM to report it. We will continue our tardy policy this year. Any students in Kindergarten – Grade 8 arriving after 8:15 AM must stop in the office for a tardy slip. Teachers will not allow students in the classroom without a slip and will be sent back down to the office to pick one up if they do not have one.

2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK (GRADES K-8): If you did not receive a Student Handbook on Orientation night, please stop in the office and pick one up. We have updated our Attendance and Before & After Care policies, so please read carefully.

VISITOR SIGN IN PROCEDURE: Any parents and/or visitors in the building during normal school hours must sign in on the log in the office. This does not include regular drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe!

PARKING LOT: For the safety of our children please enter and leave the parking lot slowly. Also a reminder that there is no parking **at any time** in the designated fire lane along the entrance to the school.

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS: Lutheran Girl Pioneers is a Christ centered organization that provides supervised and constructive recreation for our youth. It also offers opportunities for Christian fellowship and encourages service to family, church and community with the motto "Loyal to Christ". Pioneers is open to girls in Grades 1-8. If you did not sign up on Orientation night, there are forms on the lobby bookshelf.

FIRST QUARTER MISSION PROJECT – KINGDOM WORKERS: Each quarter we focus on one project for our mission offerings. Our first quarter will be in support of Kingdom Workers. Everywhere Kingdom Workers serve, they address the physical and spiritual concerns of a community. They prioritize building long-term relationships with local communities, working together to implement sustainable solutions. At the same time, Kingdom Workers engage the local believers in volunteer service to meet their neighbors' needs and share the gospel message. This quarter's mission offerings will be directed to supporting these goals and specifically their Clean Water Project. To learn more about this mission, click here.
***The mission envelope that comes home each week can be used for your offerings! Students should return the envelopes to their classroom mission offering baskets.**

VOLLEYBALL CONCESSIONS: The Volleyball Concessions Sign-Up Genius is available. Our first home games are on Tuesday, September 9th. Additional games may be added as they are confirmed. We are in need of volunteers for all our home games. Please take look at the Sign-Up Genius to see where you can help out! Reminder that all participating families are asked to volunteer for 3 hours **per student participating** in lieu of paying the $200 fee. Don't have a student in sports? You are more than welcome to volunteer as well! We appreciate all of our volunteers!

PARENT CONVERSATIONS: How can we set the stage for a successful school year? Gather some ideas here.

RAISE RIGHT (*formerly* SCRIP): RaiseRight is our year-round fundraising program that benefits St. Paul's School and our families by purchasing gift cards that you use daily. For every gift card/ecard purchased, RaiseRight credits a percentage back to us! The earnings are split 50% to St. Paul's School and 50% back to you in tuition credit for the next school year or cash back. RaiseRight orders for physical gift cards shipped to the school will be placed once a month, on the second Tuesday of the month. The first RaiseRight order of the school year will be placed on Tues, Sept 9th. If you are paying by cash or check, please have your money in the Scrip box located in the school office no later than 3pm on that day. To learn more about the RaiseRight program or if you have any questions feel free to contact Jill Maderich at fundraising@stpaulsfranklin.org. Thank you in advance for supporting our school.

SPORTS NEWS FROM MR. CLOUGH: Some fall sports had optional practices before our school year started, however, all fall sports officially start this week.

Cross country practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 3:15-4. We have several meets throughout the fall. Thank you to Coach Zylka for running practices!

We have all three volleyball teams again this fall. Please check Gamechanger for your practice and game information! We will host several games, so come out and watch the girls play and show your school spirit! You can also volunteer with concessions or at the scoring table to help out our athletic program! Thank you to Coach Jegen, Coach Evans, and Coach Goff!

Soccer will start this week for our interested boys and girls in 4th-8th grades. Luke Schlavensky will coach our team again, and we have about 10 games this season.

Quick Reminders:
Our coaches are all volunteers and helping our athletic program because they enjoy children and the sport. Please be respectful. I saw a sign on multiple baseball fields this year that read, "Before you complain, how much have you volunteered?"

Practices are not daycare. Students hanging around waiting for practice (without parent supervision) will be sent to aftercare. If aftercare is open, students not picked up when practice finishes will also be sent to aftercare at the coach's discretion.

We've been blessed to have so many sports AND participants this academic year for our athletic programs! With these opportunities and more kids involved than previous years, comes more difficulty with gym time as well as practice and game schedules. Sorry for any hassle this causes; please utilize carpooling and aftercare as necessary.

Finally, if you have not turned in your paperwork, athletic fee, and volunteer hours check please do so as quickly as possible. Mr. Clough will be contacting families around Labor Day that have not turned in this paperwork, and your child(ren) could miss out on games/events.

SPORTS CALENDAR: The sports calendar (Google calendar) can be found though the quick link at the bottom of the emailed Monday Messenger. It is also available on our website: Sports Calendar

GRADE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TAILGATE: Join the families of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Conference for a fun night at WLHS Zeitler Stadium (330 N Glenview Ave., Milwaukee,) on Friday, September 5, starting at 5:15 p.m. As part of our PK-12 partnership, WLHS is sponsoring a tailgate party before the varsity football game against South Milwaukee High School, at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the game, boys and girls of all ages will get to participate in activities on the field as well as face painting. Visit wlhs.org/tailgate to RSVP for this FREE event by Sunday, August 31.