

Thursday, November 10, 2011

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

The “servant” tree painted on the lobby wall is filled with photos of veterans and individuals in the military who are currently serving their country. This afternoon students will be meeting and hearing from veterans about their experiences while serving our country. We thank all those who have protected our freedom and especially those who are sharing with us. We think this living history lesson will be one our students will remember.

On Tuesday and Wednesday a team of teachers from St. John received extensive training on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), an evidence-based behavior management process. This team will be working with the rest of the staff to train and complete our school infrastructure for implementing the process. It involves setting behavioral expectations, defining and teaching those expected behaviors and then acknowledging those positive behaviors. Consequences for poor behavior are consistent and documented. The school as a whole uses data-based decision making to address behavioral issues school-wide. We plan to begin the PBIS system as a whole at the beginning of next year when we’ll have a special session for parents to share information with you. Meanwhile, if you’re interested, you can get additional information at [www.pbisillinois.org](http://www.pbisillinois.org).

Girls’ and Boys’ basketball is underway and the teams are doing well. Come support your team! I have talked with the students about their responsibility as public representatives of St. John Lutheran School and the expected behavior that comes with that responsibility. Please reinforce this with your child. We need to be examples of God’s love wherever we go.

### **Dates to remember:**

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, November 12 at 6:30 pm – Mason Westerman and Vanessa Prest

Sunday, November 13 at 7:45 am – Kaylee James and Tyler Redeker

Sunday, November 13 at 10:00 am – Matthew Smith and Lauren Welge

## **LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7 - 10**

Monday, Nov. 14 – Stew, Cornbread, Applesauce, Cheesecake/Cherries, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Corn, Pears, Garlic Bread, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 16 – Chili/Crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Carrots/Dip,

Peaches, Milk

Thursday, Nov. 17 – Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Oatmeal  
Cake, Milk

Friday, Nov. 18 – Ham Sandwiches, Corn Chips, Bananas, Peanut Butter Bars, Milk

## **BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

The pecans should be arriving on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Booster Club will have to sell the pecans for \$10.00 a one-pound bag. Last year the pecans were sold for \$8.00 a bag but the Mascot Company raised the cost by \$2.00 a bag. Please call the school office, church office or Karen Doiron (826-4160) if you would like to place an order. The Booster Club did not order as many cases as last year due to the higher cost.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

If you would like to have your child's school picture retaken, please send the entire packet back to the school office. The date for retakes will be Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **SCRIP ORDERS**

Buffalo Wild Wings cards are now available through the Scrip program. 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**

The pick-up date for the pizza orders will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Hall. Please pick up your pizza orders **anytime after 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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

Attention St. John's teens! Bible Study this weekend will be led by Mrs. Sandy Colvis. The song "One Day" by Matisyahu will be played as we discuss the purpose of our lives as Christians.

Next weekend, Nov. 20, Mrs. Diane Hecht will show several cartoons which help us explore the problem of bullying and our broken, sinful human condition which can lead to it. We will learn how we can respond when we see others being bullied.

The church library has more than just children's videos on the shelves. Check out these titles: "A Man of Faith," a book about George W. Bush, and "No Ordinary Men- Having the Heart, Brain, & Courage to Live as Godly Men." For parents, "And Then I Had Kids," gives encouragement for mothers on the go. Another popular book, "10 Mistakes Parents Make with Teenagers and How to Avoid Them," provides valuable insight to raising adolescents. Feel like you don't have time to read? Keep the book as long as you need it.

### **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.

### **EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2012 is selling Domino's Pizza Cards for \$10. Each card has 10 pizza offers. Four offers are buy 1 pizza at menu price and receive one free. The other six offers are buy 1 large pizza and get 1 medium single topping free. If you are interested, please contact one of the eighth grade students or stop by the church office. Thank you!