

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Dear Parent(s),

We are six weeks away from the seventh annual auction. The auction cannot be a success without your participation. We need you your help in three areas:

- 1. Please remember to sell and turn in your tickets for the motor scooter raffle. If you are in need of more tickets, please call the school office.*
- 2. Please prayerfully consider purchasing tickets for the auction and joining us for what should prove to be an entertaining evening. There are still plenty of tickets available and the cost is still only \$25.*
- 3. Consider donating an item or service to the auction.*

During the previous six auctions we have raised over \$180,000 to help benefit the church and the school. Please, please help us to make this auction as successful as the first six.

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA ORDERS

The Little Caesar's pizza orders are due tomorrow!

The class that sells the most pizza's will win a pizza party!

Upcoming dates to remember:

Tuesday, 9/29 – the 8th grade students will go to the high school to take the Explore Test from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. The high school will provide a lunch for the students. The 1st-4th Grades will travel to the DuQuoin Fairgrounds for the DuQuoin Conservation Fair.

Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2 – NO SCHOOL SID Teacher's Conference

Sunday, October 4 – Booster Club Chicken and Dumpling Dinner at the Parish Hall

Monday, October 5 – PTL Meeting at Parish Hall at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 7 – School pictures for Preschool – Grade 8

Sunday, October 11 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 am service; Booster Club Dance at the Parish Hall from 6:30 – 9:00 pm for Grades 5-8

Monday, October 12 – NO SCHOOL –Columbus Day

Thursday, October 15 – end of the 1st Quarter

Friday, October 16 – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:25 pm for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.

Sunday, October 18 – the Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 am service

Tuesday, October 20 – report cards will go home with students

Thursday, October 22 – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:25 pm for Preschool – Grade 8. There will be 3 year-old preschool in the morning but NO 4 year-old preschool in the afternoon.

Friday, October 23 – NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sunday, October 25 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 am service

Monday, October 26-30 – PDR Boys B-team Basketball Tournament

Wednesday, October 28 – FULL DAY of school – NO afternoon bus

Thursday, October 29 – Girls basketball vs Steeleville Public away 5:30 pm

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26 at 6:30 pm – Madison Kueker and Mallory Westerman

Sunday, September 27 at 7:45 am – Deanna Hohgreffe and Hunter Cushman

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

CHANGE IN DISMISSAL TIME

There is a change in our regular dismissal time. The bus company has requested a change due to the large number of trucks traveling through Chester. The traffic has increased and has made it difficult for the first bus to make it to the Grade School before their dismissal time. The new dismissal times are:

Regular Day Dismissal Time

First bus – 2:45 pm

Walker/Rider – 2:50 pm

Late Bus/After School Care – 2:55 pm

Early Dismissal

First Bus – 1:25 pm

Walker/Rider – 1:30 pm

Late Bus/After School Care – 1:35 pm

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

The Chapel offering for the month of October will be given to the Make a Wish Foundation.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Booster Club will be sponsoring a dance on Sunday, October 11th from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. The Booster Club has items available for purchase to show that HORNET SPIRIT!!

Attached you will find an order form for the items!

The Booster Club helps defray costs of new uniforms and equipment. Your support in purchasing SPIRIT STUFF is appreciated.

These items are available for viewing in the school office or at BV Bank – see Amber Cushman.

SCRIP ORDERS

Don't forget Scrip orders can be turned in by Thursday and will be sent home the following Thursday. If you need another order form, please call the school office or send a note and we can send one home!

SCHOOL PICTURES

The date for school pictures will be Wednesday, October 7th. Picture flyers are attached.

Stepping Out in Faith

The New Facility Fund was established in May 2007 with a kick off dinner in the Parish Hall. The goal is to raise \$2,000,000 in pledges and cash before beginning any building project.

The Pledge Drive Committee meets regularly to evaluate current pledges and report cash investments on hand. Currently, there is over \$240,304 in the bank.

St. John Lutheran School provides a quality Christian education for children of the community. Many of the honor students at Chester High School and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School are from St. John's. We have a history of competitive athletic programs as evidenced by the banners in the gym and the crowded trophy case. We graduate students who become homecoming queens, talented musicians, all-

conference athletes, science award winners, valedictorians, student council officers, and members of the National Honor Society. Many of them go on to college and to graduate school.

Anyone can make a tax-deductible donation to The New Facility Fund.

This is a meaningful way to honor a birthday, anniversary, graduation, or as a memorial to a departed loved one. If your children went to school at St. John but now live away, your donation will help assure that present and future students can receive the same quality education that your children enjoyed. Thrivent will match donations from members up to \$400 per member each year. Forms for these donations are available in the church office.

Have a great weekend!

Christopher Urquhart