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The Timber Times
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School News

Mission Offering

Our third quarter offerings are being given to Teen and Kid Closet here in Spokane. Our offering total for this quarter so far is \$163.52. Thank you for your generous giving! Reminder that we have a goal of \$350 for this quarter!

Hygiene Drive

Please consider donating to our Teen and Kid Closet "Hygiene Drive." The list of items we need are as follows: baby soap, baby shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, 2in1 shampoo/conditioner, body wash. The list can also be found on flyers hung on the teacher's doors. Thank you for donating! **Deadline to bring in items is next Thursday, February 22nd.**

Re-Enrollment Discount Ending

Today is the last day to re-enroll with discounted prices. We will begin accepting new applications for the upcoming school year after today. If you have any friends, family, or neighbors who may be interested in St. Matt's, tell them to call Jacob to schedule a tour! (715)402-0094

No School

Next week is a short week here at school due to President's Day and the teacher in-service on Tuesday. No school Monday & Tuesday! Enjoy your extra long weekend!

Basketball

Continue to check the google calendar for the schedule. Make sure to reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride. Thank you!

Chiefs Night—Junior Choir Singing!!!

Reminder that next Friday, February 23rd, St. Matthew has its second night with the Chiefs. Tickets are available [here](#), and must be purchased by February 21st to ensure you are sitting in the same section as the group. Come support our Junior Choir as they were invited to sing the anthems that night!



Mrs. Most Call

Please continue to keep Mrs. Most in your prayers as she continues to deliberate her call to Utah. If you have any words of encouragement for her, they are welcomed and appreciated!

Junior Choir

Rehearsal on Monday, February 26 from 3:45-4:30.

Lenten Services Continue

Please note that Lenten services continue on Wednesdays throughout Lent. We will be diving deeper into the life and death of Jesus, and what it means for us. Please join us at 3:45 for worship with a potluck style dinner to follow!

Heads Up—Date Change!

If you look ahead on the yearly calendar, please note the following change: we will not be hosting the Academic Fair as a standalone event this year on April 25th. In place of this event, we will be combining academics with the Talent Show on May 29th.

Upcoming Dates

February

- 14 B Team @ Summit 4:00PM
- 19 NO SCHOOL — President's Day
- 20 NO SCHOOL — Teacher In-Service
- 21 Lenten Service 3:45PM
- 22 Career Day
- 22 A Team vs. Co-Op 3:45PM
- 22 B Team vs. Co-Op 5:00PM
- 23 Chiefs Game — Jr. Choir Sings
- 25 Grades 3-8 Sing 10AM
- 2/26-3/1 BOOK FAIR
- 27 B Team @ Christian Heritage 3:30PM
- 27 A Team @ Christian Heritage 4:30PM

Grades 3-8 Sing

Grades 3-8 will be singing in church on February 25th. Please plan to attend that service. Thank you!

Save the Date

The junior choir will be singing in the Lenten service on March 6th.

Parent Conversations

The parent conversation for this week is helping your children tackle difficult tasks. Read [here](#) for pointers and tips!



Used Book Fair

Please bring in any gently used books by tomorrow so we can begin sorting them for the book fair at the end of the month. Thank you!

NO SCHOOL
Monday & Tuesday

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What an amazing week of fun events for preschool!! The week started off with a bang - Valentine's Day parties!! Monday and Wednesday were filled with so much fun, laughter, food, gifts and a great time with friends. On Thursday and Friday, we learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln – 2 outstanding presidents of the United States. Fun facts: George used to put powder in his hair to make it look fancy and Abraham used to hide important papers under his stovepipe top hat. We also learned that Abraham would write "Hot Letters" to calm down. He never sent them, but stored them in his desk. A great learning tool to calm down!!

Can you believe our centers are the same for a second week? WHAT??? We still have our Valentine's Theme in our classroom. But, guess what?? We have our water gel beads in our Sensory Center – always a favorite!! And the book, Yes, We Can, is in our Listening Center.

All of the classes, this week, had fun sorting and counting candy hearts as a project – and yes, they could eat them AFTER the schoolwork was completed!! We also had fun painting our hands and stamping them on a heart!! The snowmen have come down and the hearts have gone up in our classroom!! What a great week in preschool!! Come and check out our beautiful classroom!!

