

Thursday, January 19, 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had an exciting time this week with “dressing the decades” for **Spirit Week**. We have enjoyed seeing your children dressed for school as they would have in the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s. They may have also learned a little about the past from this experience. Ask them about trying to guess the identity of the teachers in the photos from the various decades. You’re welcome to visit the lobby and take a look yourself. And we DO have something to celebrate during Spirit Week. Our St. John Hornets have done exceptionally well in basketball tournaments last week. The girls placed second in the regional tournament. The boys finished as champions of the Okaw Valley Conference. Tonight marks the beginning of the **All Lutheran Tournament** at St. Marks Steeleville. We’ll be dressing in green and white tomorrow and holding a pep assembly to support our athletes.

In a recent newsletter from the sheriff’s office I noticed a couple of items that may be of interest to you. A **new seat belt law** became effective on January 1. The law requires every passenger in the vehicle to wear a seat belt. Backseat occupants are no longer exempt.

The **Yellow Dot Program** is a new statewide initiative to provide first responders to traffic accidents with vital medical information on vehicle drivers and passengers. Contact the following website—www.yellowdotillinois.org—the Randolph County Health Department or the Illinois Department of Transportation for more information.

I recently received notice from the Regional Office of Education listing the **Illinois State Scholars** for this year. I was excited and pleased to note that 3 of the 5 Illinois State Scholars are alumni of St. John. Congratulations Morgan Colvis, Lauren Hoops and Danielle Homan. We are proud of you!

In this packet is information about **Eagle Watching at the Kaskaskia Lock and Dam** on February 4. I participated in this activity last year and it was wonderful! There is a presentation with a live Eagle that was amazing, and in our short drive after the presentation we saw at least 50 Eagles. It’s a great way to experience God’s awesome creation.

Dates to remember:

Thurs. – Sun. January 19-22 – Boys ALT basketball tournament – St. John boys will play Friday night at St. Mark’s against Trinity, Prairie at 6:00 p.m.
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 21 at 6:30 p.m. – Derek Mott and Autumn Rowold
Sunday, January 22 at 7:45 a.m. – Stormie Zweigart and Drake Bollman
Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. – Shea Petrowske and Alyssa Hoops

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9-13

Monday, Jan. 23 – Hot Dog/Bun, Tator Tots, Baked Beans, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 24– Chopped Turkey Sandwiches, Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 25 – Salads, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Pears, Pudding, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 26 – Sloppy Joe/Buns, Sliced Potatoes, Applesauce, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

Friday, Jan. 27 – Pizza, Slaw, Pineapple, Rice Krispie Treats, Milk

Teen Bible Study

Teens: Expect to enjoy and this week's Bible Study, entitled, "Wakey, Wakey." Pastor Ill will lead the lesson about Jesus raising the dead. Be prepared to learn some facts, enjoy some fellowship, and share the fun. Jan. 29, the lesson will be lead by Randy Campbell. "Check Your Pulse" deals with questions young people have about life and how God fits in. We meet in the 8th grade room from 9-9:45 every Sunday. Bring someone new or be that someone new and you won't be disappointed!

Mark your calendars: March 18 we will welcome 43 new members of our St. John family at the annual New Member Reception. More info later.

Feb. 12 will be the beginning of the parent class entitled, "Say Yes to No." Based on the book by David Walsh, you will learn why kids of all ages need to hear "No" and ways parents can say it. The class will run for approximately 7 weeks and be held in the 8th grade room during the Sunday School period. Jill Arbeiter is organizing the interactive DVD series that parents of all ages can relate to. Watch the newsletter and future bulletins for more information.

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

The boys basketball team will begin the All Lutheran Tournament at St. Mark's this week. St. Mark's PTL will be having a Chili Supper on Saturday, January 21st from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. They will be serving Chili, Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, a dessert and drink.

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.