

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Dear Parents,

The St. John Choir Fest will be held on **Thursday, May 7th** at the Parish Hall.

April dates:

Friday, April 17 – Mid-terms go home with students in Grades 1-8

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

Monday, April 20-24 – Achievement Testing Grades 4-8

Wednesday, April 22 – Chapel choir – 4th grade

Saturday, April 25 – The Art Contest at Columbia Middle School (registration at 9:00 a.m. and your project begins at 9:30 a.m.)

Monday, April 27 – Registration materials will be sent home with students

Wednesday, April 29 – Spring registration 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Miranda Mueller and Andrea Wagner

Sunday, April 19 at 7:45 a.m. Deanna Hohgreffe and Jaclyn Colvis

Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. Amber Watkins and Danielle Smith

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK T-SHIRTS

Students will be allowed to wear their t-shirts that the PTL purchased for National Lutheran Schools Week. Students can wear their shirts on the last Friday of the month. T-shirts can be worn on Friday, April 24th and the last day of school Friday, May 22.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS AND GAME SCHEDULE

St. John Booster Club will sponsor a dance on Friday, April 17 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. The proceeds from the dance will be given to the New Facility Fund.

There will be bus transportation to the track meet on April 22nd. The bus will leave at 11:00 a.m. The bus will not be bringing the track athletes home from the meet. The Booster Club is asking all track athletes to bring \$2.00 to help defray the cost of the bus.

The Booster Club has a couple pair of men's medium baseball pants. They have never been worn. The price is \$15.00. If you are interested, you can call Jill Arbeiter or the school office.

The Booster Club is also looking for sports pictures to use at the Sports Awards Banquet. If you have any pictures they could use, please send them in to the school office in an envelope with your name on them so the pictures can be returned to you.

Meets:

Wednesday, April 22 – Junior OVC Track Meet in Red Bud

Friday, April 24 – Randolph County Track Meet

Saturday, April 25 – Red Bud Invitational Track Meet

Monday, April 27 – Regional Track Meet (with a raindate of Tuesday, May 28)

SPRING PICTURES

Please send in your child's money and/or packet for their Spring pictures by **tomorrow**. A Lifetouch representative will stop by the school to pick up the packets and money.

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR APRIL

The chapel offering for the month of April has been designated for the Southern Africa Mission Partnership.

ART CONTEST AT COLUMBIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Monroe/Randolph Art Contest will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Columbia Middle School. The registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the projects will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The date has been set for the Primary Track Meet that is held at Christ Lutheran School in Jacob. This will include the Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. The date is Thursday, May 7th!

On Wednesday, April 15, a team from the Illinois State Board of Education came to St. John for the purpose of evaluating the school.

The evaluation team headed by Dr. Cheryl Bradley from the ISBE spent the entire day at St. John. They evaluated our Educational Program Description, our curriculum, our handbooks, teaching staff, student academic and health records, the teaching staff and the school building. We are happy to announce that the school has received "full recognition" status. This was announced even before the team left the building. One of the team members noted that of all the schools he had done this year, St. John was the ONLY school that received the full recognition status on the initial visit, and, it was issued before the team left the building.

We thank our teachers, our support staff, parents, and students for their help. We praise and thank God for His continued presence in everything we do at St. John.

Have a great weekend!

Christopher Urquhart