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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 \$194.45. Thank you for your generous giving! Reminder that we have a goal of \$350 for this quarter!

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be continuing through tomorrow! Thank you to everyone who has purchased books so far! We have already sold \$264 in books — that's a lot of \$0.50 books! Thanks especially to you parents for encouraging such awesome reading habits! Please come pick up last minute books tomorrow! All money raised will be used to help purchase new sports uniforms.

Basketball

The league tournament is scheduled for March 6 and 7 next week. It will be held at Palisades. The kids first game is at 3:00 verse Summit on March 6. The students will be dismissed at 2:15. Stay tuned for updates about when their second game will be on March 7. Make sure to reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride. Thank you!

Adult Basketball

Today is the last day of adult basketball. We would love to have you play today at the Nazarene church from 5:30-6:30ish.

Junior Choir

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to come out and support your St. Matthew Jr. Choir and Spokane Chiefs at the hockey night last Friday. The kids did a wonderful job and the Chiefs won on top of that!

Our next rehearsal is on Monday, March 4 from 3:45-4:30.

Junior Choir Sings

Junior choir will be singing for the Lenten service next Wednesday, March 6th. This will be directly after school — a wonderful and convenient opportunity for you to stay and join us for church that day!

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!

Spirit Week

Spirit week will take place next week! Please see the attached flyer on page 4 of the newsletter to see what the dress-up days will be. These flyers will also be displayed in your child's classroom.

Preschool Sings

Our preschoolers will be singing in church on Sunday, March 10th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Parent Conversations

Our parent conversation of the week focuses on the balance of law and gospel when disciplining our children.

[Find more here.](#)



Upcoming Dates

March

- 4-8 Spirit Week
- 6-7 A Team — Tournament @ PCA — First game vs. Summit 3PM
- 6 Lenten Worship 3:45PM (**Junior Choir Sings**) — Potluck After
- 10 PreK Sings 10AM
- 12-19 DC Trip — 7th-8th Grade
- 13-15 NO SCHOOL — Spring Conference
- 13 Lenten Worship 3:45PM — Potluck After
- 20 Lenten Worship 3:45PM — Potluck After
- 28 Early Release — NOON — Curriculum Study
- 28 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30PM
- 29 NO SCHOOL — Good Friday
- 29 Good Friday Worship 6:30PM
- 31 Easter Breakfast 8:30AM
- 31 Easter Worship 10AM

April

- 1-5 Spring Break

Bookit! Calendars

February calendars are due tomorrow. Please turn them in to your child's teacher! Thank you!

7th-8th Teacher

Mr. Brandon Stubalt continues to deliberate his call to serve as our 7th-8th grade teacher. Please pray that God would give him strength and guidance during this time of deliberation. As before, if you would like to reach out to him, please speak with Mr. Biebert to get Brandon's contact info. Thank you!

Spirit Week

NEXT WEEK

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

It has been another amazing week in preschool. We are in our second week of our Fire Safety Theme. This past Tuesday and tomorrow, we had/have our Fire Station field trips. Always a favorite for kids and parents, alike!! Thank you, parents and grandparents, for driving and sharing in our fun!! We even got to climb up into the driver's seat in the fire truck and get our picture taken!! What a great field trip!! Parents, please ask your children about 9-1-1 and what an emergency might look like, "Stop, drop and roll", "Stay low and go", and about YOUR family's meeting place, if there should ever be a fire situation. They have learned SO much these past two weeks!! They might even teach you parents a thing or two!!

Our centers have remained the same this week. Our Firehouse is still in the Drama Center and proves to be a favorite. Four fire trucks and a 3' Firehouse is pretty special!! Our Listening Center has the book, Kai to the Rescue! This is a beautiful story about a little GREEN pumper truck that found a way to fit in with the big RED fire trucks at the Firehouse!!

Last week, the children had fun sponge-painting red, orange and yellow flames on a piece of paper. This week, we were able to create a fire scene on top of those flames by adding a fire truck, a fireman and even a fire dog!! Some of the classes had a great time building a Fire Truck out of shapes: squares, rectangles, and circles. Cutting and gluing – it doesn't get much better than that!!

