

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Dear Parents,

November dates:

Wednesday, November 26 – mid-term reports will go home with students in grades 1-8; the chapel choir will be the 2nd grade; EARLY DISMISSAL for Kindergarten – Grade 8 at **1:30 p.m.** Preschool/Extended Care and After School Care will run their regular schedule

Thursday, November 27 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28 – NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday

December dates:

Wednesday, December 3 – chapel choir will be the 3rd grade

Thursday, December 4 – Chester Grade School Band Concert

Saturday, December 6 – PTL Christmas Bazaar St. John Parish Hall 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, December 9 – the chapel choir will be the 4th grade

Wednesday, December 9 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 7:00 p.m. service

Sunday, December 14 – Children's Christmas Program Preschool and Kindergarten begins at 5:30 p.m.; Grades 1-4 at 6:30 p.m.; Grades 5-8 at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 – the chapel choir will be the 5th grade

Wednesday, December 17 – Christmas Cantata 7:00 p.m. St. John Church

Friday, December 19 – End of the 2nd Quarter. Last day of school for Christmas Break. This will be a full day.

Sunday, December 21 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

Thursday, December 25 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

Dec. 20 – Jan. 4 – Christmas Break

Monday, January 5 – school resumes

Acolyte Schedule

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

Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Tyler Redeker and Austin Welge

Saturday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. Anna Valleroy and Stormie Zweigart

Sunday, November 30 at 7:45 a.m. Alyse Bollman and Josh Bierman

Sunday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m. Hunter Cushman and Caleb Arbeiter

Booster Club News and Sports Schedule

Pecans

The pecans have arrived! The pecans are located in the school office (826-4345), the church office (826-3545) and Barb's Beauty Shop (826-2929) at 610 Solomon Street. The cost is \$7.50 for a 1 pound bag.

Congratulations to the boys basketball team – they placed 2nd at the Collinsville Tournament!

Games:

Monday, Nov. 24 – Girls Basketball vs Immanuel Murphysboro away 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25 – Girls Basketball vs St. Mark's at home 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 2 – Girls Basketball vs Red Bud Lutheran away 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 5-7 – Girls Edwardsville Tournament
Friday, December 5, 12, 13 – Boys Red Bud Catholic C-Team Tournament
Monday, December 8 – Boys Basketball vs Evansville home 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 11 – Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's away 6:00 p.m. A and C only
Thursday, December 11, 12, 13 – Girls ALT at St. Mark's
Monday, December 15 – Girls Basketball vs St. John Nashville away 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 15 – Boys Basketball vs St. Mark's home 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 16 – Girls Basketball vs St. Marks's away 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 18 – Boys Basketball vs Coulterville away 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 18 – Girls Basketball vs Jacob home 6:00 p.m.

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

The chapel offering for the month of November has been designated for the "Make A Wish Foundation" designated by the 3rd Grade.

SCRIP ORDERS

Did you know that you can buy Scrip gift cards every Friday morning before school? Take a few moments to come downstairs and see what cards we have on hand. Would you be willing to help on Friday mornings in December? If you can help work the table from 7:30 – 8:00 on December 5th, 12th, or 19th give Becky Hohgreffe a call 618-615-3186.

If you are planning a big purchase for Christmas, like a TV, DVD player, treadmill, or Play Station, you can use a Script card as cash and the school receives a percentage of the cost. It doesn't cost you anything. Check out the big selection of retailers that provide Script cards!

PTL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Just a reminder.....

As you are shopping this weekend, please be on the lookout for holiday crafts. The PTL is asking each family to donate two craft items for the Bazaar. All crafts should be brought to school no later than Friday, December 5th. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR LUNCHEON NEWS

The response for donations for the luncheon has been wonderful. We only need 1 turkey and a dozen ice cream buckets.

We need volunteers to bake angel food cakes for the luncheon. The mix will be provided for you, courtesy of Gilster Mary-Lee.

Workers are needed in many areas. At 1:00 p.m. on 12/3 & 12/4, we will debone the meat for the soups and turkey salad. This usually takes an hour or two. On Friday

morning, 12/5, we start cooking at 7:00 a.m. If you can't get off work, maybe a grandma or grandpa would be available. The more people we have at this time, the sooner we are out of the kitchen for the coffee cake ladies.

The morning of the Bazaar, we start at 7:00 a.m. If you weren't up late, please join us. You can work a couple of hours, go home, and be back when the doors open. Every time slot is available for the serving line, kitchen, and clean up from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Most are in 2 hour assignments. Moms, dads, grandparents, older siblings: all are welcome to join in this fellowship activity. Call Jill Arbeiter at 826-2578 to help out.

NEW FACILITY FUND UPDATE

As of Monday, the New Facility Fund contains \$167,675.94. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, consider a gift to this fund. Maybe you are thankful for a new baby in the family, or for the freedom to worship in our great country. You can make a one-time, tax-deductible gift or pledge to donate several times a year. Matching funds are available through Thrivent. Contact the church office for these forms.

THINGS TO SAVE

While you are preparing feasts and treats during the upcoming holidays, don't forget to save the labels. The school collects Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup labels, and the UPC symbols from Best Choice and Always Save brand packages. These labels are on many different products – not just food. Also, ink cartridges from printers of all sizes, are turned in for bonus points that the computer department can use.

The Junior Beta Club receives cash from the cardboard and paper recycling project. The "Shark" containers in the alleys between the school and the post office and behind the church office accept newspaper, magazines, junk mail, and clean cardboard. You will be amazed at the reduction in your family's trash if you recycle! While you are at it, there are receptacles for tin, glass, and plastic at the Wal Mart and Rozier's parking lots.

The Staff of St. John Lutheran School would like to wish you and your family a very blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Christopher Urquhart