



St. Paul's Christian Day School *Ark Adventures*

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HAPPY EASTER

E is for **E**ach of us. God loves everyone.

A is for **A** broken world, so He sent His Son.

S is for our **S**ins that Jesus took away.

T is for the **T**omb where He lay for three whole days.

E is for the **E**my tomb. The stone was rolled away.

R is for the **R**isen Lord. Jesus is alive today!



CALENDAR:

Tuesday, April 4: Parent Support Group Meeting at noon

Friday, April 7: Bouncing Bear and 1st Grade Spring Musical: **Alphabet Graffiti!**
6:30 at the Brenham High School (Refreshments by Parent Support Group)

Saturday, April 8: Blue Bell Fun Run

Monday, April 10: Ms. Lou Lou Storytime: 9:30 (Tumbling Turtles, Frisky Frogs, Bouncing Bears)

Week of April 10: **Easter Chapel Offering benefitting the Texas Wheelchair Ramp Ministry** which uses volunteers and donations to build ramps in our community for people who are housebound due to confinement in wheelchairs. There is no cost to recipients.
Over 100 ramps have been built in Washington County!

Monday-Thursday, April 10-13: Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grades IOWA Achievement Testing

Friday, April 14: Good Friday Holiday (School & Extended Care closed)

Saturday, April 15: St. Paul's Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival: 10:00 a.m. (Parent Support Group providing refreshments.)

Sunday, April 16: **HAPPY EASTER!!! JESUS IS ALIVE!!!** (St. Paul's invites your family to attend worship. Schedule of services will be sent to you soon.)

Monday, April 17: Beginning of the 6th Six Weeks (Report Cards go home Wednesday.)

Tuesday, April 18: Class Pictures: Tumbling Turtles, M/T Frisky Frogs, M-W Bouncing Bears, and A.M. & P.M. Ocean Treasures

Class pictures will be used for the yearbook and you will also have an opportunity to purchase them.

Thursday, April 20: Class Pictures: W-F Frogs, TH/F Bears, Kindergarten – 6th Grade
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Friday, April 21: Thorndale Track Meet: 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th Grades (More information to Coming from Coach Stepan)

Tuesday, April 25: Kindergarten Field Trip to Bank of Brenham: 1:00

Thursday, April 27: Kindergarten & 6th Grade Graduation Pictures

Friday, April 28: Kindergarten – 2nd Grade Field Day

Saturday, April 29: Maifest Color Run at Fireman's Park

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE USE THIS INFORMATION TO PLAN YOUR VACATIONS. EACH SCHOOL DAY IS IMPORTANT AND NEEDS YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE!

LIMITED OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR. BEGINNING AUGUST 1, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE TO \$510.00

2017 SUMMER REGISTRATION DUE MAY 1!: The **CDS Summer Extended Care Program** is designed to accommodate the summer needs of children who are 12 months through 6th. Current and former day school children, their siblings, and those newly enrolled for the 2017-18 school year are welcome; as well as, any other children in the community who desire safe, loving summer care, fun activities, play time with peers, and continuation of academic practice.

The 2017 Summer Program will operate for 12 weeks from May 30 – August 18.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Parent Support Group Mardi Gras Gala resulted in funds of \$50,000 for the school, including \$12,000 in Wish List purchases. Thanks to Mari Swierkowski and her team of parents who organized the event!

The school's Wish List is available year round in the school office. Examples of items still "wished":

- Cafeteria tables (ours are worn-out and difficult to move and store): \$1400/each
- Additional food warmer for the kitchen (Mrs. Riske and her team are feeding over 300 every day! It's important to keep all the food warm!): \$2000
- Science lab equipment: Items ranging from \$15-\$100
- Tractors and dump trucks for the playground: \$20 - \$50

ALL CLASSROOM WISH LIST ITEMS PURCHASED AT THE GALA ARE BEING ORDERED. YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CDS MARDI GRAS GALA IS APPRECIATED!

Accreditation

The CDS is so thankful for its completion of the requirements for AdvancED School Accreditation. As a global leader in advancing education excellence, AdvancED serves more than 20 million students, in 32,000 public and private schools and districts, in all 50 states and 71 other countries around the world. On March 5 and 6, an Accreditation Team examined the entire school, Tumbling Turtles through 6th grade, focusing on:

- ▶ Impact of teaching and learning
- ▶ Capacity of leadership
- ▶ Use of resources

The team validated what the CDS is doing well and identified areas for continuous improvement. In the External Review Exit Report, the team found **“the culture of the school defined by caring and respect which is apparent in classrooms, hallways, and public places.** Further, they stated **“The staff is committed to helping their students develop the skills necessary for academic success at the next level. Staff embraced the Accreditation Review process and voiced their excitement about learning how to improve their skills, and the team strongly believes they will work hard to address the components needed to fulfill improvement opportunities and priorities. The strong bond of trust and respect that bind the school and home will ensure that every student flourishes and grows academically, spiritually, and emotionally.”**



CLIP THOSE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!!!

The CDS receives \$.10 for each Box Top you save. Get your friends, neighbors, and extended family involved. We collect them year round.

THANK YOU, PARENTS, FOR VOTING ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL AS THE 2017 BANNER-PRESS "READERS CHOICE AWARD" for FAVORITE DAY SCHOOL & FAVORITE DAY CARE!!! We will continue to work hard to be deserving of these special honors.



TAKE TIME TO CHECK THE SCHOOL'S LOST AND FOUND FOR WINTER CLOTHING ITEMS THAT MAY BELONG TO YOUR CHILD.

This is how we "ROCK & ROLL" in April:

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: FAITHFULNESS (believing God will do what He says He will do)

BUCKETFILLER: **BEING HELPFUL** (What nice surprises can be done for parents, teachers, friends, teammates, co-workers, etc?)

CRUSADER TRAIT: **ENDURANCE** (remaining strong when life gets hard)

Praising the Risen Lord,
Sherrie Winkelmann