Thank you SO MUCH for your participation this week to make our Book Fair a HUGE success!! We have our Book Fair open all week long in church's basement – what a fun way to clear out your gently used books and fill your own home library with some "new" books. Thank you for your donations and also your purchases! The proceeds will go towards updating the sports uniforms for our grade school children.

We are focusing on letter "Ss" again this week, and that puts us on letter "Tt" next week. We are just sailing through the alphabet! Please bring something from home that starts with "Tt" for show 'n' tell next week, 4's classes.

Next week's memory verse is Psalm 103:1 "Praise the Lord".

God's blessings to you and your family!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book It- We have one more month of our Book it calendar reading. Please set a goal with your child for the month of March.

Running Club- We started the running club back up again this past Tuesday. We will continue to do so each Tuesday during lunch recess depending on the weather. Please make sure your child has good footwear. If you would like to volunteer to help with the running club please contact Mrs. Most.

Chapel offering- We are continuing to support Kid and Teen Closet with our chapel offerings. This Saturday you can drop off any clothes donations at their downtown location. This is a great way to support them and our community!

Book Fair- Don't forget to stop by the Book Fair and get some "new to you" books for your home library.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Mrs. West was out sick this week, so look for her portion of the newsletter next week :) Please pray that Mrs. West begins feeling better soon!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 3/5 - Romans 6:23
- 3/7 - The Ninth Commandment
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Parable of the Wicked Farmers; Parable of the Wedding Feast).

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add the minutes to your child's March book-it calendar.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: next week we will be working on using dge. We only use dge immediately after a short vowel. Your child's list is in their orange folder.

Extra Notes

- Please make sure your child is bringing a water bottle every day!
- Writing: we are starting to introduce informational writing. The kids have worked on creating a graphic organizer about the terms of items found in an information text. This week they got to pick out their animal that they will be writing about for this unit.
- Math: some kids are working on measurement, while the other kids are working on place value.
- Social Studies: We are continuing our talk about some important historical figures. This week we talked about Ruby Bridges, Lewis and Clark, and Sacagawea.
- Science: we have been investigating wind, water, and glacial erosion. The kids have been doing some hands-on activities

while investigating.

- February book it calendars are due TOMORROW. Please make sure to bring those back!
- A field trip form will be coming out in 2 weeks about our field trip in April. We will be going to the Mobius Discovery Center on April 17 in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more information on that.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 3/5 - Matthew 26:41 & Galatians 5:13b
- 3/7 - The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- 3/8 - 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. If they don't say it right away in the morning, they can recite it at snack time, but if they don't say it then, they will be staying in from morning recess to practice.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (The Parable of the Wicked Renters & The Parable of the Wedding Banquet)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day, and record it on the February calendar.
- This week in spelling, we are working on words with /s/ sound.
- Your child's spelling list will be in their Friday folder for next week.
- 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

- Next week is Spirit Week! Please talk to your child about what the dress up days are.
- Don't forget to have your child record minutes on their Bookit calendar.
- Your child will get their new calendar for March this week.
- Please make sure you are sending a coat with your child. It gets chilly in the mornings.
- Next Monday is the first states and capitals test, it would be wise for your child to take home their states and capitals sheet to study over the weekend.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus warns his enemies concerning their unbelief is the truth we are learning about this week with the lessons of "The Parable of the Tenants" and "The Parable of the Wedding Banquet."

Reading - Wham! Clang! Honk! Are all examples of what kind of figurative language? If you said onomatopoeia, ding, ding! You are correct!

Science - Planet posters are hanging in the hallway, come in and check them out! We are now learning about space technology including rockets and satellites. So much new vocabulary: LEO, payload, drag, GTO, boosters, propellant, escape velocity, etc.

Social Studies- Washington has many different industries that make up our state's economy. The students will be redesigning our state quarter according to those industries and explaining why they made those choices. We will also be learning about our state symbols and begin our Washington state reports.

EXTRA NOTES:

Save the date - We will be going on a field trip to the Spokane House on Monday, April 15 from about 9:30-noon or 1 depending on the weather so we could eat lunch there also.