We had an amazing time with Mr. Metzger's kids this week, too!! SO many kids came over to our classroom to help out with Circle Time, Center Time, Outside Time, Homework Time and Bible Story Time!! Our littles had a great chance to connect with his bigs during our week!! Can't wait to have more of his kiddos come next week to visit!! Thank you, Mr. Metzger for making this time happen!!

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY AND TUESDAY!!!

Our letter of the week next week is "Ss". Four year old classes, please bring something from home for show 'n' tell that starts with "Ss". Tuesday children, bring your show 'n' tell on Wednesday.

Our memory work that we will focus on next week is the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Give us today our daily bread."

Have a LONG and beautiful weekend with your family. God's blessings to all of you!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Cutting fabric- If you are interested in helping cut fabric for our upcoming life skill please speak with me, I would appreciate the help!

Valentine's Day- Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and balloons for our party! We had a fun day!!

Mealworms- We got to explore with mealworms in Science on Tuesday. We will keep them at school to observe the lifecycle and then once they turn into beetles the kids will have the option (with your permission) to take them home. If you don't want your child to take them home Mrs. Roth would be happy to feed them to her chickens!

Calendar- Please be checking the Google Calendar for upcoming events/no school days.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

I hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day! Thank you to the parents who helped decorate our classroom and did activities with the students at our little Valentine's Day party!

In Christ Light we learned the story of Zacchaeus and his thankfulness to Jesus for forgiving his sins, and one about how Mary showed her love for Jesus for forgiving her sins.

In Reading we are learning the long a with silent e sound, as well as long i with silent e.

In Math we are starting a new chapter about geometry and shapes.

In Science we are learning how living things move, even some plants!

In Social Studies we are learning about jobs.

For some reason, I don't have any memory work passages assigned for next Thursday, February 22, so enjoy the day off of memory work! For the following week, February 29, our Bible passage will be 2 Corinthians 9:7 God loves a cheerful giver.

Remember that there's no school on Monday or Tuesday, February 19 and 20.

Enjoy your long weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 2/22 - The First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (The Parable of the Vineyard Workers; Taxes to Caesar).

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's February book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: we will not have spelling next week due to the short week. Our next week will be the week of Feb. 26, which we

will work on when to use “ck” in words.

Extra Notes

- Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for Valentine’s day. Thank you also for helping your child create a box for that day.
- Thank you to those who gave paper plates for our classroom. We appreciate it!
- We completed our third life skill - sewing. The kids worked on sewing a “wallet” since we had been working with money in math. Hopefully the kids can continue this skill of hand sewing in the future.
- Writing: we are wrapping up our unit on personal narratives.
- Math: some kids are working on measurement, while the other kids are working on place value.
- Social Studies: We are talking about some important historical figures. This week we talked about Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.
- Science: we started our unit about Earth’s systems, specifically talking about the water cycle this week.
- I hope you enjoy your long weekend! My nephew is being baptized on Sunday in Michigan, so I look forward to witnessing that from a distance. What a blessing!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 2/21 - James 1:17a & 2 Corinthians 9:7b
- 2/22 - The First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (The Parable of the Bags of Money & The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the February calendar.
- Work on spelling words. They are in your child’s Friday folder.
- This week we are working on words with an ex- beginning sound.
- 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

- Please note on the Google calendar that 3-8 sings in church on February 25th. Please plan to attend.
- Don’t forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar, as it is part of your child’s nightly homework.
- Please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather.
- No spelling next week due to the short week.

Enjoy your extended weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - God gives us his grace and expects faithfulness is the truth we are learning about this week with the parables of the bags of money and the workers in the vineyard.

Reading - Henry Huggins, Beverly Cleary did such a wonderful job of catching the joy and zest a child has for life and learning lessons in all of her books. She does this so well in Henry Huggins, a boy, who thinks nothing exciting ever happens to him until one fateful day while eating an ice cream cone he looks down and sees a dog with whom he decides to share his ice cream.

Science - Finishing up planet posters this week so we can share them next Wednesday.

Social Studies- Change of plans on the field trip. I am working on a new one.

