

Thursday, January 12, 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a morning! The weather today made for an interesting beginning of school. I know many of you were stuck in traffic, or sliding around, or were generally inconvenienced. Please remember that our school cancellation procedure is based upon the decision of the District 139 superintendent—usually in collaboration with the bus company. I apologize for your morning trials.

This week students amassed quite a collection of food for the food pantry. Thank you for your participation. We'll be continuing to stock the pantry the remainder of the month as our chapel offering.

Our St. John Hornets are doing well in basketball tournaments. The girls play tonight at Steeleville Public in the semi-finals of the regional tournament. The boys play Friday night at St. Mark's for conference champions of the OVC. We appreciate your support of our athletes.

On Friday we will dismiss at 1:30 for school improvement activities. Ms. Ruebke, Mrs. Schwarting and I will go to the grade school for a meeting with high school teachers regarding placing 8th graders in Math and English classes in preparation for their freshman year. The remainder of the faculty will be working on alignment of our math curriculum with the new "common core standards" created by a consortium of 30+ states to reflect what students should be mastering at certain grade levels. These "common core standards" are quickly becoming the core of education's future. The Illinois State Board of Education has adopted these standards as a guide and measurement tool for schools in the state. In 2014, Illinois public schools will begin formal testing against these standards. We are working hard to be on the cutting edge of educational advancement.

I want to share with you the quote that's on the sign in front of school now. It made me stop and reflect on my life and actions. "If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!" May He bless you all.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday, January 10-13 – Girls regional basketball tournament

Friday, January 13 – Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.

Sunday, January 15 – the Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

Monday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 17 – Boys basketball vs St. John Nashville away 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. – Sun. January 19-22 – Boys ALT basketball tournament TBA

Tuesday, January 24 – Boys basketball regionals begin

Sunday, January 29 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

Tuesday, January 31 – Girls volleyball vs Evansville home 6:00 p.m.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. – Jaclyn Colvis and Gwen Sterrett

Sunday, January 15 at 7:45 a.m. – Kaylee James and Miranda Mueller

Sunday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. – Ellen Blechle and Emily Atchison

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9-13

Monday, Jan. 16 – No School

Tuesday, Jan. 17– Stew, Cornbread, Applesauce, Cheesecake/Cherries, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 18 – Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,

Peaches, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 19 – Nachos/Cheese and Salsa, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Carrots/Dip, Blonde Brownies, Milk

Friday, Jan. 20 – Tacos/Soft Shells, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes, Salsa, Pears, Graham Crackers/Peanut Butter, Milk

Teen Bible Study

On **January 15 and 22**, Pastor Ill will lead a lesson on “Let them eat cake! – the feeding of the 5000” (and if you think Pastor Ill can have a Bible study that talks about cake and not eat cake, well, you’re wrong) and “Wakey Wakey! – Jesus raises the dead”.

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The children of St. John Lutheran School would like to replenish and restock our food pantry. Each week for Chapel on Wednesday, please bring in canned goods for your Chapel offering. We love Jesus by helping and caring for others. God bless you for your kindness.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

If anyone would like to purchase a bag of pecans there are only 15 bags left. Please call the school office if you are interested.

SCRIP ORDERS

If you are in need of any Scrip cards, you can fill out an order form from the school office or you can stop by the church office and check with Kelly.

Enjoy your 3-day weekend!

