

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Dear Parents,
February dates:

February 22 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 10:00 a.m. service

February 23-27 – Preschool registration in the school office

February 25 – Chapel choir 5th grade

February 25 – the Junior Choir will sing at the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

WIN A BEAUTIFUL CURIO CABINET

St. John has been gifted with a beautiful oak curio cabinet by Mrs. Joann Whittom. The school will be selling tickets to raffle it off at the PTL Spaghetti Dinner on March 11. The cabinet is on display in the window of the old Curves establishment near Gilster Mary-Lee. The tickets are \$5.00 each and there are 4 tickets per family. If you need more tickets, please contact the school office.

Acolyte Schedule

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

Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Brenton Rains and Anna Valleroy

Sunday, February 22 at 7:45 a.m. Matthew Myers and Lacey Reynolds

Sunday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. Jonavon Richelman and Austin Welge

YOUTH GROUP LENTEN SUPPERS

The Youth Group will again be offering their Lenten Suppers starting Wednesday, February 25 at the Parish Hall from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. They will be serving every Wednesday during Lent except for Wednesday, March 11, when the St. John PTL will be having their annual Spaghetti Dinner and the PTL will be serving from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is alive and well. If your child is between the ages of 2 ½ and 17, consider the spiritual enrichment he or she can receive during this 45 minute session. You are welcome to sit in on the class if you're not sure your little one is ready. If you aren't sure he/she can sit still in church after sitting in class, be assured that Sunday School is an active time.

Your child might resist because "I learn all that stuff during the week!" Sunday School teaches some familiar Bible stories as well as not-so-familiar stories. Real-life applications are taught in a different setting than the daily Religion class that our St. John students learn so well.

Sunday School is designed to accompany the Christian education we are all giving our children in their daily lives at school and at home. We meet from 9-9:45 every Sunday!

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS AND GAME SCHEDULE

There will be a Booster Club Dance on March 19th at the Parish Hall from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Grades 5-8 from St. John, St. Mary's, Chester Grade School and St. Mark's are invited.

Games:

Thursday, February 19 – Girls volleyball vs Coulterville home 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24 – Girls volleyball vs Red Bud Lutheran home 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 26 – Girls volleyball vs Red Bud Catholic home 6:00 p.m.

Fri & Sat, Feb. 27 & 28 – St. John Invitational Volleyball Tournament

The boys basketball team has earned a trip to the Lutheran State Basketball Tournament in Chicago on March 6-8. They will be having a fund-raiser next week to help to set off the expenses of transportation and lodging. Included will be tickets to baseball games, meals at local restaurants, and more. If you would like to contribute in anyway, contact the school office.

SCRIP ORDERS

We have extra! Are you going to be shopping at Shoe Carnival, Amazon.com, The Limited, or PetSmart in the next six months? If so call Kelly at the church office and get some of the extra cards we ordered. Remember use the gift cards just like you would use cash, you will earn money for your school, and money you can use toward your registration and tuition fees for the 2009-2010 school year.

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

The chapel offering for the month of February has been designated for Hearts for Jesus.

HEARTS FOR JESUS

Our annual Hearts for Jesus campaign has begun and will continue through Friday, February 27. The district office has recommended that the money donated this year will be directed to Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis. We will send a portion of the collection to Unity, but the bulk of the donations will go to the St. John New Facility Fund. The school record for collections is \$3215.18. That will be the goal we are going to try and beat. If we are successful, during an assembly, I will have the hair on my head cut off (hopefully it will grow back – what little there is). A student from the winning class will be chosen at random to make the first cut. This is a great mission opportunity. Let's really go after the record this year.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. John will be holding their preschool registration for the 2009-2010 school year beginning the week of February 23-27. We will again be offering an Extended Care Program. Class sessions for the 3 year-old program will be 8:15 – 11:15 a.m. and the 4 year-old session 11:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Students wishing to enroll must have reached the age of 3 for the three-year-old and 4 for the four-year-old before September 1, 2009.

Mrs. Bobbie Sheffer, our head summer care provider, has informed us that she is planning on returning to school this summer to advance her education. As a result of her decision, she will not be able to perform her duties as the head of the summer childcare program.

Therefore, we are beginning a search for someone to replace Mrs. Sheffer as well as an assistant to split the day with her replacement. Hours for the split shift are 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We believe that children are a “gift from the Lord”, and we are looking for someone who shares the same philosophy.

Individuals interested in either position need to have some background in childcare, be creative and craft oriented enough to plan projects for children, love children and have the patience to work with a wide age group.

Applicants will also have to go through a background check. Call the school office (826-4345). Resumes’ accepted.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

National Lutheran Schools Week will be held Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6. There are notes attached – including

- the events for the week
- permission slips to be returned
- a picture form to be returned
- 2 envelopes to invite your Very Important Person for the morning of Thursday, March 5th – please return the envelopes by Monday, February 23rd and include your child’s name under the return address.

The committee has been working very hard to plan a great week for the students and the teachers to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week.

Have a great weekend!

Christopher Urquhart