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School News

Chapel

Reminder that we have chapels on Thursdays. Please check the Google calendar for the time — AM or PM. We love for parents and grandparents to join us if you are able!

Chapel offerings are going to the Corr and Diaz families. If you would like to donate any gift cards to them as well, please reach out! You can give them directly to the family, or Mrs. Biebert can arrange a time to pick up.

Google Calendar

If you have not yet done so, please download our Google calendar, and use it to stay on top of events and happenings at school this year. I personally have set a reminder for each event that pertains to my family, so I know I will not miss anything!

Google Calendar is very simple to integrate into your own calendar on your phone. Use this [link](#) (or the QR code) to have access on our website. There is an option for both Android and iPhone, so pick the one that suits you.

As this is new this year, please reach out if you are having difficulties—we are learning this together!



4-8 Soccer

Soccer is just right around the corner. Practices will start next week Tuesday, September 5th. Reach out if your child needs a ride to the practices or games. If you were unable to come to the meeting on Tuesday this past week make sure you see Miss Rosenbaum.

K-3 Soccer

Practices will start Wednesday, September 13th. If you were unable to come to the meeting on Monday this past week make sure you see Miss Rosenbaum.

Background Checks

If you are a planner and know in advance that you will be volunteering in the classroom or helping on field trips, please send Mr. Biebert an email. From there, he will send you a link to complete a background check. They are free to you and valid for 2 years upon completion. If you aren't sure you completed one last year, don't hesitate to ask!

Call Received

Pastor West has received a call to serve at St. John's in Wauwatosa, WI. Please keep Pastor, Kelly, and their family in your prayers during this time, as well as the ministry at both schools. If you have any input to provide, Pastor would love to hear from you! Please reach out (509)217-9617.

Art Wish List

If you're looking for a way to help out our art program, please speak with your child's teacher! We have several art wish list items that will need to be purchased throughout the school year. Thank you!

Dads & Donuts—RSVP

We created an RSVP for our Dads & Donuts event! Please fill out [this form](#) regardless of your ability to be there. Note that we are holding this event on September 21st from 8:00-8:40AM.



St. Matthew Worship & Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, September 10th, our worship schedule returns to regular hours. Bible Class & Sunday School will be at 9AM, followed immediately by worship at 10AM. There will be fellowship in the church basement following the service. If you are looking for a church home, please consider joining us!

St. Matthew Retreat

The last weekend in September, our church and school is hosting the annual retreat at Riverview Bible Camp. Information is being sent home today with the newsletter. We will not have school that Friday, September 29. If your family would like to attend, please fill out the information on that sheet and return to your child's teacher. If you have questions, please direct them to Pastor West (509)217-9617.

Parking Lot

In order to keep congestion to a minimum, especially once the preschoolers start coming to school (after Labor Day), please get in the habit of filling in the parking lot over by the basketball court first. Additionally, if you are able to exit right from the side by Cedar St., that would greatly improve the flow of traffic. We appreciate you staying safe, driving slowly, and watching for kiddos!

Junior Choir

Junior choir is set to begin Monday, September 25th. All students in grades 3-8 are allowed to participate in the Junior Choir. Practices will be Mondays from 3:45-4:30 (unless notified of a change). The children will meet in the 4th grade classroom (Mrs. Most's room). Children will be working on fun songs, and songs to sing for church and chapel. Mrs. Most will be sending home forms and schedules the week of September 11-15. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs. Most or email her at michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org

No School Monday—Labor Day

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Mrs. D's preschool note will start next week when the preschoolers begin school! Blessings on your last weekend before preschool!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Questions- I'm sure these first few days of school have taken some adjusting. It's hard to have your child gone all day from you and all you want to know is what they have done all day and you might have gotten an answer like "I don't know" "stuff". Let me help you out a little...instead of asking "What did you do at school today?" try asking questions like:

- What books did Miss Taasaas read today?
- Who did you play with at recess?
- What made you laugh today?
- What was your Bible story about?
- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- On Fancy Fridays you can ask: What Spanish words did you learn? Did you play a game in P.E? What did you get to do on the computer in Tech class? Did you learn any new songs in Music? What did you make in Art?

Hopefully these questions can help you gain some insight into your child's school day.

Office Hours- Just a reminder that my office hours are from 7am- 7pm. You can contact me anytime during that time period and I will do my best to get back to you promptly. Please add my phone number to your contact list. It will make getting ahold of each other much easier. 360-271-5201

Fridays- On Fridays your child's yellow folder will go home. Take time to look through it WITH your child. Nothing needs to come back. The Bible story pages are for you to read through as a family. There are activities on the back but you do not need to do them.

I will also send home your child's water bottle. Please wash it and return it on Monday. Please practice with your child how THEY can open and close it.

Missing Supplies- In your child's yellow folder you will find a note about any missing supplies that you still need. If you did not receive a note then you have nothing left to purchase.