Book-It Calendars are due tomorrow, March 1. March calendars were sent home today.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Happy Leap Day! I hope everyone is doing something special with their extra day. Don't pull a muscle by doing too much leaping.

Our extra day was of course spent learning this week. In religion classes, we continued our study of God's kingdom and some parables Jesus told during Holy Week. In math class, 6th grade continued their study of data while 5th grade got deeper into operations using decimals. In social studies, we practiced mapping our property without using satellites, and then started a new unit on life in the English colonies. In science, we did some investigating of the effect of heat on solids and liquids. Finally, in English we began researching and organizing information for our essays.

Speaking of the essay, thank you to all the parents that came to the informational meetings at the end of the school day last Friday and Monday. I messed up the names of the days of the week for the last three slots on the schedule I handed out. The dates are correct, but are for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If you were not able to attend those meetings, please look for the neon green sheet that I sent home with your student on Monday. It has all the information you'll need. Please check in often with your students to make sure they are not falling behind on each stage.

Finally, we are almost through all the volunteers who signed up to help in preschool. I am planning to start sending students for a second time this quarter, unless I hear differently from you. If your student has not signed up yet and is interested, please fill out the survey I sent home via email.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

This week was extremely productive in that it brought closure to two different chapters that we have been working on. We finished up our studies on Washington's path from treaties to statehood, and we also finished up our chapter on our body systems.

Here is the memory work for next week:

Monday 3/4: Matthew 7:15, Matthew 15:8,9; Thursday 3/7: Hymn 431:1,2,6(Blue Hymnal) ; Friday 3/8: Romans 7:18, Romans 16:17, 1 Peter 5:8

If you have not seen the children's book that your child made for history class, then please take time to view/read them. Your children did a fantastic job with their illustrations and content. Everyone took a different stance or perspective on their books, so each one was unique in its own way. However, all of them told the story of how Washington became a state. Next up: The students will be beginning to take different days of the battles at Gettysburg to research and report on starting on Monday.

We finished our study of body systems, and we will now be starting a new chapter that looks at health for the body systems we just learned about. We will be learning about our immune systems, how diseases attack our immune system, and how gateway and illegal drugs affect our bodies.

Thank you to all of you for bringing your children to sing at church last Sunday. The students sounded fantastic in their praising of our crucified Lord.

I pray you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.



Spirit Week
March 4-8

3/4 - MARVEL Madness
DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE
SUPERHERO

3/5 - Sleeping Beauties
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
PAJAMAS

3/6 - Black & Green Day
WEAR YOUR ST. MATTHEW
GEAR

3/7 - Tweedledee & Tweedledum
TWIN UP AND DRESS LIKE
YOUR FRIEND

3/8 - Monster University
WEAR ANY SPORT OR
COLLEGE GEAR

Hardships

When hardship hits, it is easy to wallow in sadness and self-pity. We imagine that things cannot get better, and we cannot imagine how we can go on. We perhaps slide into despair and cannot get out of our funk.

Could any of us have blamed Job if this was his response to the horrible tragedies that had struck his life? As understandable as that would have been, Job went in a different direction. He worshiped his God. Yes, he felt grief. But his was a godly grief. He certainly was hurting, but rather than collapse inward on himself and his grief, he turned outward to the One who could ease his pain. Grief and faith are not mutually exclusive. In his grief, Job trusted in the One who gives all good things.

Why is God so worthy of trust in moments like these? Because God has been there and done that. Jesus suffered more than we could ever imagine. Yet, he did not despair. He did not wallow in self-pity or sadness. Rather, he trusted in God's plan and went on to die in our place on the cross. Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. You

are his child!

No matter what challenges or hardships you face in life, remember that you are a forgiven child of God. No one can take that away from you. When hardship hits, do not fall inward and wallow in sorrow and self-pity. Instead, turn to God, who has given you every reason to look to him. Worship him who saved you from sin. You are his, now and forever!

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for giving me the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Lead me to worship you in both good times and bad. Amen.

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At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship.

Job 1:20