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## School News

### October Coat Drive

Our church is putting on a coat drive, so if you have any gently used coats you would like to donate, please bring them to school! Your child's teacher will put them in the bin at church. Thank you for your help!

### BookIt!

A reminder that BookIt! calendars are due on November 1<sup>st</sup>, which is already next Wednesday! Please submit completed calendars to your child's teacher.

### Tent or Treat

Tomorrow!!! Dress warm—it will be chilly! We can't wait to see everyone for this fun event!

Don't forget—FOOD will be available for purchase thanks to the Emerson's. They accept cash, card, and Venmo :) All proceeds go to St. Matthew!

### Preschool — Thank You!

Our amazing preschoolers and their amazing teachers led "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" in church this past Sunday. Thank you for beautifying our worship in this way! What an amazing blessing to have so many wonderful faces in church!

### 4-8 Soccer

Next week Friday (11/3) is our parent vs. player scrimmage. It will be held at Linwood Park from 4:00-5:15. Pizza will be provided. Please let Miss Rosenbaum know how many in your fami-

ly will be attending. Thank you for helping this season go smoothly!

### Junior Choir

No junior choir next week due to parent/teacher conferences. We will resume rehearsals on Monday, November 6.

### End of Quarter 1

End of first quarter is tomorrow, which means report cards will be handed out on Monday. Please double check your child has all work completed and handed in. Thank you!

### Baptism Opportunity

A student is planning to be baptized in one of our upcoming chapel services. While we will not pressure other kids to join her, we will let them know about the opportunity and follow up with parents of interested students. If your child has expressed interest in baptism and would like to be baptized in a chapel service, please speak to Pastor West and arrange a time to go through a short Bible study on baptism in the New Testament. We encourage adults and children of all ages to receive God's promise of forgiveness and adoption in the sacrament of baptism.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held next week after school. Please check the email for the link to your child's parent/teacher conference sign

up. Each teacher has a separate link, so make sure to double check that you click the correct link for your child. We look forward to connecting with you regarding your kids' progress!

### Mr. Biebert Call

Please pray for Mr. Biebert as he received a call to serve as principal and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Janesville, WI. He would welcome any input you have in regards to this decision, so please call/text/email as you see fit.

### Veterans Day

Veterans Day is coming up quickly! We would love to continue our slide show tradition of honoring all veterans from our school family. If you have a veteran that you would like to share a picture of, please send that over to Miss Rosenbaum at [erikarosenbaum@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:erikarosenbaum@stmatthewspokane.org)

Please note that we will be adding on to the previous year's video, so if you sent us a picture last year, no need to resend to have it included—it will already be there.

### Snow Removal

Snow removal from school will be a bigger issue this winter as there are more students and more areas to shovel. We are hoping to coordinate several school parents to come 10-20 minutes before drop off to shovel if there was overnight snowfall. Please contact Mark Gaulke (715)389-9808 for more details if needed. Thank you for volunteering your time in this way!

### DC Hot Lunch — 11/3

Next Friday, November 3 the DC kids are

Join us for the Tent or  
Treat BOO-nanza!  
Tomorrow  
5-7PM

DRESS WARM!!!!



hosting a chili lunch! This meal will include cornbread and cupcakes. Please fill out the form that was sent home today, and return it with your \$5 by Halloween day if you plan to have chili next Friday! Thanks!

### God's Blessings Knutson's!!!!

The Knutson family welcomed a beautiful baby boy to their family this past week!!! Baby Isaac was born on October 19, and the family is adjusting well. If you would like to help out the Knutson's, [please sign up to bring them a meal!](#) The meal train begins on Monday.



