

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Thanksgiving!

We have a number of reminders this week.

The St. John School Christmas parade float will be assembled next week. You will hear from me if your child was chosen in the drawing to participate as Mary, Joseph or a sheep. All students and parents are welcome to participate in the parade walking behind the float. We ask that children come dressed in simple costumes as angels, shepherds or wise men. They will have battery operated candles to carry and goodies to distribute to children along the parade route. If you can't come up with a costume, come and be a part of the parade anyway! It will be a fun way to spread the Good News of Jesus. The parade travels from the high school to the court house and begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday (Dec. 2) evening.

The bazaar can still use help and donations. Contact Dori Smith or Mary Liefer, about the brunch; Vallerie Blechle about coffee cakes; Joby Petrowske about deli items; and Eleanor Clendenin or Shannon Kattenbraker about crafts and general bazaar questions. We appreciate everyone's help in making this major fundraiser successful—and having a good time doing it!

This Thanksgiving weekend enjoy your time with family and friends, count your blessings and thank God for all you have. Know that you and your children will be among the blessings for which I'm thankful.

Dates to remember:

Thursday, Nov, 24 – Thanksgiving Day Junior Choir sings at the **9:00 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. (A-team only)
Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Mid-terms go home with students Grades 1-8.
Thursday, Dec. 1 – Boys Basketball vs Red Bud Lutheran home 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 2 – Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. for K-8. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule; Red Bud Catholic boys C-team tournament (Dec. 2,9,10); Girls 4th grade basketball will play at Steeleville Public (TBA)
Saturday, Dec. 3- St. John PTL Christmas Bazaar 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4 – the Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service
Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Girls basketball vs Steeleville Public home 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 7 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 7:00 p.m. service
Thursday, Dec. 8 – 10 – Girls All Lutheran Tournament (TBA)
Sunday, Dec. 11 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service
Monday, Dec. 12 – Boys basketball vs Immanuel Perryville home 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Girls basketball vs Red Bud Lutheran home 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15 – Boys basketball vs Prairie du Rocher away 6:00 p.m. (A and C only); Girls basketball vs St. Mark's away 6:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16 – Girls basketball vs Red Bud Catholic home 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18 – Children’s Christmas Program – Pre & K – 5:30 p.m.; Grades 1-4 - 6:30 p.m.; Grades 5-8 - 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19 – Girls and Boys basketball vs Jacob away (Girls A-team 6:00 p.m.; Boys B-team and A-team starts 7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, Dec. 21 – End of the 2nd Quarter
Thursday, Dec. 22 – Monday, Jan 2 – NO SCHOOL
Sunday, Dec. 25 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 service
Tuesday, Jan. 3 – school resumes

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 a.m. – Taylor Dunning and Alyssa Hoops

Saturday, November 26 at 6:30 pm – Miranda Mueller and Gunner Dickenson

Sunday, November 27 at 7:45 am – Autumn Rowold and Derek Mott

Sunday, November 27 at 10:00 am – Tyler Redeker and Austin Welge

The PTL still needs helpers on Friday, December 2nd for making and baking coffee cakes, especially after 5pm! We welcome any time you can volunteer starting at 1pm. We are usually done by 9pm & we always take a break to watch the Christmas parade. Moms, dads, teenagers, grandmas, and grandpas are welcome. We need people to make the cakes, grease pans, make icing, wash pans, and place the cakes in bags with prices. If you don't have a sitter there are always kids running around the gym while we work so don't worry. PLEASE call Valerie Blechle at 826-3230 or 615-8577 if you can help.

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2

Monday, Nov. 28 – Tuna Casserole, Corn, Peaches, Bread and Butter, Cheesecake/Cherries, Milk

Tuesday, Nov. 29 – Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Peanut Butter Bars, Milk

Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Chicken Noodle Soup/Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pears, Peach Crisp, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 1- BBQ Sandwiches, Mac and Cheese, Peas, Applesauce, Milk

Friday, Dec. 2 – Ham Sandwiches, Corn Chips, Carrots/Dip, Brownies, Milk

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The pecans have arrived! Pecans are \$10.00 a one pound bag. They can be purchased in the school office, church office or Karen Doiron (826-4160).

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.

BIBLE STUDY FOR GRADES 8-12

Teens: Ever been bullied? Ever seen someone get picked on? The Bible study this week, led by Diane Hecht, discusses the root of the problem. And, yes, there are videos to make it fun!

Next week, Mr. Charlie Mattingly will lead the topic, "Count Down." The music video, "Live Like We're Dying," by Kris Allen will help us appreciate our blessings now as we are waiting for something special.

Parents, if you aren't sure your children are interested in Sunday School, bring them and find out. There are many times in their lives that we have to expose them to new activities. Sunday School and Bible Study deal with lessons they will use all their lives.

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.

EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER

The 8th Grade Class of 2012 is selling Domino's Pizza Cards for \$10. Each card has 10 pizza offers. Four offers are to buy 1 pizza at menu price and receive one free. The other six offers are to 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!

The Staff of St. John Lutheran School would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!