EXTRA NOTES:

Save the date - Grades 3-8 sing at the 10:00 service on **Sunday, February 25**. Hope to see you all there. We have been working very hard on a song that has so many musical devices in it, such as ostinatos, rounds, and texture.

Recorders - I am so impressed with how far we have come playing our recorders. We sound like a group when we play our songs together. In fact, we are working on a few songs that we will play during the offering for an upcoming chapel service. I will let you know when that will be so you can try to attend.

Thank you to Mrs. Ferre for making us cupcakes to decorate and take home to our families on Valentine’s Day. It was so much fun learning how to pipe frosting onto cupcakes, add sprinkles, and decorate the cupcakes boxes. It’s all in the presentation!

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

February keeps on rolling, and we’re already half way to March! There’s not a lot of extra stuff on the agenda for me this week, so I’m jumping right into the classroom lessons.

In religion class, we are studying the lessons Jesus taught during Holy Week, along with the 2nd Petition of the Lord’s Prayer.

In math, 6th grade had a test today on multiplying and dividing fractions, with 5th grade getting ready for a test about dividing fractions on Monday. In science, we continue our study of weather, which is going to culminate in an informative essay. In social studies, we are getting ready for another test next week, this time on how each of the 13 colonies was established. Finally in English, we have finished our verb study and are moving on to a study of adjectives.

Students have started their volunteering in Mrs. D's preschool classroom. I've gotten about a dozen students signed up. If your student wants to take a turn, please fill out the survey that was sent out. If you've lost/missed/deleted that email, please let me know and I will resend it.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Valentine's day week has come and gone, but it was a memorable one. Not only was Valentine's day also Ash Wednesday this year, and we get to begin the path to the cross where we soon true love in action, but Bo also got neutered. So, yeah, love is in the air.

Here is the memory work for next week:

Thursday 2/22: Review of What Wondrous Love Is This for singing on Sunday 2/25; Friday 2/23: Leviticus 19:2, Romans 13:10, Galatians 5:13b

The students are writing a children's book that describes Washington's path from a territory to statehood and some of the struggles in-between for history class over the next few days. They will be responsible for drawing the pictures, writing the information accurately, and binding the book.

Well, the tension was eased this week as we got to look at the stages of birth and child development within the womb. So, that was fun! Different groups looked at what is going on with the child and the mother during a particular stage of development. One of the statistics we looked at was how a child would be 1.5 tons at birth if growth continued at the same rate as it does early on in a pregnancy. We watched a video where a scientist gave his analysis on birth, and he admitted that divine intervention has to be in play when you just look at the intricacies of a child's development during pregnancy. Our God is truly amazing!

Don't forget that there is an extended weekend this week as we have off on Monday for President's Day, and there is also no school on Tuesday for the in-service that we have scheduled that day.

God bless all of you! I pray you enjoy your longer weekend.

Down From the Mountain

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian season of Lent. Christians begin Lent by remembering the cost of their sins. Some churches will smudge ashes, in the form of a cross, on people's foreheads as a symbolic reminder that they are dust and to dust they will return because of their sins.

It's a stark difference between the mountaintop Transfiguration experience and Ash Wednesday. Like the disciple Peter, it's easy to want to stay on top of the mountain, skip the parts of Jesus' story that make us sad, and just enjoy the radiating brilliance of Jesus. We don't like to think about our sins or the awful price it cost to take them away.

But Jesus came down from the mountain. He knew there was still work to be done. Before Jesus could fully enjoy his rightful kingly crown again, he was going to first endure a crown of thorns. Before he climbed a mountain of glory again, he would climb a hill called Golgotha, the Place of the Skull—the spot where Jesus was crucified. Instead

of being flanked by Moses and Elijah, Jesus would be killed between two common criminals. Instead of the brightness of the Transfiguration, there would be the darkness of death and damnation as God the Father turned his back on his one and only Son.

Lent can be an overwhelming season when we think about the guilt of our sins. But that is not the goal of this season. The goal is to get us to look at Jesus and all he did to save us from those sins. Let that be your focus and comfort this Lenten season.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give me joy in Jesus this Lenten season. Amen.

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Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:8,9