### Basketball

Are you interested in coaching or helping with basketball?? We currently have coaches for a 5-6 team but would need a coach for the 7-8 group. If we don't get anyone, we will have to go to plan B for basketball. Please reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if you are interested in coaching. Sign-ups will be in the 5-6 and 7-8 grade classroom next week! Basketball practices will begin after Thanksgiving break. They will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### Navigating Difficult Topics

If you are anything like me, sometimes the stress of parenting can be quite overwhelming! In addition to the opinions of family and friends, you have constant pressure from opposing sides right at your fingertips. Our WELS synod has a very useful web page called "[Parent Conversations](#)" that offers a solid Christian perspective on sometimes challenging topics. Please use the above link or the QR code to take a look, and keep it bookmarked if you'd like something to refer back to! :)



## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

First and foremost – thank you SO much for bringing your little ones to St. Matthew to sing their beautiful song, "This Little Gospel Light", during our worship service on Sunday. We had 19 children that came to sing amazing praises to our Lord. Even the angels in heaven could hear their awesome voices. Thank You!!

Once again, a new Theme was introduced this week and new Centers were added in our preschool classroom. What a week of amazing activities! We are learning about Harvest and, of course, Pumpkins. What is inside of a pumpkin? We found out yesterday with the 4's and will find out tomorrow with the 3's!! We cleaned (will clean) out a pumpkin and discover seeds and slimy, stringy pulp – pumpkin "goo"!! We roasted (will roast) the pumpkin seeds in my oven and ate (will eat) the seeds as part of our snack!! YUMMY!!

A favorite center we have right now is our Sensory Center. The children have fun with wooden mallets. They can pound golf tees into a huge pumpkin! What fun!! We have a car mat and a doll house in our Drama Center. It is so cool to see the dramatic play that takes place! In our Math Center, we have pumpkins that the children can match the number of pumpkin seeds to the number on the pumpkin stem. We also have a new book in our Listening Center: [Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins](#). What happens when the wagon wobbles and the wagon tips?? The preschoolers get to find out!! Great new centers for the kids to enjoy!!!

And the fun continues!! We have our Harvest Parties and Orange Day next week, too. Please check out the sign-up sheet for our party!! And please wear Orange on Monday and Tuesday!! We had fun easel-painting pumpkins this week. The apples came down in our classroom and the easel-painted pumpkins went up!! Pumpkins are EVERYWHERE!! Come and check it out!!

Please, four-year old parents, sign up for a time when I can meet with you to review your child's initial evaluation that I did with them in September. You will find that sign-up sheet on my red cabinet!! It will only take 10 minutes for the conference – please sign up!!

We focused on the letter "F" this week and are now moving onto letter "G" next week. Four year olds, bring an item from home next week that begins with "G"!!

This week we are learning how "God Chooses Moses".

Our bible verse this week is "Preach the good news." Mark 16:15

Our bible verse next week is "Call upon me in the day of trouble." Psalm 50:15

Come and join us for our Tent or Treat this Friday at 5:00 pm. It will be an amazing night of fun!!

Have a beautiful and blessed weekend!! See you next week!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Book it-** Please remember to fill in your child's October Book it calendar. Make sure you set a goal at the top of the calendar. Book it calendars are due November 1. Please make sure you have the total number of minutes read written at the bottom of the calendar.

**Field trip-** Thank you to all of the chaperones! It was a great day! If you took any pictures please send them to [principal@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:principal@stmatthewspokane.org) so Mrs. Biebert can add them to our yearbook.

**Microwave-** Students are now able to use the microwave.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences-** The end of our first quarter is tomorrow! Report cards will be handed out on Monday at the end of the day. Please sign up for a time slot for conferences.

**Coats-** As the weather is getting colder students should be bringing a coat/jacket to wear at recess. Students are expected to zip their own coats. If your child is unable to do this please make sure you are practicing with them at home.

**Memory Work-** I will be handing out a sheet with our Christmas Program memory work on it at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

In the meantime here are the next two verses, please note the dates:

Tuesday, October 31- While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Thursday, November 2- God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

We are already getting started with working on memory work for our Christmas Program! Our memory work for next week is "R is for the rattle can

That I shake, shake, shake with my little hand.

It will tell the shepherds lying on the ground

That a baby's born in Bethlehem town."

We have finished our chapter on addition in Math class and have moved onto subtraction. In Reading we are reading some short stories with the short vowel sounds. In Christ Light (Bible history class) we are learning about how Jesus called his first disciples. In Science we are using our sense of smell to figure out what the mystery scents are.

