

Thursday, December 8, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful weekend! **Thank you** all for your participation—helping with the float; walking in the parade; bringing your children to walk in the parade; donating crafts and goodies; baking coffee cakes, cookies and lunch; helping set-up, serve, and clean-up at the bazaar. When we all work together we can get so much done. Most importantly it gives us an opportunity to share the news of Jesus' birth and the good news of the Gospel in our community. Thanks for being faithful witnesses and having a great time in the process.

We are now beginning work on the Christmas Programs scheduled for 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. This is another opportunity for our children to share their faith in their Savior with others. Please gather your families and friends and attend.

Tomorrow our students will be attending a presentation/workshop on dance given by my niece, a student at Savannah College of Art and Design, minoring in dance. She has a great deal of performance experience both at SCAD and while growing up in St. Louis. I'm hoping through this exposure that our students will gain an appreciation of dance as a performing art.

This weekend I'm hoping to put up a Christmas tree and other decorations at my house since I haven't gotten to that yet. May you keep God in your heart as you prepare for Christmas and may He bless you and your family as you prepare again to celebrate His coming.

Dates to remember:

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. (8th grade recognition night)

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. (8th grade recognition night)

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 10 at 6:30 pm – Alyse Bollman and Ellen Blechle

Sunday, December 11 at 7:45 am – Matthew Smith and Kylie Liefer

Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 am – Shea Petrowske and Sydney Levan

LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 - 9

Monday, Dec. 12 – Stew, Cornbread, Applesauce, Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Peaches, Bread and Butter, Cheesecake/Cherries, Milk

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Chili/Crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Carrots/Dip, Pears, Milk

Thursday, Dec. 15 – Lasagna, Corn, Pineapple, Garlic Bread, Milk

Friday, Dec. 16 – Nachos/Cheese and Salsa, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Carrots/Dip, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the coffee cake baking/preparation for the Christmas bazaar this weekend. Despite the glitches that occurred in the beginning we managed to pull it off in the end. Extra special thanks to those who came back later on to help when it really got busy. A SUPER EXTRA THANK YOU to Dave and Linda Rowold for making special arrangements to get us some much needed supplies from Gilsters on short notice. We appreciate it so much.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Saturday, December 17th St. John Lutheran Sunday School will be Christmas Caroling at the Nursing Home Facilities in Chester starting at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the After School Care Room. A pizza party will follow around 12:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by December 16th if your child will be joining us so we can make transportation arrangements and know how much pizza to order. This is an invitation for all students even if they do not regularly attend class. We have a great time and the residents as well as the staff enjoy our visits. Parents are welcome to join us. Joby Petrowske: 826-2176.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

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

Mr. Mike McClure is going to show a clip from the movie, "Clash of the Titans" for the December 11 teen bible study. We will discuss why many people don't want to worship and they feel they've had enough of God. December 18, the basis for our lesson will be from, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Jill Arbeiter will be the leader. We have a good group of teens and there is room for you!

The Christmas movies and story books have been moved to the top shelf of the Christian library. Check one out today and keep it as long as you need it.