

Thursday, January 5, 2012

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

We are getting back into the routine of school this week and are refreshed and happy to be back together. Report cards will go home on Friday. If you have any questions, please contact the teacher for the class. We'll soon be moving into basketball tournament time with boys' and girls' regional tournaments, a fifth grade tournament and the All-Lutheran Tournament in January. Girls' volleyball practice begins January 11.

This month our chapel offering will go to the St. John Food Pantry. Students should bring can goods each Wednesday for chapel offering to restock the pantry. The food pantry is an important ministry at St. John and serves a large number of folks each month. Thank you for helping with this and developing a sense of charity in your child.

A special activity at this year's Dinner/Auction raised funds for a new computer network in the school. Currently we have all stand-alone machines with multiple operating systems. Our Southern Illinois District administrator recommended that we pursue creating a school-wide computer network. We could operate much more efficiently with this in place. The Auction Committee decided to add to the amount generated by the "VIP activity" and gave the school \$3000 to create a computer network. The school was also allotted \$5000 to up-date student restrooms in the school. We are most thankful to all who made these gifts possible.

Friday is Epiphany—the day we celebrate the Wise Men's visit to see Jesus guided by the star. May God continue to provide for each of us the light of Jesus that He provided to the Wise Men. May you live in the light this new year!

### **Dates to remember:**

Wed. – Fri, January 4-6 – Steeleville "C" team boys basketball tournament  
Friday, January 6 – report cards go home with students  
Saturday, January 7 – St. John 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball tournament  
Sunday, January 8 – the Junior choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service  
Tuesday, January 10-13 – Girls regional basketball tournament  
Friday, January 13 – Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. for Kindergarten through Grade 8.  
Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.  
Sunday, January 15 – the Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service  
Monday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL  
Tuesday, January 17 – Boys basketball vs St. John Nashville away 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. – Sun. January 19-22 – Boys ALT basketball tournament TBA  
Tuesday, January 24 – Boys basketball regionals begin  
Sunday, January 29 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service  
Tuesday, January 31 – Girls volleyball vs Evansville home 6:00 p.m.

## **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Jessica Kattenbraker and Taylor Dunning

Sunday, January 8 at 7:45 a.m. – Calvin Clendenin and Matt Smith (Meade)

Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. – Vanessa Prest and Rachel Walker

The Youth Group activity that was planned for Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

Please remember the handbook states students must make the choice to bring their lunch or eat in the school cafeteria on a weekly basis. Students are not allowed to bring their lunch one or two days a week and participate in the hot lunch program the rest of the week. They must choose to do one or the other for a week at a time.

## **LUNCH MENUS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9-13**

Monday, Jan. 9 – Tuna Melts, Corn, Peaches, Peanut Butter Bars, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 10– Chicken and Noodle Casserole, Peas, Pears, Bread and Butter, Banana Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Chili/Crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Carrots/Dip, Pineapple, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 12 – Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit/Bananas, Garlic Bread, Milk

Friday, Jan. 13 – Deli Sandwiches, Sliced Potatoes, Applesauce, Oatmeal Cake, Milk

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Teen Bible Study**

The Teen Bible Study will resume on **January 8** when the other Sunday school classes will meet. Jon and Mary Liefer will be the leaders on **January 8** covering some interesting facts about celebrities. On **January 15 and 22**, Pastor Ill will lead a lesson on “Let them eat cake! – the feeding of the 5000” (and if you think Pastor Ill can have a Bible study that talks about cake and not eat cake, well, you’re wrong) and “Wakey Wakey! – Jesus raises the dead”. “Check Your Pulse” is the title for the **January 29** study. Randy Campbell will be the teacher as we reflect how God reveals Himself and how He provides the answers to our questions in His Word.

### **New Facility**

Were you given some money for Christmas because the giver didn't know what to buy? Want to honor a special someone at the start of the New Year? Consider a donation to the New Facility Fund. The current total is \$400,348.69. Before any new construction takes place, contributions need to come from all ages of our members. Set aside a certain amount each month or with each paycheck. Plan to honor

your child when he brings home good grades or makes all his free throws. Show your appreciation of a certain teacher with a gift to the New Facility Fund.

### **CHAPEL OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

The children of St. John Lutheran School would like to replenish and restock our food pantry. Each week for Chapel on Wednesday, please bring in canned goods for your Chapel offering. We love Jesus by helping and caring for others. God bless you for your kindness.

### **PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DVD'S**

The DVD shown before the Preschool and Kindergarten program is available in the school office for \$5.00. The Preschool and Kindergarten Christmas program DVD is also available in the school office for \$5.00.

### **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). We will be sending the unopened cases back to the company the end of next week. If you are in need of any pecans or would like a bag or two for your freezer, please call the school office. They are great from the freezer to be used in summer salads!

### **SCRIP ORDERS**

If you are in need of any Scrip cards, you can fill out an order form from the school office or you can stop by the church office and check with Kelly.

### **VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE**

Volleyball practice will begin on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Have a great weekend!