Also, if anyone would be able to donate a box of band-aids, it would be appreciated.... we go through a lot of band-aids! Thank you!

We've been singing a fun song based on Matthew 16 called "Follow Me." Jesus explains that it's not easy to follow him because we constantly struggle against what our sinful, selfish nature wants to do. But it is so worth it in the end because Jesus gives us eternal life.

Have a great weekend!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/31 - Genesis 1:1
- 11/2 - John 14:19b
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus Calms the Storm; Jesus Heals a Man Who Couldn't Walk) with your child during the weekend and sign the orange sheet in the orange folder. There will be a new color sheet to sign next week!

#### 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 wrapping up unit 1. Next week is a review week of the past 7 weeks. Check your child's folder for their spelling words. The test will be on Thursday.

#### Extra Notes

- Thank you to everyone who helped chaperone for the field trip. We had nice weather and the kids had a blast. Look in their orange folder to see what they wrote about it.
- The first skill went well. The kids did a nice job cutting the fruits and vegetables. You should ask them to show you at
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home!

- Your child takes a “practice test” on Tuesdays with a partner for spelling. If your child spells all the words correctly, they will not have to take the test on Thursday. I will let you know if they need to or not!
- Book-It Calendars are due Wednesday, November 1. Make sure your child’s name is on it as well as the total number of minutes they read. Thanks.
- We had a pajama day on Tuesday. The kids have been working hard on being good helpers in the classroom and following the procedures and routines as a class. The goal now is to get 30 class points to get a tent day in the classroom. They are pretty excited to reach their goal!
- I look forward to meeting with you next week at the parent teacher conferences! Be sure to sign up for a time. Christmas Recitation memory work will be handed out at the teacher conferences next week.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 10/31 - Genesis 1:1 & 1 Peter 5:7
- 11/2 - Matthew 11:28
- 11/3 - The Second Article of the Apostle’s Creed
- 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 (The Parable of the Farmer and Seed & The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the October calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child’s Friday folder. Make sure your child is keeping their list in their accordion folder and bringing it back to school so they are able to practice. This week we are focusing on silent letters.
- Since we are starting a new quarter, we will take spelling tests on Fridays and there will be no retakes.
- 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.
- Please fill out the time slot when you would like to sign up for the conferences next week. I look forward to meeting with you and talking about your child.
- As the weather starts getting colder, please send a coat with your child.
- Don’t forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child’s nightly homework.
- Make sure you have the Google calendar downloaded on your phone because that is where you will find upcoming events or information.
- Make sure Friday folders are coming back empty and you are looking through your child’s assignments. Please let me know if you have questions.
- The November calendar for Bookit will be in your child’s folder this week.
- October calendar is due November 1st

Have a great weekend!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Word of God** - Stories. The people in Jesus’ time had them, and we still do today. Jesus even used them to teach us about heavenly truths in special stories called parables. This week we read two parables that teach us about how the Holy Spirit uses God’s Word to give us faith and lead us to do good works out of thanks to God, and that we should share our faith with the people around us until we go to heaven.

Our hymn for the week is, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” learning about Luther and what changes he made in the church and our understanding that we aren’t saved by works, but by faith, grace, and scriptures alone

**Reading** - Hyperboles! Such fun! I have a ton of homework! My feet are killing me! Are just some of the many hyperboles we took a look at and even came up with a few of our own.

**Science** - So many incredible rocks! Did you know that gneiss is the metamorphic form of granite? Or that limestone becomes marble when you add heat and pressure? We are exploring the rock cycle through some sweet changes today.

**Social Studies** - What was the mission and purpose of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery? What were some of the discoveries they made? Who joined them along the way? How long did it take them to get to the Pacific Ocean? These are some of the questions we are answering this week on our webquest adventure.

#### EXTRA NOTES:

**Parent/Teacher conferences** - Please sign up for a 15 minute time slot to meet with me to discuss your child’s progress this year. We will also take a look at MAP testing scores.