Parent Homework- On your child's white bucket there was a pink piece of paper asking you to tell me about your child. If you have not written me a note please bring it to school on Monday morning. This helps me learn more about your child.

Remind- Please make sure so sign up for Remind otherwise you could miss important notifications about class.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Welcome back to school, first grade families! It is wonderful to have your child in my class! We are off to a great start this school year!

We've started learning our song we are going to sing in church on September 24th. It is called Peace in Christ, to go along with our theme for the school year, "Peace and Hope in Christ." The children really like this song!

Our memory work for next week Thursday, September 7 is 1 John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (Sorry, I should have put that long one later in the year!)

Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Woohoo! We made it through a full week of school. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone in this first week! Last week, we worked on setting procedures in the classroom and focusing on raising our hands when we have something to say. These past few days, we have been reviewing procedures and diving into new subjects. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 9/5 - The Third Commandment
- 9/7 - Isaiah 43:11
- An orange sheet will be sent home every Friday in the orange folder as well as the Christ Light stories from the week. Please read the Bible stories from this week () with your child during the weekend and sign the orange sheet in the orange folder.
- The Christlight stories can be kept at home every week. Please do not keep them in the orange folder.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Continue to work through the extra math program.
- Spelling: next week we are working on word families. Your child's spelling words for the upcoming week will be in his/her orange folder every Friday. They will have 15 words each week which are focused on the skill for the week. Please get in the habit of checking the orange folder as well as helping your child work through their words each week. Spelling tests will be on Thursday of every week unless noted otherwise.

Extra Notes

- It can get pretty cold sometimes at school so it would be good to have your child pack a light sweatshirt for the classroom.
- Please leave toys at home as they become a distraction at school.
- If your child would like to bring in a treat for their birthday, please let me know when and what treat they will be bringing as we have a few allergies in our classroom.
- Please get in the habit of asking your child if they have homework and checking your child's backpack for any important notes throughout the week.
- I will be coaching 4-8 soccer which means I might have to leave early on certain days for games. If this is the case, another parent or aid will be in my classroom for the end of the day and dismissal. Thank you for understanding.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 8/29 - Acts 4:20
- 8/31 - 2 Corinthians 8:9
- 9/1 - A portion of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read the Bible stories with your child from this week (The Birth of Jesus and Jesus is Brought to the Temple)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words. This is the first week of spelling. We are focusing on short vowels a,e. Make sure your child is prepared for the spelling test on Friday(9/1).

Extra Notes

- Water bottles need to be brought home everyday.
- Your child will be bringing their Friday folder home this Friday, please look through the papers in their folder and bring the folder back empty the following school day.
- Make sure you are signing your child's assignment notebook everyday and bringing it back to school.
- I need some volunteers to help with Memory work in the mornings, please let me know if you are available to help.
- Also if you are willing to help in the classroom a few hours during the week, please let me know.
- Extra supplies that weren't on the school supply list, will be asked to be brought home. The students do not have enough room in their desks to keep everything extra they brought in.
- Please try and send lunch with your child that doesn't need to be heated in the microwave, it slows down our lunch time.
- If your child is coming from an appointment and is late to school or you are picking up your child for an appointment, please go to Mr. Biebert's room.
- If you did not receive a memory work packet at orientation, please grab one on the back table when you enter the classroom. It is important that you have one at home, so you can practice with your child. Your child also has a memory work book at school that will **not** be taken home.

Have a wonderful weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Welcome and Welcome back! It is so great to be back in the classroom and see everyone each day! Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child each day!

Word of God - This week we have been learning about the joy our Savior's birth brings to us. We have been discussing ways we show that joy in our lives. Our song for the week, "Peace in Christ" is the song we will be singing with the whole school when we sing in church on September 24 @10:00.

Memory Work - Please see the calendar sent home today.

Math - We have been working on reviewing in math class to assess what we know and remember from 3rd grade. It has been a fun time. We will be taking a pretest to begin each chapter in math and assess where your child is at currently. These are not graded.

Social Studies - The focus is the geography of Washington state and how geography shapes the way we live?

Science - We are focusing on the main essential question: How does Earth's water effect weather?

Reading - Character traits and setting, two very important parts of books, are the focus this week in our book, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes.

English/Writing - Reviewing the parts of speech is the focus for the first two weeks of school. We have also already written our first poem of the year! Come check them out on the 4th grade feature month board, downstairs in the basement of the church on Sunday, September 24th when we sing in church.

Spelling/Vocabulary: This week's focus is the Greek root: Hydr- and the Latin roots: aqua-, mer- & mar-. What do these roots have in common? They all mean water! Our first test was today over our Greek & Latin roots words.

