

November 3, 2020

Dear St. Paul School Families:

I am writing with news I'd hoped not to have to send, but given the current COVID situation here at St. Paul, it is regrettable but necessary for us to close our building for a time. Knowing that this situation causes hardship for our students, staff, and families, we wish to make this closure the shortest duration possible; as such, we will close for in-person instruction on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 with hopes to re-open on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Our staff members have diligently reported health concerns, staying home when feeling ill or when learning of potential contact/exposure to best ensure our students' and staff's health and safety. At this time, however, we have a staff member and one student who have tested positive.

We have performed contact tracing with the assistance of the Tuscola County Health Department and have identified all close contacts with these individuals. We have contacted those students and families with quarantine instructions. If you have not been contacted, your child is not in close contact with these individuals, therefore your child is not required to quarantine.

So, effective Wednesday, November 4, 2020:

St. Paul Lutheran School will be closed until Wednesday, November 11, 2020 returning to face-to-face instruction on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Due to this short duration, teachers will be in contact with their class with any distant-learning assignments.

His Little Lambs Daycare & Latch-key will be available to those students who are not under quarantine.

NO ATHLETIC PRACTICES or SCHOOL ACTIVITIES will take place during this time frame.

It is difficult to deliver news that is so disappointing to our school families. We are eternally grateful to our great God for guiding us in the past and are confident that He will be with us in this situation and those to come. Please continue to pray for our staff, students and families as we will continue to pray for you.

Should you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact the school or your teacher directly.

Blessings,

Paul Schoenknecht