**Book-it Calendars** - Please return Book-it Calendars next Wednesday, November 1,

**Paper Plates** - We could use a few more paper plates. We are using the last of what was brought in to share from the begin-

ning of the year. Thank you in advance for helping us out.  
Have a blessed week in the Lord!

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

I think that we got through all of our explanations of subjects in the last newsletter. If there are any other topics you'd like explained, please let me know and I will include them in future newsletters.

In religion class this week, we had tests for both Christ Light and Faith Foundations. This included the first time students are getting assessed on their understanding of Jesus' miracles and the lessons behind his parables. In math, we are having tests as well. Those took place today, and there will be a short quiz in geometry on Friday. In science, we have started our project on the subject of organelles. Keep a look out for those to be posted in the classroom sometime next week. In social studies, we had a test on the Roman Empire, and in English, we started our opinion essays on the Roman and Greek Empires.

We have parent-teacher conferences coming up soon! If there are any questions that are on your mind, please let me know ahead of time so I can prepare my best answers for you. If not, I plan to take you through the report cards and MAP tests, and talk about social and study habits.

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

We have arrived at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter already, can you believe it? We are already starting to practice for the Christmas program, can you believe it? We already got some snow, can you believe it? Where has the time gone? I guess they say that time flies when you are having fun, and we must be having a whole lot of fun at school, because time is sure flying.

Here is the memory work for next week:

10/30: Genesis 6:5, Proverbs 31:10; 11/1: Isaiah 29:11(Christmas Program); 11/2: A Great and Mighty Wonder; 11/3: Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 10:28, The Conclusion to the Commandments

I do not want to mess with Mae, Reagan, or Caiden. They played the role of investors this week who wanted to invest their money into the fur trading industry in the PNW. They conducted interview of different groups of students, and boy were those interviews brutal. I heard the words: "you contradicted yourself" come out of their mouths numerous times as they critiqued the "trappers" that they interviewed. We also discussed if it is every right to try and change another group's culture. What if they asked for it? We will continue our discussion of how the Europeans influenced the Native Americans of the PNW next week.

How fast is your reaction time? What about when you are distracted? The students began learning about their nervous system this week. We conducted a lab to show the effects of texting and driving on our reaction times. We also wrapped up bones with the smashing of our concrete pours that we created with Mr. Hohenthal's help. One of the pours had no collagen and one of them had collagen(rebar) mixed in with it. The non-collagen pour cracked in half instantly. The collagen pour took about 25 swings with a sledge hammer to break. Our God is a pretty smart dude for creating our bodies the way he did.

I am looking forward to talking with you all next week about your child's progress in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and some progress to expect moving forward into the second quarter. I also hope to see many of you at our Tent or Treat this Friday. God bless your weekends!

## God Wants Me to do What?

The word “submit” is not an easy word. To some, the word “submit” might even be considered insulting. “Submit” has a variety of meanings, from handing in an assignment or completing a form to surrendering to an enemy or giving in to an opponent. In some contexts, the word “submit” can make one think of giving in to an oppressor or surrendering to slavery.

Yet the apostle Paul calls us to “submit” to the governing authorities. Why? What does Paul mean here? Our responsibility to the government is to willingly admit that since God has established this authority over us, we will willingly obey that authority with honor and respect.

But that’s not so easy. Earthly government is far from perfect, made worse by the fact that it’s populated by sinners like us. Still, that doesn’t give us the right to say to God, “I refuse to show respect and honor for what you’ve put into place for my good!”

While we live under imperfect governing authorities, we look to Jesus, who perfectly lived as a citizen of church and state in our

place. We look to Jesus, who faced injustice at the hands of the governing authorities he had established, even as he continued to respect and honor them. We look to Jesus, who faced God’s punishment for our sins, so God would declare us not guilty and set us free from submitting to sin’s slavery. With our eyes on Jesus, we can then respect and honor those whom God has placed in authority over us.

### Prayer:

O Lord of nations, grant me wisdom, patience, and peace as I live out my life as your child in a sinful world. Move me to respect

and honor those you have placed over me in authority. Enable our leaders to serve in a respectful and honorable way. Amen.

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For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

**Romans 13:4,5**