

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Dear Parent(s),

February calendar is attached.

Upcoming dates to remember:

**Thursday, January 28** – Boys regional basketball game at Pinckneyville 204 7:30 pm

**Sunday, January 31** – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

**Monday, February 1** – PTL Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the school basement.

**Tuesday, February 2** – Girls volleyball vs St. Mark's home 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 4** – Girls volleyball vs St. Andrew's in Murphysboro away 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 5** – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:25 p.m. for K-8. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.

**Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5 & 6** – PDR B-team Volleyball Tournament

**Sunday, February 7** – Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

**Monday-Friday, Feb. 8-12** – Jacob Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament

**Tuesday, February 9** – Girls volleyball vs Evansville home 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, February 11** – Girls volleyball vs St. Mary's away 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, February 12** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter mid-term

**Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 & 13** – St. Mary's A-team volleyball tournament

**Sunday, February 14** – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

**Monday, February 15** – NO SCHOOL President's Day

**Tuesday, February 16** – Girls volleyball vs Coulterville away 4:30 p.m.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade trip to Powell Symphony Hall

**Wednesday, February 17** – the Junior Choir will sing at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 18** – Girls volleyball vs Red Bud Lutheran away 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 19** – EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:25 p.m. for K-8. Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule.

**Monday, Feb. 22-26** – Preschool registration in the school office starting at 8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 23** – Girls volleyball vs Red Bud Catholic away 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 24** – FULL day of school – NO afternoon buses

**Thursday, February 25** – Girls volleyball vs PDR home 6:00 p.m.

**Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 & 27** – St. John Inv. Volleyball Tournament

### **ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 30 at 6:30 pm Katelyn Rader and Deanna Hohgreffe

Sunday, January 31 at 7:45 am Matt Smith (Meade) and Madison Kueker

Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 am Tyler and Austin Redeker

### **BOOSTER CLUB NEWS**

The Booster Club will be sponsoring a dance at the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 14, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. We are in need on parent volunteers to help with the dance. If you are available to help, please call Judy Reynolds at 826-3186.

The regional tournament will be held at Pinckneyville 204 with St. John playing tonight at 7:30 pm. The final game will be played on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. The girl's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team will play a game at the Chester Grade School today at 7:00 p.m.

### **SCRIP ORDERS**

If you need a new Scrip order form, please contact the school office. Remember Kelly has a supply of gift cards at the church office. Just stop by and she will be happy to help you.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> H1N1 SHOT**

Nurses from the Health Department will be at school on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to administer the 2<sup>nd</sup> H1N1 shot. The shot will be given to students age 9 and under that received the first shot on the November 20<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be receiving the 2<sup>nd</sup> H1N1 shot, a permission form has been sent home today and it has to be signed and returned before February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **SPANISH IN KINDERGARTEN**

We are excited about the opportunity we have been given to introduce Spanish into our curriculum. Mrs. Susan Berner is coming in one day a week for the present and has introduced Spanish into our kindergarten curriculum. We hope to increase that to two days a week by the fourth quarter. The kindergartners are excited about learning a new language and enjoy the class. We hope to be able to continue this as the years go along including the Spanish curriculum in kindergarten and first grade next year.

However, this is a non-budgeted expense so we are going to have to pay for Mrs. Berner's salary this year with donations. The cost is very reasonable. She is charging us at the rate of \$10 per class session. This means that by the end of the year, if we increase it to two classes per week our total cost will be about \$300. If you would like to help defray part of the cost of the class just send it to the school office.

### **JANUARY CHAPEL OFFERING**

The chapel offering for January is \$215.90. This money will be sent to Heifer International to help with the relief for Haiti.

### **HEARTS FOR JESUS BEGINS NEXT WEEK**

Next Monday, we move into the month of February. The month of February is always designated as our Hearts for Jesus month. At the beginning of the month, we select a program to receive the money donated by the students. This program always produces a friendly competition between the classes to see which class can raise the largest amount of money per student.

This year, the Amanda Kahre Educational Assistance Fund has been chosen as the program to receive the gifts. This fund is used to give financial assistance to families who are experiencing difficulties in their life and are unable to pay the entire amount of their tuition. During the last two years many families have requested and received assistance from this fund. Consequently the fund needs to be replenished in order for this program to continue.

The goal we have set for this year is \$2000. If we meet or exceed that goal, Mr. Urquhart has promised that he would dress up as a woman and kiss a horse.

### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

St. John will have their Preschool registration the week starting Monday, February 22-26. If you are interested, you will need to stop by the school office on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and pick up a packet. There is a registration fee that will need to be paid at the time of registration. A note will be sent home next week with the 3 year old preschoolers asking if they are interested in the 4 year old program. If so, the registration packets will be sent home with those returning the note.

Received the following story from a Kindergarten student today and thought I would share it with you –

A mother was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a lesson. “If Jesus was sitting here,” she told them, “He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.’” The oldest boy turned to his brother and said, “You can be Jesus”.

Have a great weekend!

Christopher Urquhart