

THE BLITZ – NEWSLETTER

Saint Paul Lutheran Church & School

September 25, 2020

A Note from the Principal

Dear Saint Paul Families,

Happy autumn! Did you know on this day in 1789, the first Congress proposed 12 amendments to the US Constitution, including the 10 that make up our Bill of Rights? What an amazing thing to think about life in 1789, when citizens were concerned about having to quarter soldiers, being subject to search and seizure, or being denied any due process. Fast forward to today, and our concerns as citizens look different, but there are still concerns and fears. I do not have to fear that my barns will be commandeered to house soldiers and their horses, but I do worry for the health and physical safety of our citizens. I also worry about the growing unrest and disturbing images we see on the news and what kind of country will our children inherit.

On October 3, 1789, just days after the first amendments were proposed, George Washington penned these words when calling for a national day of thanksgiving:

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee⁷⁸ requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

We don't need to wait for a specific day to pray for our country or to thank God for all He has given us. Many Christians are joining together in prayer tomorrow, Saturday, September 26th to pray for our country. Perhaps you and your family will do that tomorrow? Maybe you pray for the US every day? Maybe the anniversary of the proposal of the Bill of Rights today is a great opportunity to talk in our families about the liberties and responsibilities of being a citizen and a member of God's family?

Today, I am so thankful that we have constitutional liberties and the freedom to practice our faith, which means our Christian school can operate without fear. I am also so thankful for you parents who choose Saint Paul to help you educate your children and I pray that we can work together to prepare our students for all that God has planned for them here and in eternity!

In His Service,

Julia

FALL 2020 NEW MEMBER CLASS: "THIS WE BELIEVE" INFORMATION!

Our fall 2020 8-week new member Zoom class **begins this Sunday, September 27**. Classes will meet every Sunday from 10:00-11:00am, with the last class on Sunday, November 15. New member recognition will take place on Sunday, November 22. If you are interested in starting this class, please email the church office ASAP at church@saint-paul.org.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Saint Paul Lutheran School is going to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. JoAnn Morris during the month of November. Mrs. Morris was a part of the ministry at Saint Paul for thirty-five years. If you would like to contribute to this celebration please contact Angela Young at ayoung@saint-paul.org.

DROP OFF/PICK UP REMINDER

Please remember the drop off and pickup procedures and do not let your student cross traffic coming in our out of your car, unless they use the cross walk.

ATTENTION SPORTS FANS

Do you like NFL teams? College teams? MLB teams? Then you will love our NEW fundraiser. We are trying out a new company this year called Superfan. What is Superfan? They have products from every major league sports team and over 100 colleges and universities. They are not just for sports fans. With popular items like Tervis tumblers, stainless steel drinkware, and Goose Creek Candles, everyone you know can find something they love! Everything is online and will be delivered to your house. Attached to the Blitz is a flyer with the link for you to start shopping. These make great gifts for family and friends and even yourself. **The sale will run Friday, September 25 through Friday, October 9.** Saint Paul will be receiving 40% of our sales. Please check it out. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Makris, makris132@gmail.com.

WHAT IS SHOP WITH SCRIP?

ShopWithScrip is an easy way to turn everyday shopping into earnings for Saint Paul Lutheran School.

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value (physical cards, eGift card, and reload physical cards).
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy.
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases.

Looking ahead – Fall Bonus Fest – October 9-31

Festival of two-day flash bonuses on all card types. Shop new brands on bonus each weekend.

Get started today!

1. Enroll in the RaiseRight mobile app or on ShopWithScrip.com with our enrollment code.
2. Check out and get eGift cards, physical gift cards by securely paying online with a bank account (.15¢ fee per order) or credit card (2.6% fee per order).

To learn more about RaiseRight, please use this link: <https://youtu.be/BZNu-ftcPKo>.

1. The app is easy to find, just download the free on the App store: <https://www.raiseright.com>
2. Use your same ShopWithScrip sign-in information (your information will already be saved).

