

Thursday, October 20, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week is **Red Ribbon Week**. It's a time when we pay special attention to substance abuse prevention and drug-free behavior. The dress code will be suspended for next week to highlight the themes of each day. See below for the schedule of activities. Meanwhile, reinforce the drug-free mentality in conversations with your children. If you are interested in attending the assembly next Friday (Oct.28) that features a dog that helps police search for illegal substances, please call the office so we know to expect you. It begins at 12:30 and will end in time for **early dismissal at 1:30 P.M.**

The 8th grade will take the Explore test tomorrow (Oct. 21). This test is used for high school placement. Please help make sure your son or daughter is well-rested and has had breakfast before school.

The 8th grade is in the midst of two fund-raisers for their 8th grade trip to Chicago. They are selling Pampered Chef items (thanks to Lynette Colvis) and Tupperware (thanks to Barb Bierman). To place an order, contact an 8th grader or contact the school office. Thanks for your support.

Report cards for the first quarter will be sent home next Wednesday (Oct. 26). If you have any question about grades, please contact the appropriate teacher. We still have a number of students coming to classes with homework unprepared. We really need your help as partners in your child's education. We want every child to succeed and appreciate your cooperation and support.

Dates to remember:

Thursday, Oct. 20 – 6th and 7th Grade invited to visit Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

Friday, Oct. 21 – Explore Test for 8th Grade students

Sunday, Oct. 23 – Junior Choir sings at 10:00 a.m. service

Monday, Oct. 24-28 – PDR Boys "B" Team Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Report cards go home with students

Friday, Oct. 28 – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:30 p.m. for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

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

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22 at 6:30 pm – Matt Smith (Meade) and Shea Petrowske

Sunday, October 23 at 7:45 am – Gwen Strerrett and Sydney Levan

Sunday, October 23 at 10:00 am – Christian Gray and Emily Atchison

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17 – OCTOBER 21

Monday, Oct. 24 – Hamburger/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 25 – Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Pears, Bread and Butter, Banana Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Chili/Crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Carrots/Dip, Pineapple, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 27 – BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Mac and Cheese, Peas, Applesauce, Milk

Friday, Oct 28 – Nacho/Cheese and Salsa, Carrots/Dip, Mixed Fruit, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

SCRIP ORDERS

Remember if you are interested in a Scrip order, please turn in orders by Thursday and cards will be sent home the following Thursday. If you need a new Scrip order form, call the school office and we will be happy to send one home. You can call the church office and also shop online.

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA ORDERS

Remember Little Caesars order forms and money must be turned in by Monday, October 31st. The pick-up date is Monday, November 14th.

9th ANNUAL ST. JOHN DINNER AUCTION

The dinner auction will be Saturday, November 5th. We are sending home two more sheets of raffle tickets. One sheet is for the tuition discount and one is for the 47" flat screen LCD HD television. We are asking you to make one more push to sell or buy the tickets for the auction. Also, please consider buying a ticket for the auction itself. We guarantee a good time, great food and fellowship. We really appreciate our St. John School families supporting the auction!

Please return your drawing tickets to the school office by Friday, November 4th. If you need any extra tickets, please stop by or call the school office.

BIBLE STUDY FOR GRADES 8-12

Eighth graders: Here is an exciting new Bible Study unlike any Sunday School topics you have ever seen. Join us in the 8th grade room from 9-9:45 on Sunday and bring a friend! Dori Smith will be the leader for Teen Bible Study this weekend, Oct. 23. The topic is "Draco's Dilemma" dealing with peer pressure as seen in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." Oct. 30 will be "Spontaneous Celebrations" which examines technology-driven flash-mob events and celebrations of God's goodness in His Word.

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to take part in our new Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Each week the topic (and the adult leader) changes and this is nothing like any Sunday School material you have ever been involved with! We are using the "Pulse" series which links a complete Bible study with a current song, video, movie, or other media. Computers and the Smart Board are being used, Bible verses are

being looked up, and the discussion is on topics relevant to today's teens.

November 6 - "The Book of Jesus" led by Mrs. Melissa Gross. Based on the movie, "The Book of Eli," the main character travels westward carrying the world's last Bible. Students will learn how Eli considers several questions that are absolutely central to the Christian faith.

November 13 - "One Day" led by Mrs. Sandy Colvis. The song, "One Day" by Matisyahu will be viewed on YouTube during this lesson. Participants will find why we cannot neglect the purpose God gives us here and now.

November 20 - "Battered and Bullied" led by Mrs. Diane Hecht. The government anti-bullying campaign contains a number of short cartoon videos which will connect to the Bible stories of Joseph, David & Goliath, Saul & David, and more.

November 27 - "Count Down" led by Mr. Charlie Mattingly. Are you counting down the days till something great happens, or until something is over and done with? The music video "Live Like We're Dying" will be shared and the group bringing conversation of not throwing away any seconds of the day.

Each week there are a few more students, the goal being that we will need more chairs! Join us and bring a friend!

SPIRIT AND PRIDE SHIRTS

The Spirit and Pride orders and money must be returned by tomorrow. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Red Ribbon Week

October 23-28

Saturday/Sunday – October 22 & 23 – Special prayer in church

Monday – October 24 – **“WAKE UP TO A DRUG-FREE LIFE”**
Pajama Day

Tuesday – October 25 – **“SOCK IT TO DRUGS”**
Funky Sock Day

Wednesday – October 26 – **“DON’T LET DRUGS TURN YOUR LIFE INSIDE OUT”**
Inside Out Day

Thursday – October 27 – **“USE YOUR HEAD; DON’T DO DRUGS”**
Crazy Hair / Crazy Hat Day

Friday – October 28 – **“HAND IN HAND WE TAKE A STAND”**
Wear Red Day

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

In an effort to encourage members of our congregation to become more involved and attend our services, I believe we can do this by personally reaching out to people and also getting the attention of the younger generation, as they are the future of St. John Lutheran Church and School. This is possible with our Sunday School program. I am trying to make progress in rebuilding this program so please consider helping by volunteering to teach. At the present time I need teachers for 3rd-4th grades and 5th-7th grades. If several teachers are involved I could create a rotation schedule that may only require each of them to teach once a month or possibly every other month. I plan on

using creative and hands on activities to maintain interest, however, I need help in doing so this. You may contact me at 826-2176 or call the church office 826-3545.

Sincerely,

Jo Beth Petrowske

Sunday School Superintendant

The New Facility Fund was established in May 2007 with a kick off dinner in the Parish Hall. The goal is to raise \$2,000,000 in pledges and cash before beginning any building project. Currently, there is \$394,348.58 in the bank.

St. John Lutheran School provides a quality Christian education for children of the community. Many of the honor students at Chester High School and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School are from St. John's. We have a history of competitive athletic programs as evidenced by the banners in the gym and the crowded trophy case. We graduate students who become homecoming queens, talented musicians, all-conference athletes, science award winners, valedictorians, student council officers, and members of the National Honor Society. Many of them go on to college and to graduate school.

Anyone can make a tax-deductible donation to The New Facility Fund.

This is a meaningful way to honor a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or as a memorial to a departed loved one. If your children went to school at St. John but now live away, your donation will help assure that present and future students can receive the same quality education that your children enjoyed.