

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Reminder – please remember if you have any donations for the bazaar, please bring them to the school office or they can be dropped off at the Parish Hall tomorrow. Thank you!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The float for the **Christmas parade** is nearly complete! The teachers have done a great job at assembly. Mary, Joseph and the sheep are ready and all students and parents are welcome to participate by walking behind the float. If children come dressed in simple costumes as angels, shepherds or wise men that's great; but if you can't come up with a costume, come and be a part of the parade anyway. Children will have battery operated candles to carry and goodies to distribute to children along the parade route. It will be a fun way to spread the Good News of Jesus' birth. The parade travels from the high school to the court house and begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday (Dec. 2) evening. **We'd like you to bring your children to the ticket stand on the visitor's side at the top of the CHS football bowl at 6:30 PM. We'll be checking students in and getting your cell phone number. After the parade you can meet your child in the parking lot behind the old bank building.**

It's not too late to help with the **bazaar**. Contact Dori Smith or Mary Liefer, about the brunch; Valerie Blechle about coffee cakes; Joby Petrowske about deli items; and Eleanor Clendenin or Shannon Kattenbraker about crafts and general bazaar questions. Or just come by the Parish Hall on Friday afternoon or evening and there will be a job you can do. We appreciate everyone's help in making this major fundraiser successful—and having a good time doing it!

Meanwhile, we're making preparations for the **Christmas programs** on December 18. The Pre-K and Kindergarten program will begin at 5:30; the grades 1-4 program begins at 6:30; and the grades 5-8 program begins at 7:30.

Dates to remember:

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

Saturday, December 3 at 6:30 pm – Emily Atchison and Lauren Welge

Sunday, December 4 at 7:45 am – Drake Bollman and Shelby Kueker

Sunday, December 4 at 10:00 am – Rachel Walker and Sydney Korando

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. – Vanessa Prest and Randy Kueker

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 - 9

Monday, Dec. 5 – Ravioli, Corn, Peaches, Garlic Bread, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – Hot Dog/Bun, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 7 – Salads, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Pears, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 8 – Chopped Turkey Sandwiches, Green Beans, Strawberries, Cake, Milk

Friday, Dec. 9 – Tacos/Soft Shells, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomatoes, Salsa, Applesauce, Blonde 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: If you haven't been to the Sunday morning Bible study, you are missing an opportunity to see how Christianity does fit in with our modern culture. The topic for December 4 will deal with the music video "All the Right Moves" with Kaela Powley as your leader. December 11, Mike McClure will show a clip from "Clash of the Titans" where many people today question the need for God. They don't want to worship and they feel they've had enough of God. Join us at 9 a.m. in the 8th grade class room and be a part of a growing group of teens.