Physical gift card order deadlines & pick up dates

- Orders placed by Thursday, October 1 will be ready for pick up by Wednesday, October 7
- Orders placed by Thursday, October 15 will be ready for pick up by Wednesday, October 21

Pick-ups will be at the school/church office.

If you have any questions, please call/text Vicky Craddock at 847-533-5150 (cell).

MARKET DAY IS BACK!

The Market Day fundraising program was relaunched and many of the beloved products are being added every month. One change to the program is the direct delivery of all orders to your front door. YES, to your front door! How great is that during this time of social distancing? Free shipping is offered for the Box Bundles or you can create your own bundle for free shipping. Many favorites are available for immediate purchase and new items are being added every month. Saint Paul will benefit by receiving 10% of each sale.

To set up an account, please visit this website: <https://www.marketdaylocal.com/account/register>. Click on the "Select an Organization" button. In the "Search for your school" box enter "Saint Paul Lutheran School—Mount Prospect—Illinois". Our school should appear in the drop down menu and you can select it. If you have any questions, please reach out to saintpaulmarketday@gmail.com.

MAKE UP PICTURE DAY

If you missed school pictures we will have a make-up day on November 11. You may also have a retake photo taken if you are unhappy with the original photo.

SHOEDRIVE UPDATE

We have already gathered over 600 pairs of shoes! This is a great start towards our goal of 2,500 pairs. Also, we have had a great response from the community by advertising through social media! Please continue to share this with your friends. Don't forget, we also offer porch pick up. Please email StPaulShoes@gmail.com to arrange a pick up. The shoe drive will continue until November 10.

BOO! SAVE THE DATE!

Although we can't do our traditional Trunk or Treat this year, we WILL still have some fun! Come visit the Saint Paul Pumpkin Patch on **Sunday, October 11 from 11:00am-2:00pm** in the school parking lot. In addition to selling pumpkins and gourds, we will be collecting food donations for the food pantry.

DINING DAY – THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who made it out to Andy's Custard last Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather and yummy custard. We set a new record for the most people at a fundraiser. Yeah!! Our next dine in day is Tuesday, October 13 at Station 34. Hope to see you there.

SPOT CHILDCARE is up and running with daily hours from 7:30am until school begins and from school dismissal until 5pm. If you are interested in using the SPOT program, please email Erin Turk at eturk@saint-paul.org.

YOUR TRASH IS OUR TREASURE

Our Saint Paul Pre-Kindergarten is looking for donations of scrap wood and gently used children's umbrellas. Our students love building sculptures, so scrap wood of any size would be appreciated. Donations can be brought to the school building between 8am-3:30pm during the week. You may also contact Amy Cimarusti at acimarusti@saint-paul.org to arrange a pick up. Thank you!!

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

If you are planning to travel, please check out the Cook County Department of Public Health website [for](https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/) guidance on travel and the quarantine recommendations for affected states. If you and your family travel to one of these states, your child can participate in remote learned during the mandatory 14 day quarantine upon arriving home. For information about remote learning please contact your child's teacher. <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/>

START YOUR ENGINES

Whether you drive the Batmobile, the Ecto-1, or the Mystery Machine, join us for a Halloween Road Rally! Make a squad (driver needs to be over 21 years old), think of a creative name, dress up in costumes and meet us in the school parking lot at **3:00pm on Saturday, October 17**. Please stay in your cars and you will receive instructions and your first clue. Each clue will take you to a spot in Mount Prospect, where you will receive your next clue, and so on. The rally ends at 5pm, then you will jump on a Zoom call at 6pm to see who won. (Yes, there will be prizes!) The cost is \$25/car. Please wear masks (not just Halloween masks) and maintain social distancing, including limiting who is in your vehicle. Thanks for protecting each other. Use this link to register <https://tinyurl.com/sproadrally> or by calling the church office. Registration ends October 16.

