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School News

Special Baptism Service

This past Tuesday, Pastor West held a special baptism service for Claire Kester, Alana Butler, and Allie Swartz! It is always a special honor and privilege to see students get baptized, and we will continue to pray for you and all our students that no matter what life throws at you—you are forgiven children of God, with the sure promise of peace and forgiveness. You are saved through Christ!

If you have been considering baptism, or if you have any questions about any Bible teachings in general, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor West (509)217-9617, or any of the teachers here at school—it is a great joy to answer any questions you have!

BookIt! Calendars

Please return your BookIt! Calendar to your teacher from December. Each teacher has a different due date, so be sure to read their blurb to find out the exact date they need it by! January calendars were handed out this week.

Mission Offering

Please keep in mind that our second quarter goal is \$250, and we have 2 more chapel services to accomplish this goal! As of Christmas break, we have given \$59.45. Please continue to encourage your children to give their offerings each week. Thank you for your generous giving!

MAP Testing

Next week we will go through our second round of MAP testing. Please encourage your children to be well rested and eat good breakfast each day, but not to stress too much about these tests! :)

Hot Lunch 1/5/23

DC kids are serving pizza with veg-

gies tomorrow! \$5/meal. If you haven't returned the form yet but would like to sign your student up for pizza please text Tinarose ASAP! (509)953-6416

Long Weekend

Next Friday, January 12th we have a half day for curriculum study (PM3's are off school). The following Monday, January 15th, is MLK Jr. Day, so we will be taking that day off as well. Blessings on your upcoming long weekend!

Basketball

Games have been scheduled and are on the school calendar. A printed schedule will be posted on the sports bulletin board by tomorrow after school (hopefully) as one game is still being finalized. Let Miss Rosenbaum know if your child needs a ride 24 hours in advance.

Basketball Volunteers Needed

Are you able to help run the clock, run concessions or keep the book for home basketball games? Anyone is capable of doing these jobs so please speak to Miss Rosenbaum if you are able to help make the season run smoothly.

Violin Teacher—Update

Mrs. Roberg hired a new violin teacher to continue lessons in the new year! If you haven't reached out to Holly yet regarding lessons, please contact her directly. (509)991-7411

Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal will be Monday, January 24th @ 3:45-4:30. We will really be focusing on the anthems for the hockey game. If you need the ticket information, please let me know. I will also be sending home a rehearsal schedule and posting it on the google calendar.

Moms and Muffins

Moms and Muffins is coming up on Thursday, January 25th from 4-5PM. Use [this link](#) or the QR code to register. We want to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone so please register before Tuesday January 16th. If mom is not able to make it, another family member may join instead. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Miss Broyles or Miss Taasaas.



Night with the Chiefs!

Our church and school have reserved a couple of nights with the Chiefs. The first is on January 27th. Please use [this link](#) or the QR code to reserve your tickets! Please note, the Junior Choir sings for the Chiefs night in February :)



Family Appreciation Dinner

We are hosting a dinner on February 2nd to honor our church and school parents! The dinner will be kid-free - childcare will be provided on site (at no cost to families!). Please [RSVP](#) the number of adults that will attend, along with the number of kids who need childcare.

Details are still being worked out - time and location will be updated, but if you are free Friday, February 2nd in the evening, please join us for this special event!



Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!! I pray that your Christmas break was filled with love, joy and beautiful memories.

We had a lot of fun this week in preschool. Our new theme these days is Winter . . . everything snow!! This week, our classes really enjoyed playing with shaving cream on the tables, making soap snowballs, and some of the classes even made a penguin with sparkly gems on its tummy. Our classroom centers are also focused on Winter. In our Art Center, we have snow dough. How simple: baking soda and hair conditioner, but loads of fun molding and shaping the snow dough!! Our Sensory Center has white objects hidden in "snow" that the kids can search for. Our Math Center has a number matching game with marshmallows and cups of hot cocoa – just don't eat the marshmallows!! How much fun to be back at preschool with all of our friends and all of our activities!!

Next week, we will focus on letter "Nn". Four year old classes, please bring a show 'n' tell item that starts with "Nn".

Our Bible verse we will be learning is Psalm 91:11 "He will command his angels . . . to guard you."

Gray and White Day is next week Monday and Thursday. Please have your child wear and/or bring something gray and white to school. Always a fun color day with a hide 'n' seek game.

A gentle reminder: if there is snow on the ground, we WILL be playing outside. Please provide proper snow clothes for your child (i.e. boots, hat, snow pants, mittens or gloves). I know it's a pain to pack all that stuff, but your child will have so much more fun if they are warm and dry. Feel free to also put slippers in your child's backpack. Wet boots are not fun to have on all day long.

Please, also, bring an empty cereal box to school sometime this month. We will be using it for a craft in February.

Have an amazing weekend with your family and stay healthy!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break with you family and you were able to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior from sin.

Book it- Calendars are due today. A January calendar was sent home yesterday.

Save the date- Please be sure to take a look at our Google calendar. Our class is singing in church on January 28. All students are expected to be there.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families! I hope you had a wonderful and restful break!

Just to let you know, our class, along with kindergarten and second grade, will be singing in church at St. Matthew on Sunday, January 28.

Our Memory Work for next Thursday, January 11, is Matthew 22:39 Love your neighbor as yourself.

May God bless you with peace and joy this weekend.

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 1/9 - Psalm 139:14a
- 1/11 - Luke 11:28
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus Visits Mary and Martha).

