

Thursday, October 6, 2011

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

On Monday the players on both the boys' baseball team and the girls' softball team were able to wear their jerseys to school to celebrate the fantastic seasons they've had. Both teams made it to the finals of the regionals. Although they lost in close games, we count these young ladies and gentlemen as winners! We appreciate the time and effort they've put forward to be successful and positive representatives of St. John. Many thanks, too, to the coaches and parents who supported our teams.

We were overwhelmed by the collection of items to send in care packages to our soldiers. We are working with the Sparta National Guard unit to get addresses of local soldiers who were recently deployed. The care packages will be assembled and mailed as soon as we can get addresses. We appreciate your support! (Also, be watching for details of a Veteran Recognition and Sharing Event we are planning for the afternoon of November 10.)

Please consider showing your support for Chester Mental Health Center next week at the public hearing on Wednesday, October 12 at the high school. Losing this facility would negatively impact Chester in a number of ways. Here at St. John School, we have 13 families with 18 children who would be affected—11% of the school population. We ask for your prayers for these families going through this stressful time.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Conferences today and tomorrow. If you've forgotten about this and would like an appointment, please call the school.

### **Dates to remember:**

Thursday, Oct. 6 – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:30 p.m. There is no 4 year-old preschool on Thursday. Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.

Friday, Oct. 7 – NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sunday, Oct. 9 – Junior Choir sings at 10:00 a.m. service

Monday, Oct. 10 – NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

Friday, Oct. 14 – EARLY DISMISSAL for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Preschool, Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Primary Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. service

Wednesday, Oct. 19 – End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

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

Friday, Oct. 21 – Explore Test for 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8 at 6:30 pm – Jaclyn Colvis and Ellen Blechle  
Sunday, October 9 at 7:45 am – Brooke Garris and Sydney Korando  
Sunday, October 9 at 10:00 am – Clayton Richelman and Shelby Kueker

## **LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26-28**

Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Tuna Casserole, Corn, Peaches, Bread/Butter, Peanut Butter Bars, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 12 – Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Carrots/Dip, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 13 – Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Applesauce, Garlic Bread, Milk

Friday, Oct 14 – Ham Sandwiches, Corn Chips, Carrots/Dip, Blonde Brownies, 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.

## **BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

Thank you to all who helped and at the Booster Club Chicken and Dumpling Dinner by working or your patronage. It was quite the undertaking, but with the help of a few dedicated people, it was a success. Thanks go out to Gilster Mary Lee for the donations which helped us achieve a greater profit. Thank you so much to the dumpling rollers and chicken pullers, to the Beta Club setting up on the Saturday before and the marvelous workers who helped pull it off on Sunday! Thanks, thanks, thanks!!! We made approximately \$1,150.00 to help support our sports program. We have one bag of frozen rolled dumplings left that can be purchased for \$6.00 and we have four gallons of prepared dumplings that have been frozen to preserve for \$20.00 if anyone is interested, please contact Mary Liefer @ 618-615-1935.

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

The dinner auction will be Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to turn in both sets of the 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.

If you are a family that did not receive general drawing tickets (46 in. LCD HDTV; Quilt; tickets for next year's auction), please call the school office and we will be happy to send them home to you.

### **ST. JOHN BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL**

Please return all CLEAN baseball and softball uniforms to the school office as soon as possible.

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

"How much do you have to hate someone to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them?" This topic will be discussed while watching a video from Penn Gillette, an entertainer and avowed atheist during Bible study for grades 8-12. Teens, bring a friend, Oct. 9, to the 8th grade room. Doughnuts and juice will be served. Gary Duensing will be the leader this week; Gretchen Weber will lead Oct. 16.