



**Assisting Parents
in Bringing up their Children
in the Training
and Instruction of the Lord.**



THE PARTNERSHIP POST

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COVID-19 Update

Even in the midst of a pandemic, there is a lot for which we can give thanks. I find myself frequently saying prayers of thanksgiving for a number of things:

- Thanksgiving that we have been able to continue in-person school!
- Thanksgiving that, to date, we still have had no positive COVID-19 cases among students or staff.
- Thanksgiving for our children, who are staying healthy and with whom we have the privilege of working with daily.
- Thanksgiving for our teachers, who are dedicated to the Christian education of our children.
- Thanksgiving that you are continuing to take precautions of your own to keep your family as healthy as possible.

Be that as it may, COVID-19 activity levels certainly aren't slowing down in our area; in fact, activity levels continue to rise. And by now you are likely aware that the activity levels in the Fox Valley are currently among the highest in the nation. This has caused the health departments in Appleton and Menasha, as well as Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties, to issue a [Public Health Emergency](#).

With that said, **we are thankful to be able to continue to conduct in-person learning.** We appreciate the steps and precautions you have taken to keep your family healthy, and we appreciate you continuing to do your part to not only keep your family healthy, but also to keep our kids physically in school. We strongly encourage you to continue taking precautions to keep our kids in school. Here are some things you can do to help:

- Continue to conduct [Daily Home Health Screenings](#) of your children before school.
- Keep your kids home if they're sick, and share the specifics (especially health specifics) of your child's absence with your child's teacher and/or the school office.
- Consult with Mr. Steinmetz if you have any health-related questions.
- Physically distance as much as possible, and wear a cloth face covering in public unless you are unable to wear one for medical reasons.
- Avoid gatherings where distancing is not possible.
- We also strongly encourage everyone to get a flu shot this year, because health experts are predicting that this year's flu season could be particularly serious, as the flu will be going around simultaneously with COVID-19.

Other mitigation steps can be found at the CDC website, and at the Public Health Emergency news article (from WBAY) linked above. Thank you again for everything you are doing to keep our SVLS family as safe and healthy as possible. Remember - God is in control of all things! "I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Mr. Steinmetz

Updates to Scrip/Gift Cards

Chick fil A is available to order physical cards - \$5 or \$10 denominations.

Roundy's/Pick n Save is available in eGift cards and Reload

CPTA News

Watch your emails for a signup to donate items for teacher breakfast this month. Volunteers are needed to coordinate apparel orders and fundraisers. Email cpta@svls.us if you are willing help.

Before School EDP

We are happy to be able to offer morning EDP (Extended Day Program) care 5 mornings per week, starting as early as 7:00 a.m. Our EDP leader is Mrs. Patty Block, who is our kindergarten aide this year. If your family would like to make use of EDP in the mornings, please contact the school office to make arrangements.

Virtual Attendance via Google Meet

One blessing this year is being able to have webcams in each classroom to give students an opportunity to join the classroom virtually if they are quarantined; or if they are feeling slightly unwell to be physically in school, but they still feel well enough to "do school" from home via Google Meet. Since this isn't a fully remote learning experience and is a combination of students learning on-site and students learning at-home, joining the Google Meet at home without having any resources from school wouldn't be beneficial for the children. For that reason, if you will be keeping your child home to monitor some symptoms, but your child is still well enough to join via Google Meet, please arrange to pick up your child's school materials prior to joining the Google Meet, with as much notice as possible. Having those learning materials at home will ensure that your child will get as much out of the live classroom stream as possible, and we will likely ask you to not have your child join the Meet until they have the learning materials in front of them. Please direct any questions to either your child's teacher or to Mr. Steinmetz. Thank you for working with us in this area to make this as practical and beneficial as possible for everyone involved.

School Lunches This Week

SVLS will have a school-provided lunch available 2 days this week.

- 1) Wednesday (10/7) - Ham/cheese sandwich, chips, veggies, fruit**
- 2) Friday (10/9) - Cheese pizza, veggies, fruit**

The cost will be \$3 per meal, and the meal includes milk. If you would like your child(ren) to have either of those school-provided meals this week, please send \$3 per meal with your child on or before the day of the lunch. If you'd like your child to take lunch on both days, feel free to send \$6 all at once on or before Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs. Grady for making these options available to our kids!

1st Semester Mission Offerings

We have chosen to support the WELS Prison Ministry with our school's first semester chapel mission offerings. WELS Prison Ministry is a special ministry of WELS which seeks to build relationships and share Jesus with individuals who are incarcerated and in prison. So far this semester, SVLS has collected \$288.00 for WELS Prison Ministry.

Worship at Bethel 920-725-1822-English 920-840-5490-Espanol Thursday Worship English 6:30pm Sunday Worship-English 8:00, 10:30am Los Domingos Misa-Espanol 12:00pm	Worship at St. Luke 920-788-4408 Wednesday at 6:30pm Sunday at 9:00am	Worship at Mt. Calvary 920-731-4001 Thursday at 6:30pm Sunday at 8:00 & 9:00am in Menasha and 6:30pm in Stockbridge
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