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the extra math program.
- Spelling: we are starting our focus on vowel teams starting with the teams ai and ay. We use ai at the beginning or middle of base words and syllables. We use ay at the end of base words and syllables.

Extra Notes

- January Book-It calendars were sent home yesterday. Please turn in your December calendars by tomorrow January 5.
- MAP testing will be taking place next week.
- Water bottles and jackets need to be brought everyday.
- K-2 will be singing in church on January 29. Our class has started working on the song that we will be singing. Please plan to attend church on that day. Thanks!
- I hope and pray you all had a wonderful holiday break! It was nice to be able to surprise my family in Michigan.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 1/9 - Psalm 119:1105 & Luke 11:28
- 1/11 - 2 Timothy 3:15-16
- It is really important that your child is looking at the memory work packet at home so they know their verse/verses and the day they are due.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind & Ten Healed of Leprosy)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the January calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child's Friday folder.
- It is important that your child is taking their accordion folder home everyday because it has their spelling list.
- If your child is taking home something other than those things, then they didn't use their time wisely in class. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Extra Notes

- Water bottles need to be brought to school and filled up everyday.
- December calendars are due this FRIDAY, January calendars will be handed out this week.
- Next week we will be MAP testing, please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep.
- As the weather starts getting colder, please send a coat with your child along with gloves and a hat.
- We will plan to go outside everyday for P.E., please have your child dress appropriately.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child's nightly homework.

Have a good weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

- **Word of God** - Each one of us is important to Jesus was the theme of our lessons this week. Jesus healed the blind man and the ten with leprosy. We want to thank him for the gift of faith and his loving care.
- **Math** - Chapter 5 is all about division and we will be wrapping it up this week and taking the test early next week. It all depends on the MAP testing schedule
- **Reading** - We are taking a break from reading a novel to study figurative language focusing on idioms. We will begin our novel next week.
- **Writing** - What is a diamante poem? We are finding out this week and using it to write our New Year goals.
- **Science** - How do our body systems work together? This is our big question we want to answer as we learn about the human body. Our test will be early next week.

EXTRA NOTES:

- **Thank you for your kind words and gifts. The thoughtfulness is appreciated.**
 - **Book-it** - December calendars are due tomorrow. January calendars were sent home yesterday.
 - **Snowy Weather & Recess** - Please remember to send gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants to school with your child if they want to play in the snow during recess. Your child may also bring a sled to use during recess. They need to sit on the sled and not to sled head first. Please make sure your child's name is on the sled, and it must go home on Thursday. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged sleds left overnight or over the weekend.
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5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Happy New Year to all the 5th and 6th grade families!

Thank you for all the different ways you thought of me and my family at Christmas. I am blessed to have such a wonderful group of people supporting the work we do in the classroom. I'm looking forward to an excellent second half of the year.

A couple notes:

-MAP testing is coming up this month. It will be a good opportunity to check on how students are progressing with an assessment we don't normally use.

-Report cards will also be coming in a few weeks. As you track grades on JupiterEd, please remember that all assignments can be corrected and returned for a better grade.

-We will be falling back into our regular schedule this week with spelling pretests/tests, memory work, social studies maps, and all the other things that have been part of our normal routine.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome to a new year everyone! I pray that you all had a relaxing Christmas break worshipping our Savior King together with your families. We will be jumping right back into things for the most part, but slowly as we will no doubt need to review some things

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 1/8: John 3:5, John 3:16, Galatians 3:27; Wednesday 1/10: The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer; Thursday 1/11: Hymn 679: 1,4,5(Blue Hymnal) Friday 1/12: Galatians 4:4,5, 1 Peter 5:8

We are picking up our history studies by looking at some of the shady treaties that took place in order to change Washington territory from a territory to a state. We will be taking some more in depth looks at some U.S. history topics as we get closer to our D.C. trip in the spring, so if you hear of a detour, then that is why.

We left off introducing our senses in science, and we picked it back up with our senses after break. This will be a relatively short lesson with us spending a bit more time on our eyesight and hearing as these senses have a few more complicated parts.

Next week is our second MAP testing session of the year. Please do your best to try and have your children in school next week as between you and me, it is a pain in the butt to make up these tests.

God's blessings on your return to a normal routine. I pray that this first half week back wasn't too stressful as we move towards the end of the 2nd quarter.

Same, Same

A dad and his young son had busy schedules, but Saturday was their day together. With rare exceptions, the day always started the same way—dad and son would get matching bowls and fill them with identical cereal, and dad would say, “Same?” and the son would echo, “Same.” After breakfast, it was time to get dressed, and both dad and son put on a pair of blue jeans and a faded red shirt and the dad would say, “Same?” and the son would say, “Same.” Tackling the day’s to-do list, dad got out his toolbox to fix a few things around the house, and son got out his smaller toy toolbox to help. Dad would say, “Same?” and son would echo, “Same.”

In today’s Bible reading, the apostle Paul tells us that, like the son was united to his father on their special day, every follower of Jesus is united to him. But, unlike that little boy, Christians are not kind of like Jesus. Paul tells us that we are genuinely united to his death and resurrection.

This means the Christian’s sins were nailed to his cross and are no longer counted against them. This

means the sinful soul with which every person is born no longer rules over the Christian. They are set free from bondage and are now able to live a life pleasing to God. It’s a whole new way of life! And all because the Christian is connected to what Jesus has done.

Prayer:

Everlasting Lord, I praise you for uniting me with Christ. Make me confident that I am forgiven, that I will be raised to eternal life, and am free to serve you. Amen.

Want more daily devotions?

[I get them here!](#)



For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Romans 6:5-7