

St. Paul's School News

October 21, 2024

October/November Upcoming Events

- Oct. 23rd- Picture Retakes
- Oct. 24th- Kindergarten Field Trip - Fire Station
- Oct. 25th No School- Adoption Day!
- Oct. 30th- Kindergarten trip to PEO Home- Trick or Treating
- Oct. 30th - PTL Meeting
- Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st- Costume Run & Carnival
- Nov. 10th- Singing in Church @ School 10:30a.m.
- Nov. 10th- Literacy Fair, Bake Sale, Book Fair

Prayer Families

In our prayers this week,
we remember the
following school families:

**Brandon & Cara Esau,
Robert & Amanda Fitzwater,
John & Anna Francis**

CHAPEL OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER

We will be designating our offerings from October to Habitat for Humanity of Gage County. Habitat for Humanity builds, repairs, and restores homes to provide housing for low income families. A portion of our offering will also be sent to the national Habitat for Humanity to support Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Our current total is : \$119.87

COSTUME RUN FUNDRAISER

Don't Forget to sign up & share for our student-led fundraiser, St. Paul's Costume Run! Our goal is to raise \$12,000 for purchasing library books, maintaining the outdoor classroom, and updating school technology. All families can support our school by either donating or sharing on MYBOOSTER.com!

- October 16th- Donating Opens on MYBOOSTER.com. Register on MYBOOSTER.COM, SHARE & GIVE!
- November 1st- Costume Run. Save the date- You're Invited! Come cheer on your student!

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retake day is set for this Wednesday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. If your child was absent on picture day, there are picture packet forms available at the office. If you want their picture retaken, send their picture packet back to school.

KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIPS

On Thursday, October 24th, the Kindergarten class will travel to the Beatrice Fire Station

On Wednesday, October 30th @ 2:00 P.m. the Kindergarten class will travel to the PEO Home to trick or treat.

CALENDAR CHANGE- NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 25TH- ADOPTION DAY

We are excited to announce that our school will be closed on Friday, October 25th to allow our teachers, staff, and students to celebrate the adoption proceedings of Jasmine Hoyt and Logan Lear, the foster children of Mr. and Mrs. Long, who are also beloved teachers at our school. This joyful occasion is a testament to the strong community we have built together, and we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in this special event. We are so thankful for the loving Christian witness that Mr. and Mrs. Long provide with their care for foster children, and we want to be able to support and encourage them on this special day. We appreciate your understanding about this last minute calendar change as we come together to celebrate this new beginning for our students and their family.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Cornerstone Lutheran Church is hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October, 27th from 2-4 p.m., and they wanted to invite our school student families to join in the fun

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is also hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October, 27th from 3:30-6 p.m., and they wanted to invite our school student families to join them for Candy, Games and Fun!

PTL MEETING

The next PTL meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the school media center. Please plan to attend

CARNIVAL AND COSTUME RUN

Thursday & Friday, October 31st for PreSchool and November 1st for PreK-5th, we will be celebrating the Fall Holiday Season with class parties! The students will be encouraged to wear costumes and enjoy carnival games for prizes with their class on the basketball court behind the school or in the gym, depending on weather. This will take place immediately following each class's costume run. Your child's teacher will let you know if they are wearing costumes all day or putting them on before the party. We are asking for candy & prize donations from parents and parent volunteers to help run the games. A note will come home this week with more information. Please return the sign-up sheet by this Friday, October 25th. We are excited to celebrate with our students!

2nd GRADE SWIM LESSONS

Next Friday, November 1st, 2nd Grade will begin a 5 week course of swim lessons at the YMCA. Many thanks to the Y for sponsoring this program!

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

This year we partnered with Beatrice Public Schools in the Stronger Communities Connections Grant, and with the help of this grant, we will have school counselor support on Tuesday mornings. Carlina Grove, one of the counselors at Beatrice Elementary, will be providing social skills groups for our first grade students, as well as counselor check in visits with our classes and students. If you would like your child to receive more directed therapy from the counselor, please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Duever.

