



School News

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DC Meeting—7th-8th Graders

All DC students and parents, please plan to attend an informational meeting next Monday, September 18th after school in Mr. Bieber's room. Thank you!

Music Lessons Starting

Music lessons are beginning next Monday, September 18th. If you signed up for piano or violin lessons but did not receive an email from Holly Roberg, please reach out to her (509) 991-7411 or hollyannadotson@gmail.com

There are still a couple spots available as well, so if you are interested in lessons, please reach out to Mrs. Roberg!

DC Fundraiser—Garage Sale

The DC kids will be hosting a garage sale fundraiser over at the preschool garage on Thursday and Friday, September 28th-29th. All proceeds will help offset the cost of their trip to DC next spring! Come check out all the goodies!

Additionally, if you have anything you would like to donate for the kids to sell at the garage sale, we will be collecting items Monday-Wednesday, September 25th-27th. Please contact Jordan Roth at (509)991-3488 if you have any questions!

4-8 Soccer

Our first games are next week! If you plan on taking other siblings out of school to go with, please contact your child's teacher in advance! Make sure to be checking the schedule online. Contact Miss Rosenbaum if your child needs a ride to the practices or games 24 hours in advance.

K-3 Soccer

The kids had their first practice this week! Stay tuned for more details on

the October 11 scrimmages.

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.

Dads & Donuts—RSVP

Dads & Donuts is coming up next week! 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. We look forward to having you there!



Coffee Truck Coming Soon!!

If there wasn't already enough incentive to come our amazing Dads & Donuts, Lara Ramsay lined up a coffee truck to be present the morning of Dads & Donuts! Stop by for your morning cup of coffee from 7:30-9:00AM! Thank you Redeemed Coffee Co. & Lara! P.S. you don't have to be a dad to drop in for coffee!



St. Matthew Worship & Sunday School

Our church service and Sunday school schedule has resumed, and we would love for you to join us for Bible class and Sunday school at 9AM, followed

by church and then fellowship in the basement! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the teachers or Pastor West!

Playground

The plan is still for the playground to be delivered mid September. If you are able to help set that up, please reach out to Mr. Bieber (715)402-0094.

St. Matthew Retreat

The last weekend in September, our church and school is hosting the annual retreat at Riverview Bible Camp. Each teacher should have some extra informational copies if needed! We will not have school that Friday, September 29th. 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.

Singing in Church

K-8th grade will be singing on Sunday, September 24th. Please make it a point to join us for worship that day and to hear your child sing praises to their Lord and Savior! All the children's voices help to make a joyful noise to the Lord, so it is noticeable when one or two voices are missing as we all practice together to be united in Christ.

School Pictures

Picture days are coming up soon, and envelopes should have been sent home this week. Please make sure to return all envelopes to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, September 27th. Note also that picture days are on two separate days! If your child is in PreK3 & K-3, your picture day will be Monday. If your child is in PreK4 & 4-8, picture day for you will be Tuesday. Please plan accordingly!

Junior Choir

Junior choir is set to begin Monday, October 2nd. All students in grades 3-8 are



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welcome 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 18-22. The schedule is

mostly in the Google calendar. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs. Most or email her at michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

We are off to such a great start in preschool - and this is only our second week!! We introduced our new theme: Apples!! All of our centers have an activity that focuses on apples. Our Reading Center is chock full of apple-themed books, our Art Center has an "Aa" page that the children can bingo dot, and our Sensory Center has some pom-poms that the children can pick up with tweezers and sort in jars. Our crafts and activities have been all about apples, too! We painted the children's hands . . . again!! This time it is because "A is for Apple". Their handprints created some beautiful apples. The children also were able to taste different apples during classroom time!! Please come and see what your child's favorite apple is!! Red, Yellow or Green?? Come and check out our graph!!

On top of all of our fun activities this week, we also had the joy of having some 5th and 6th grade students be a part of our preschool day. These big kids shared their time in preschool with circle time, center time, snack time, recess time, bible story and reading. They were a HUGE blessing to our day and the "littles" LOVED hanging out with the "bigs". Thank you Mr. Metzger for making this beautiful connection happen this week!!

AND . . . a field trip is taking place this week!! WHAT??? Today and tomorrow, the preschool children are able to walk to Linwood Park for an educational field trip. We are looking for pinecones, rocks, birds, ants, leaves of every color, sticks, etc. A homework page is going home so your children can show you what we found on our field trip!!

Our four year old classes started show 'n' tell this week, also. They each bring an item to school that starts with our letter of the week. This week is letter "A". We have seen an airplane, an apple, an alligator, an Avenger, and SO much more. What a beautiful introduction to public speaking for these little ones!!

