

Thursday, November 3, 2011

There will be NO Little Caesars pizza orders accepted after tomorrow November 4th.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week a team of teachers from St. John will be spending two days in training learning about a behavior management structure called Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). The theory behind this system calls for setting expectations regarding behavior, defining and teaching those expected behaviors and then reinforcing or rewarding those positive behaviors. This process is evidenced-based and data driven and is in use in schools all over the country. Although the system employs a common sense approach, there are specific steps to take to set it up and run it successfully. That's why we're headed to training. The funding for the training came from federal Title II a money allotted to us from District 139 for professional development. We plan to begin the PBIS system as a whole at the beginning of next year. You'll be hearing more about PBIS as time goes on. Meanwhile, if you're interested, you can get additional information at www.pbisillinois.org.

Next week we are remembering veterans. Students can bring photos of veterans in their families for display on the "tree" in the lobby. (Please put identifying information on the back so they can be returned to you.) On Thursday afternoon, November 10, St. John is hosting a veteran appreciation event in the Parish Hall. We have invited veterans to come share stories with us about their experiences and be recognized and thanked for their service on our behalf. If you would like to join us, please be at the Parish Hall before 1:40 PM.

Hope to see you Saturday evening at this year's Dinner/Auction. It's always a good time!

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:

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 – 2nd 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 5 at 6:30 pm – Gunner Dickenson and Drake Bollman
Sunday, November 6 at 7:45 am – Rachel Walker and Austin Welge
Sunday, November 6 at 10:00 am – Randy Kueker and Alyssa Hoops

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7 - 10

Monday, Nov. 7 – BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Peas, Mac and Cheese, Peaches, Milk
Tuesday, Nov. 8 – Chicken and Noodle Casserole, Corn, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Apple Crisp, Milk
Wednesday, Nov. 9 – Salads, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Pears, Brownies, Milk
Thursday, Nov. 10 – Pizza, Slaw, Pineapple, Rice Krispie Treats, Milk
Friday, Nov. 11 – No School

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The pecans have been ordered and will be arriving soon – hopefully by Nov. 14th. 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 23rd.

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 14th at the Parish Hall.

9th ANNUAL ST. JOHN DINNER AUCTION

The dinner auction is this Saturday, November 5th. The committee would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with the auction either selling drawing tickets, buying a ticket for the auction, donating money/item, etc. **Please return all sold tickets/money to the school office or church office by tomorrow.**

BIBLE STUDY FOR GRADES 8-12

Attention St. John teens! Sunday morning bible study has grown by 2 students each week. Be a part of this growth and bring a friend! Nov. 6, Melissa Gross will lead the lesson relating to "The Book Of Eli" where he is given the world's last Bible. Nov. 13, Mrs. Sandy Colvis will help you explore what is the purpose of our lives as Christians. You Tube videos on the song, "One Day" will be watched.

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.