We are thankful for this resource to help us support the social and emotional needs of our students.

Introduction from Carlina Grove:

Hi, my name is Carlina Grove, and I get to be another helpful adult at St. Paul this year. 😊 I am a certified school counselor and a provisional licensed mental health practitioner. I am employed at Beatrice Public Schools as a school-based mental health therapist. Through a grant awarded to Beatrice Public Schools, I have the opportunity to help St. Paul with some social, emotional, and mental health needs. I look forward to getting to know the St. Paul community. (Some other facts about me: I am a **HUGE** dog person, I love the color royal blue, and I like to match my glasses to my outfits.)



FOOD DRIVE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is participating in a food drive challenge grant to support the Beatrice Community Food Pantry. If we can collect 500 food items by November 15th, the food pantry will receive a \$500 grant. There is a Box located in the library for anyone wishes to donate and help us meet our goal of 500 items while supporting food security in our local community.

TEXTBOOK LOAN PROGRAM FORM

The State of Nebraska has created a new program for allowing non-public schools to access funds for purchasing student textbooks and curricular materials. In order for our school to utilize these funds, we need each family to fill out a form designating our school as the agent for their students. Please look for this form in your child's folder and return it as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance!

BLESSINGS OF THE HARVEST- AUCTION

Join us for a heartwarming evening at the Blessings of the Harvest Dinner and Auction on November 23rd, supporting St. Paul's Lutheran! Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with our vibrant community, and participate in our exciting auction featuring unique items and experiences. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season of gratitude while supporting our ministry, including our school, child care center, and church outreach programs. Mark your calendars and bring your friends and family for a night filled with fellowship, fun, and the spirit of giving. The event will be held at the Vintage Venue, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. and dinner service at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the church and school. Tickets are priced at \$100 per person, and \$50 of your ticket price is considered a tax-deductible donation. We can't wait to see you there!

VOTE to RETAIN REFERENDUM 435

At the election this November, please vote to RETAIN Referendum 435. We need our school community to vote to RETAIN this important legislation for school choice! It provides 10 million dollars in government funded scholarships for low income families to attend the private school of their choice, including St. Paul's Lutheran.

LB 1402 SCHOLARSHIPS

The LB1402 Nebraska Education Scholarship Link is now live and accepting students applications. Please see the attached flyer for eligibility requirements. We encourage all families that are eligible to apply, to assist with providing scholarship dollars for our school. It is also important to use the funding to ensure that our lawmakers continue to understand the importance of school choice in Nebraska. The application process is quick and easy – Applications close tomorrow, APPLY TODAY!

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT AT SCC

Southeast Community College is hosting a Free Family Science Night on Monday, November 4th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please see the attached flyer, or click the link below to secure your free tickets and enjoy this fun family night of learning.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scc-family-science-night-beatrice-tickets-1025014645397>

BAKE SALE- LITERACY FAIR

On November 10th, the PTL will be hosting a Bake Sale during the Literacy Fair. We are asking all families to use the link below to sign up to bring at least one item to be sold. Funds from this event will support the PTL and the classrooms. Instructions about packing and drop off can be found in the Sign Up Genius link. If you have any questions, contact Micaela Dorn at 402-459-1419.

<https://tinyurl.com/PTLbakesale>

SCHOOL COLLECTIONS

Russ's Market cash register receipts update: Our current total is \$51,026.23.. Other items you can collect to support our school:
Box Tops for Education (must be submitted electronically); Best Choice, Our Family Labels and Tyson A+ Labels.

All these collections can be submitted to the school office, and we thank you for helping to support our school!

PLEASE Bring in any Russ's receipts by the middle of November. If we can send in 75,000 we will get a bonus deposit. Thanks for all your help!

In Christ,
Amy Duever