EXTRA NOTES:

- I have handed out a memory work calendar to your child with the due dates for the month of September. I also gave them an extra in their mailbox for at home. Please check and empty the graded papers zippered pouch/envelope, and return on Friday or Monday.
- If your child has not yet returned the Learning Contract, please return it as soon as possible. If you need a new one, please write me a note in your child's assignment notebook.
- Your child should be bringing home their binder and assignment notebook/planner each night. Please check the assignment notebook/planner to see what homework needs to be completed and initial that work was finished. Any homework to be completed should be found in the homework envelope in the front of their binder. Please put completed homework back into the homework envelope to be returned to school and handed in. All of this helps with accountability in the classroom and at home. The better we are about it now, the better the rest of the year will go.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

We are off to a great first week of school! We have been mixing in establishing our routine with starting our classes, and should be up to full speed by this time next week.

One item I've noticed missing among some students' school supplies so far is a Bible. Please make sure your child has a Bible at school, we use it at least twice a day.

I like to give a quick update to what we are working on in each of our classes each week. In religion classes, we are just starting our study of the New Testament with the announcements and births of Jesus and John. We are also beginning our study of the Apostles' Creed. In math class, students are learning about place value, exponents, and expanded form. In science, we have been using springs and slinkies to learn about waves and energy. In social studies we are practicing how to evaluate different sources like photographs and autobiographies before we dive into our unit on ancient Greece. Finally, in English we are writing a "practice" essay so that students know the routine and what I expect from their writing when our first "real" essay comes later in the quarter.

Finally, I have our first field trip penciled in for the morning of September 22nd. If you would like to chaperone for any field trips this year, (including this one) please make sure you have a current background check on file with the office as well as a copy of your valid driver's insurance.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

It has been so much fun to get back into the swing of things at school, and to get to interact with all my students again. I have enjoyed getting to have many of the 7th graders that I taught when they were in 5th grade back in my classroom as well. It has made for a relatively easy transition into the new school year. However, if you have any questions about anything, please feel free to reach out and I would be happy to assist. Please make sure your children are looking in their assignment notebooks every night as a way to get in a good work habit routine.

Here is the memory work for next week:

9/7: Peace in Christ(Song we sing for Sunday 9/24); 9/8: Romans 1:20, 1st Article up to "all evil";

I have been having a blast in our Washington State history class this year. We have been discussing the essential question: "How does Washington's geography and geology affect the way we live?" We have already identified that geography and geology affect the culture of our state. If you are wondering how in the world this is possible, feel free to ask your kids.....they better give you a well-constructed answer.

It also would seem that from our initial history class periods that there are many things that students have not experienced in our state. If you have other things that you think would be cool for our students to see in Washington State, and would like to help coordinate some sort of field trip with me, then I would love your help. As of right now, I have learned that many students have not seen the Palouse Falls, and many students have no experience of the Columbia River area. A beach day/sight-seeing

day may be in order to give the students this background knowledge of some of the sights and sounds of their state.

We also have gotten the ball rolling on learning about our skin. This is picking up where we left off from last year. So far we have discovered how sensitive different areas of our skin are, and now we have started digging into how we can protect our skin from skin cancer. The students are creating an experiment to test how well different spfs, brands, and types of sunscreens work.

Please don't forget that there is no school on Monday. I hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend. We will see you back at school on Tuesday.

Jesus is Lord

We live in a time when people are taught to speak up boldly for what they believe in. Whether it agrees with others or not, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else, be proud of who you are and what you think. Find your voice and let it be heard.

In today's Bible verse, a pastor named Paul encourages his readers to speak boldly about the things they believe. But did you notice what he wants them to confess? He tells them to declare, "Jesus is Lord." Maybe that doesn't strike you as strange. "Jesus" and "Lord" are two words that are often associated with each other.

But "Lord" is a term that often refers to authority. It's a word for a master or owner—one who is in charge and in control. So, when we declare, "Jesus is Lord," we are saying that we are not. Jesus is above us and has authority over us. Who boldly confesses that they are under someone else?

When the Lord we are talking about is Jesus, we do. The word "Lord" in the Bible doesn't just describe someone who is in charge, someone who has all authority in heaven and earth.

It describes a God who makes and keeps promises, who loves faithfully, dependably, and unconditionally. It describes a God who owns us because he was willing to give everything—even his own innocent life and priceless blood—to buy us out of slavery to sin and death. A God who showed the world a proof of purchase when he rose from the dead.

When, by God's power and grace, we confess, "Jesus is Lord," we aren't just saying that Jesus is in charge of our lives. We are confessing our humble trust in him, who loves us completely. We are rejoicing in his perfect love that paid the price required to for-

give us and make us his own. And we are celebrating his rule over all things in heaven and earth to give us an eternal home in his presence.

Prayer:

Jesus, you paid an amazing price to make me your own. Help me confess you as Lord all the days of my life. Amen.

Want more daily devotions?

[I get them here!](#)



If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9