

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Dear Parents,

October dates:

Friday, October 17 – End of the 1st Quarter

Sunday, October 19 – the Primary Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

Tuesday, October 21 – report cards go home with students

Wednesday, October 22 – chapel choir will be the 5th grade

Thursday, October 23 – **EARLY DISMISSAL** for Kindergarten – Grade 8 at 1:30 p.m. for Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be **NO** 4 year-old preschool class on the 23rd.

After School Care and Extended Care will run their regular schedule.

Friday, October 24 – **NO SCHOOL** due to Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sunday, October 26 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

Wednesday, October 29 – the chapel choir will be the 6th grade

Friday, October 31 – scooter tickets and money are due to the school office

Acolyte Schedule

If you are unable to acolyte please try to find someone to fill your time.

Saturday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. Teddy and Tyler Knop

Sunday, October 19 at 7:45 a.m. Joshua Bierman and Matthew Myers

Sunday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. Lacey Reynolds and Austin Redeker

ST. JOHN FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

November 1, 2008 is the date for the sixth annual St. John Fall Harvest Festival and Dinner Auction. We are asking for you help in two ways:

1. Please consider making a donation to the auction. We are looking for donations of services that may be auctioned off, collectables, sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting event, etc. If you do not have anything that you wish to donate, perhaps you would consider a monetary donation to help purchase something for the auction.

2. Please consider supporting the school by purchasing tickets and attending. Tickets are still \$25 per person and may be purchased through Anne Ebers in the church office (826-3545).

The scooter tickets and money will need to be returned to the school office by Friday, October 31. If you are in need of extra tickets, please call the school office.

Booster Club News and Sports

If you have not already returned your softball and baseball uniforms, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who rolled dumplings, deboned chicken, donated desserts, washed dishes, set up tables, mopped floors, served the meal, and came to eat at the Chicken and Dumpling Dinner. Our profit was approximately \$1400! We especially

appreciate the following: Ina Bridges, Sharon Misuraca, Sue and Paul Abraham, Dorothy Decker, and Gilster Mary-Lee.

The dance Sunday evening was also a big success, with 164 students enjoying the evening. We had an outstanding show of support from our parents who chaperoned, helped in the kitchen and cleaned up. Our next dance is Nov. 7.

The Booster Club will be operating the concession stands at the home basketball and volleyball games this year. Please call Jill Arbeiter at 825-2578 to choose which games or games you would like to help at. If each parent takes 1 or 2 events, the work load will be light. The stand is closed during playing time, so you won't miss watching your child on the court.

Don't forget about the promotional items we have for sale: seat cushions, car flags, decals, and license plate frames. We also have a few shirts from last year as well as Hornet key chains, pom poms, and tattoos. Many old uniforms are available for sale for \$1 - \$5.

Letter Jackets –

K & L Sports Locker in Perryville is taking orders for Hornet letter jackets. Girls' jackets are \$125, with \$12 for embroidering the name on the back. Chenille hornets (like many girls sew onto the back) sell for \$24.

Boys' jackets have the leather sleeves and cost \$169. They charge \$6 to embroider the name over the left chest.

K & L sell the graduating year, such as "10". "11" and will sew any emblem onto the jacket for an additional \$4. Or you can sew it on yourself.

The Booster Club has several of the "St. John Hornets" chenille emblems that the boys usually add onto the back. They are \$24. Call Jill Arbeiter if you need this item.

To order a jacket, call K & L at 573-547-5220. To guarantee arrival by Christmas, orders should be placed by the end of October. The Booster Club will pick item up and deliver them to the school when they arrive. They need an order of at least 6 jackets to guarantee that price.

Pecans – The Booster Club will again be selling pecans from the Mascot Company. The cost is \$7.50 for a 1 pound bag. The pecans are this year's crop. Delivery will be early – mid November and you can call Jamie Henry at 826-4971 and pecans can be picked up at the church office (826-3545), school office (826-4345), or Barb's Beauty Shop (826-2929) at 610 Solomon Street.

Games:

PDR Boys B-team basketball tournament October 20,21,23,24

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

The chapel offering for the month of October has been designated for Negusu from Ethiopia. St. John has supported him since he was in Kindergarten and he is now in the 8th grade.

MY MOBILE WATCHDOG

I have included in the notes today, a screen shot brochure from a company called "My Mobile Watchdog" that offers a free trial of their software.

Many of our children, including younger children now carry cell phones. This is both a blessing but also a curse. According to national news broadcasts, child predators have begun to use cell phones to make contact with children by texting messaging in a manner similar to chat rooms on the internet. Parents often have no idea what their children are texting or to whom they are texting or what messages they are receiving. My Mobile Watchdog safeguards you child while using cell phones and immediately alerts you if he or she received unapproved e-mail, text messages, or phone calls. It provides you with the complete text message (sent and received from your child's phone) along with corresponding phone numbers and records them on the website where you can review them at home and print reports for authorities.

It offers a free 30 day trial. The website is www.mymobilewatchdog.com

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The teacher's will have a scheduling meeting and your conference time will be sent home in the envelope with your child's report card on Tuesday, October 21st. Preschool conferences will begin on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. There is NO 4 year-old preschool on Thursday, October 23 and EARLY DISMISSAL for Kindergarten-Grade 8 at 1:30 p.m. Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule. There is NO SCHOOL for Preschool-Grade 8 on Friday, October 24th.

SCRIP ORDERS

If you would like to place an order, you can send the order form and money back to the school office and your cards will be sent home to you. Also, Anne has cards available in the church office for your convenience. The holidays are approaching faster than we think – and this is an easy way to do your shopping!

Have a great weekend!

Christopher Urquhart