

But You Are a Chosen People..... 1 Peter 2:9

MISSION STATEMENT

East St. Paul Lutheran School:

- provides excellent Christian education
- surrounds children with Christ's love and forgiveness
- partners with family, church and community

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Greetings in Christ! I am writing to all of you in a state of reflection and pride as the warm glow of our first day of the 2007-2008 school year at ESPL comes to a close. The day began with an excellent turnout for chapel as we celebrated our relationship with Jesus Christ and the understanding of how important ESPL is to the ministry of God. I can only speak for myself and teachers but it was a wonderful start to exciting school year.

As mentioned in chapel, Matthew 18:1-10 says, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of God." Your children are special to our Lord and they are very special to the faculty and staff at ESPL. We look forward to working with all families as we share the good news of Christ's death and resurrection.

Thank you all for making my first year back to my "old" school a wonderful experience. I want your child to receive the same quality, Christian education that I was blessed with so I ask for your prayers and support as we prepare them academically and spiritually for successfully living.

In His Service,
Mr. K

DID YOU KNOW....

... the Open House and school picnic on Tuesday, August 28th was a great success. As many as 80 parents and students came to eat, see their classrooms and take care of unfinished paperwork. Much excitement and anticipation filled the hallways!

... school began this week on Tuesday, September 4 with many parents and school friends joining us for the opening chapel. The first quarter chapel offerings will be used to support the LCMS World Missions, specifically Paul and Joy Mueller serving as missionaries in Kenya, Africa. To see more on their important ministry go to: www.lcms.org?10389. We got off to a good start with over \$46.00 dollars collected during our opening chapel and please continue to encourage the children who make to give a chapel offering. And remember, parents and friends always welcome to chapel!

... the Swanson family again will be offering their restaurant – **IHOP** in Oakdale, to ESPL for fundraising opportunities. Note: EVERY Wednesday starting the first week of September through May from 5:00-8:00pm, we will receive 10% of the total receipts when a family mentions ESPL. Great opportunity for a night out while helping your school. Be sure to mention ESPL when you visit.

... the **Excel Center** and the **Metrodome** have a program that allows people to work at concession stands during events and the money earned can be credited to your tuition account. For more information and to be placed on the schedule, call Bob or Callie Pruss at 651.588.4001.

... as mentioned in the August newsletter the school will once again participate in the **Marathon for Nonpublic Education**. On **Saturday, October 6th from 8:00am-12:00pm at Lake Phalen**, ESPL will be joining many other parochial schools in walking, biking, rollerblading or running for pledges. Everyone, staff, teachers, parents and students are encouraged to participate. Our school goal is \$10,000. May I suggest a goal of \$150 per family in pledges? I heard a rumor that there may be incentive prizes for participating? Please see the attached information and pledge sheet. Again, our goal is to make this the primary fundraising activity for the school this year so please give it your best effort.

... every month look for interesting and helpful articles called **Home & School Connection**. See attached sheet, enjoy!

ART: Mrs. Reem will again be offering an Art Club. Watch for details and note the following: Cost: \$10 for the whole year;
Time: 4:00-5:15pm; Dates: Sept. 17 / Oct. 1, 15 / Nov. 5, 19 / Dec. 3, 17 / Jan. 14, 28 / Feb. 11, 25 / March 10 / April 7, 21 /
May 5, 19

YEARBOOK: If you take any pictures of any school functions or sporting event, throughout the year, please send them to the school office or give them to your child's teacher marked: *Yearbook Pictures*. The yearbook will be put together in January. If you would like to help with the yearbook, please contact the school office. Thank you!

SPORTS NEWS: In April this past year, several students indicated their desire to participate in the various sports offered for the 2007/2008 school year. There will be another opportunity to sign up on Tuesday, August 28th at the Open House. Parents..... if you are interested in coaching, please contact Carol at the school office. If no coaches are secured, we will not be able to field a team.

- 5/6 Girls Volleyball {\$40.00} Coach – Pam Fallert, ESPL parent
- 5/6 Co-ed Soccer {\$40.00} If warranted, soccer will be opened up to 4th grade. Coach – NEEDED!!
- 4-6 Co-ed Cross Country {\$15.00} Parents supervise their children at the meets.

MUSIC NOTES: On Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00pm at Eastern Heights Lutheran Church, Mrs. Johnson will be holding an informational meeting on the new ESPL Band Program! All students in 4th-6th grade are eligible to participate. Mrs. Johnson will also be offering piano lessons for students in 1st-6th grade. Please contact her for more information at the school or email: musicianp2002@yahoo.com

Reminder: All ESPL students receive music theory and vocal instruction and will be asked to perform occasionally for the school. Schedule of performances and location will be sent home.