

# 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](http://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 both! Everyone will receive a paper copy of the Monday Messenger today. If you'd like to continue to receive a paper copy each week, please let Cory in the office know.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> and the following Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Labor Day weekend. Enjoy your time off!

**PTO MEETING:** There will be a PTO meeting next Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please look for an email later today with more information.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SPECIAL DAY CHANGE:** We are moving NFL Day from Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> so that we aren't all wearing our sports jerseys for Picture Day!

**ABSENCE AND TARDY PROCEDURES:** If your child will be absent from school, please call the office before 8:30 AM to report it. If your child is ill, please give specific symptoms of their illness. 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.

**2024-2025 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.

**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 – SOLES FOR JESUS:** Each quarter we focus on one project for our mission offerings. This quarter’s mission focus is to support Soles for Jesus. Soles For Jesus (SFJ) exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub Saharan Africa. These people are not asking for a bicycle, vehicle, bus pass, or some other form of transportation that we are accustomed to in our western world. They simply need a pair of shoes that properly fit them, so they can protect their feet as they walk. What a simple mission! How many containers of shoes do we have in our homes that are unused or outgrown? The mission of SFJ is to gather these shoes and send them to Africa, making a radical difference in the life of a child or adult. By collecting shoes that are hiding in closets and basements across our nation, we can provide hope and diminish disease for thousands. The pairs that you donate will be a life-changing treasure across the globe. St. Paul’s will be collecting shoes and monetary donations throughout quarter one.

**\*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.**

**SOLES FOR JESUS SHOE DRIVE:** Along with the monetary donations we are collecting for this quarter’s mission project, we will also be hosting a shoe drive! Beginning next week you can bring your new or very gently used shoes to our collection bin in the school lobby – all sizes are welcome. We will be collecting shoes until Wednesday, October 23rd. By collecting the shoes that are hiding in closets and basements across our nation, we can provide hope and diminish disease for thousands, all while sharing the love of Jesus!

**ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of additional ushers and audio video operators for our church services. Please prayerfully consider using your God-given talents and volunteering. There will be a meeting to discuss current procedures, updates and improvements on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church. Current ushers are requested to attend. Any men, women, and/or children 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older are welcome to attend. RSVP to Donn Johnson at [bestefar260@gmail.com](mailto:bestefar260@gmail.com).

**WELS NATIONAL TEEN BIBLE STUDY (ONLINE):** This is a new online opportunity for teens across the country to digitally connect with each other around the Word. It is not intended to replace local ministry efforts but complement existing ministries like the WELS International Youth Rally and area WELS Youth Nights. The goals are to encourage greater spiritual growth during critical teen years and relational connections with other WELS teens locally and across the country. The first online Bible Study will be a 45 minute study led by Pastor Huebner, the campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on **Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm** Central Time. The topic will be *Found in Jesus—An Extraordinary Story of God’s Love*.

For more information and to register visit:

<https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

**PARENT CONVERSATIONS:** How can we set the stage for a successful school year? Gather some ideas [here](#).

**SPORTS NEWS FROM MR. CLOUGH:** Most 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 including a new weekend option this year. Thank you to Coach Zylka for running practices!

We have all three volleyball teams again this fall. B-team practices right after school followed by our A and C-teams. The C-team will play about six games and A+B teams will play around 10 games. We will host at least five 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 and Coach Evans! Also, you may see a former St. Paul's Franklin student helping at practices and/or games this year as Patricia Prakasam (a senior at Franklin High School) is giving back to the program and will be helping out with our C-team.

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:**

<i>Monday</i> 8/19	<i>Tuesday</i> 8/20	<i>Wednesday</i> 8/21	<i>Thursday</i> 8/22	<i>Friday</i> 8/23
	<b>First Day of School</b>  Soccer 3:15-4:30 PM	Cross Country 3:15-4:00 PM	Soccer 3:15-4:30 PM  B Team Volleyball 3:30-4:45 PM  A Team Volleyball 4:45-6:00 PM  Volleyball Parent Meeting 5:50 PM  C Team Volleyball 6:00-7:15 PM	Cross Country 3:15-4:00 PM  A/B/C Volleyball Combined Serving Practice 3:15-4:15 PM

<i>Monday</i> 8/26	<i>Tuesday</i> 8/27	<i>Wednesday</i> 8/28	<i>Thursday</i> 8/29	<i>Friday</i> 8/30
Cross Country 3:15-4:00 PM  C Team Volleyball 3:30-5:00 PM	Soccer 3:15-4:30 PM  <b>Cross Country Meet</b> Franklin High School Upper Fields 5:00 PM	Cross Country 3:15-4:00 PM  Soccer 4:00-5:15 PM  B Team Volleyball 3:30-4:45 PM  A Team Volleyball 4:45-6:00 PM  C Team Volleyball 6:00-7:15 PM	B Team Volleyball 3:30-4:45 PM  A Team Volleyball 4:45-6:00 PM	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>