

EAGLE NEWSLETTER November 9, 2023



Mrs. Quick's office hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 7:30 am—9:15 am & 10:15 am — 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday from 7:30 am - 8:15 am, 9:00 am—12:00 pm & 2:00 pm—4:00 pm.

To contact her outside of her office hours, please call the school office and leave a message or email her at quicks@stpaulwpne.org.

ABSENT STUDENTS: PARENTS a friendly Reminder that a parent **MUST CALL** the school office if your child will be absent from school. Please **DO NOT send word with a sibling or just text their teacher**. If you do not call the school office your child will be marked "Absent Unexcused." Thank you!

TARDY, ARRIVING LATE, OR LEAVING EARLY STUDENTS: Signing your child In & Out of school is mandatory! PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AND OUT. This includes if they had a morning appointment or arrive late to school, after 8:00 am, for any reason as well as if they leave school for any appointment or activity during school hours. Thank you!

St. Paul Lutheran Ministries is partnering with Thrivent Financial to raise funds & food for their 500 items = \$500 challenge. All items and funds will go to the West Point Food Distribution Services at Grace Lutheran Church. For the month of November, we will be collecting food items with a goal of at least 500 items. When we collect 500 items Thrivent will donate \$500 to the food bank. Items can be dropped off in the school Multipurpose Room or the Church. All items need to be brought no later than Thursday, November 30th.

Veterans Day Assembly at Public for K-8th grade is Tomorrow Friday, Nov. 10th at 9:30 am. We will travel by bus up to public for the program and return when it is over. Please be sure to thank any currently serving military personnel or veteran for their service. It is only due to their sacrifices that we can enjoy the freedom to worship and share the love of Jesus as we do today!

Christmas Program Practice continues each Sunday through Dec. 3rd from 8-9 am in the school Music Room. Final practice will be Wednesday, Dec. 6th at the Nielsen Center from 4:45-6:45 with food being provided. The Christmas Program is Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00 pm at the Nielsen Center. The Cookie Walk will follow. More Cookie Walk information to come.

\$2 Free Dress Day 2.0 is Tuesday, November 14th. Due to a clerical error, the previous newsletters had Free Dress Day listed incorrectly as Tue., Nov. 7th. Therefore, we are having another free dress day THIS Tuesday, November 14th.

Open Gym/Conditioning is Nov. 14th from 7-8:30 pm. Open to all 5th-8th graders who will be playing St. Paul basketball.

Mandatory Basketball Parents Meeting (Boys & Girls) Tue., Nov. 14th at 7:00 pm. Practice begins Monday, Nov. 27th.

The 2023 Math Bee at St. Paul's Arlington is Tuesday, November 21st at 1:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, Nov 22nd through Friday, November 24th. Enjoy the 5-day weekend!

Second Qtr. Chapel Offerings are going towards the Food Pantry. We have collected \$62.12 so far.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Veterans Day Assembly at Public, Tomorrow, Friday, November 10th at 9:30

Happy Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11th

Christmas Program Practice, Sunday, November 12th 8:00-9:00 am in the music room

School Board Meeting, Monday, November 13th at 6:00 pm

Cadets BBB at Pender Monday, November 13th at 4:00 pm

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Mandatory Basketball Meeting, Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm

Open Gym/Conditioning 5th-8th Basketball players Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00-8:30

If you need to contact Pastor Gierke, please call him at the church office at 402.372.2111, on his cell at 501.472.7382 or email him at jpgierke@stpaulwp.org.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Paul School is in partnership with parents in providing a Christ-centered education that will equip children in pre-school through eighth grade to faithfully serve as witnessing Christians and productive citizens."

Give Thanks and Give Back
November Food Shelf Challenge

St. Paul Lutheran School is teaming with Thrivent to help West Point Food Distribution Service @ Grace Lutheran Church.

From November 1 - November 30, we have been challenged to collect 500 or more items. In doing so, Thrivent Member Network - Nebraska Region will match with a \$500 donation to the food bank.

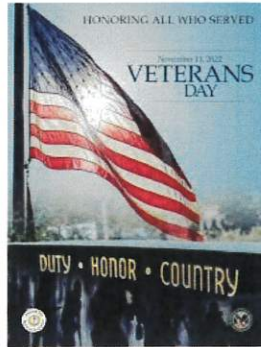
Items can be dropped off in the school multipurpose room or at the Church.

We are also making this a classroom challenge. The classroom that collects the most items will get a free dress day and a pizza party.

Please call the school office if you have any questions!



Veterans Day



We celebrate Veterans Day each year on November 11. It is a day to honor all military veterans who have served before or are still serving during times of peace and war.

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. This site on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., the nation's highest place of honor, became the focal point of reverence for American veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe).

These memorial gestures took place on November 11 and gave universal recognition to the celebrated end of World War I fighting at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. The day became known as Armistice Day.

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the first Armistice Day. Armistice Day officially received its name on June 4, 1926, through a Congressional resolution that also encouraged the display of the U.S. flag on all government buildings and urged appropriate ceremonies. It became a national holiday on May 13, 1938, 12 years later, through similar Congressional action.

Armistice Day became Veterans Day and honored all veterans.

The first celebration of Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day." It included a parade and other festivities to honor all veterans. This event took place on November 11. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day to honor service members who had served in the nation's wars.

In 1968 a law was passed changing the national commemoration of Veterans Day to be the fourth Monday in October. However, it became apparent that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional November 11 date.

How is Veterans Day Celebrated?

Each year a national ceremony for Veterans Day is held at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery, where, on the center of the eastern steps, you will find the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes Present Arms at the tomb. The President then lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The bugler then plays "Taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the Amphitheater. The rest of the country celebrates with parades and programs honoring those who have served and currently serve.

Veterans Day is not the only way to acknowledge and celebrate those in the military. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, both still serving and retired or deceased. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, honors those who have died in military service, and Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

How can we honor our Veterans every day of the year?

Organize care packages to send to those stationed overseas or even in the U.S. It only takes 10 minutes to send a thank-you gift to a veteran or deployed service member.

Visit a veterans hospital or assisted living/nursing home with elderly or injured veterans.

Celebrate with service by showing service members your gratitude with a home-cooked meal, thank you note, or day of volunteering.

Support veteran-owned businesses.

Express your thanks whenever you see someone in uniform. A simple word of gratitude or a small act of kindness shows how much their service means to you.

Send a thank-you card.