

Thursday, October 27, 2011

**Little Caesars pizza orders/money are due by Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

There is a November calendar attached.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

We've had a good time observing Red Ribbon Week this week. From pajamas to crazy hair and hats, to collecting pennies in a penny war to donate to D.A.R.E., it's been a week to remember. Tomorrow we'll hold the assembly featuring the dog that helps police search for illegal substances. The assembly begins at 12:30 and will end in time for the **1:30 early dismissal**. If you'd like to attend, call the office. Thanks for all of your support and flexibility this week.

Report cards for the first quarter were sent home Wednesday. Hopefully, you've had a chance to discuss grades with your children. Please reinforce their good performance and discuss what may be causing a problem if performance is not what was expected. Please feel free to call a teacher with questions you may have about your student. We truly want to be partners with you in your child's education.

It's not too late to get tickets to this year's Dinner/Auction on Saturday, November 5. Call Kelly in the church office at 826-3545.

As we look ahead, remember PTL on November 7 at 7:00. With God's blessing when we all work together, great things can and do happen. On the afternoon of November 10, St. John is hosting a veteran appreciation event. We have invited veterans to come share some stories with us and be recognized and thanked for their service on our behalf. More information will follow. Feel free to join us.

**VETERAN'S DAY TREE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Students - If you have a family member or favorite friend, living or deceased, who is a veteran or currently in the military and wish to honor them during the next few weeks, please bring in a photo. These photos will be stapled onto a Remembrance Tree in the lobby. Be sure to identify the person in the photo and be sure to attach your name so we can return the photo to you. Please have your photos in by November 10, 2011.

**Dates to remember:**

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.  
Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Girls basketball vs Red Bud Lutheran away 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 3 – Boys basketball vs Steeleville Public away 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 5 – St. John Annual Dinner Auction  
Sunday, Nov. 6 – Junior Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. service  
Monday, Nov. 7 – PTL Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Boys basketball vs St. Mark's away 6:00 p.m.  
Monday, Nov. 7 – 10 – Jacob Girls Basketball Tournament  
Tuesday, Nov. 8 – Girls basketball vs St. Mark's home 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10 – Boys basketball vs Red Bud Catholic home 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 11 – NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day  
Monday, Nov. 14 – Boys basketball vs Trinity, Prairie away 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Girls basketball vs Steeleville Public away 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 17 – Boys basketball vs Evansville away 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 18 – EARLY DISMISSAL for K-8 at 12:10 p.m. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.  
Friday, Nov. 18-20 – Collinsville boys basketball tournament  
Sunday, Nov. 20 – the Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service  
Monday, Nov. 21 – Boys basketball vs St. Mary's home 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 22 – Girls basketball vs Red Bud Catholic away 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mid-term; Picture retakes; EARLY DISMISSAL for K-8. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.  
Thursday, Nov, 24 – Thanksgiving Day Junior Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. service  
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Break  
Monday, Nov. 28 – Boys basketball vs Coulterville home 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 29 – Girls basketball vs St. John Nashville home 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Mid-terms go home with students Grades 1-8.

### **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Saturday, October 29 at 6:30 pm – Autumn Rowold and Ashley Wagner  
Sunday, October 30 at 7:45 am – Derek Mott and Miranda Mueller  
Sunday, October 30 at 10:00 am – Alyse Bollman and Kylie Liefer

### **LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 4**

Monday, Oct. 31 – Hot Dog/Bun, Tator Tots, Peaches, Cheesecake/Cherries, Milk  
Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Lasagna, Corn, Pears, Garlic Bread, Milk  
Wednesday, Nov. 2 – Deli Sandwiches, Sliced Potatoes, Pineapple, Graham Crackers/Peanut Butter, Milk  
Thursday, Nov. 3 – Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Carrots/Dip, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Milk  
Friday, Nov. 4 – Tacos/Soft Shells, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes, Salsa, Applesauce, Cake, 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 31<sup>st</sup>. The pick-up date is Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## **9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. JOHN DINNER AUCTION**

The dinner auction will be Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee is asking you to 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 4<sup>th</sup>. If you need any extra tickets, please stop by or call the school office.

## **BIBLE STUDY FOR GRADES 8-12**

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.

This week's teen bible study will be led by Mary & Jon Liefer. This lesson will examine technology-driven flash-mob-events as they relate to celebrations of God's goodness in His Word. Each week, we have added 2 more students. If you aren't there, you should be!

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. Christian faith. Melissa Gross will be our leader Nov. 6.

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.

## **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 (Joby Petrowske) at 826-2176 or call the church office 826-3545.