Our bible story this week is "God Creates our Beautiful World". The children learned that God made the whole world in 6 – 24 hour days and all with three words: "Let there be." God made our beautiful world PERFECT!!

Next week is "B" Week.

Our bible verse next week: "I am . . . wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Have a blessed weekend. Stay healthy and safe!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Independence- Each morning the students have a list of jobs they need to do independently. A list with words and pictures is posted in the classroom so they can check for themselves if they have completed each task. I know as parents you want to help, but please do not tell them what needs to be done. Thank you for allowing your child to gain more independence!

Memory Work- Thank you for helping your child learn their memory work! They are doing a great job!

Chapel- Chapel is every Thursday. Please check our Google calendar to find out if it is morning or afternoon chapel, you are always welcome to join us for chapel. I also sent home a packet of chapel envelopes at the beginning of the month please use this to support our two school families who were affected by fires this past summer.

Dads and Donuts- Please make sure to sign up for this FUN event!

Stay tuned!- Within the next week information will be coming home about our upcoming field trip.

Preschool visits- Twice a month I will be leaving to go visit the Preschool and meet the kids and the families over there. If I am ever not in the classroom at the end of the day that is where I will be. Please introduce yourself to the sub and let them know who you are taking. It will usually be a teacher aide from the Preschool. If you need to get ahold of me you can always call or text and I will get back to you.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello First Grade Families!

We are really getting into a good routine! Thank you for remembering your child's lunch, water bottle, and home folders! In ChristLight this week we have learned about wicked King Herod and Jesus teaching some Jewish experts when he was a

child. In Reading we are reviewing letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. In Math we are comparing large and small numbers and learning ordinals (first, second, third, etc.). In Science we measured how tall everyone is, and in Social Studies we played a game called Left and Right.

Please fill out and return the class picture forms as soon as you can, definitely by Picture Day, Monday, October 2nd.

Next week we have MAP testing. This is a test the students take on the computer. Please don't panic if your child doesn't do as well as you hope; most first graders don't have the best computer skills. :)

Our Memory Work for Sept. 21 is what John the Baptist said when he saw Jesus, John 1:29 "Look, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" How wonderful that we have a savior who removed ALL of our sin for us!

Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 9/19 - Psalm 119:105
- 9/21 - 1 Peter 5:8b
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (The Boy Jesus in the Temple and John the Baptist) with your child during the weekend and sign the orange sheet 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 short vowels. Short vowels say the sounds the vowels make. They do not say the name of the vowel. Your child's spelling words for the upcoming week will be in his/her orange folder every Friday. Tests will be on Thursday of every week.

Extra Notes

- Please leave toys at home as they become a distraction at school.
- Keep graded work from the orange folder at home.
- We have started practicing the song "Peace in Christ" at school. The kids will be singing this song at church on September 24. Please plan to attend.
- Make sure your child wears tennis shoes on Fridays and closed toed shoes for recess.
- Continue working through memory work at home so that when your child comes into school on Tuesdays and Thursdays they are ready to go.
- Our first field trip will be happening in October - stay tuned for more details.
- We just got a water bottle filler in our classroom. If your child needs to fill up their water bottle in the morning, please help them to walk over to the water fountain located outside Miss Taasaas's room so that we can use our own water bottle station during the day.
- Picture forms were sent home Monday afternoon. Please return these envelopes by September 27 whether you plan to order pictures or not. Pictures are going to be taken on October 2 & 3.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 9/12 - Ephesians 6:1 & Romans 3:20
- 9/14 - John 1:29b & Old Testament -Proverbs
- 9/15 - The Fourth Commandment
- It is really important your child is practicing their memory work at home since it results in their grade.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (The Twelve Year Old Jesus & John the Baptist)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words. This week we are focusing on long vowels a, e. Spelling tests will be on Thursday. If your child misses 2 or more words, they will take it again Friday. Their highest score will go in the gradebook
- 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 home everyday.
- Please make sure you are returning the picture forms, if you are getting pictures.
- This is the first week we are starting handwriting. Your child has a handwriting book in the classroom that will stay in the classroom, unless they have to work on it at home.
- 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.
- Also 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.
- 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. Bieber's room.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - This week we have been learning how Jesus perfectly kept the third and fourth commandments for us as our perfect substitute. Our hymn for the week is, "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

Math - Chapter one place value test will be tomorrow.

Reading - Figurative Language and how authors use it to help create a better visual picture of the story.

Spelling/Vocabulary: Test will be on Friday.

EXTRA NOTES:

- September is the fourth grade feature month. Something new we are doing this year. Special projects we have been working on will be on display in the church's basement. Also, we are helping to serve during coffee hour on Sunday, September 24 (the same Sunday we sing). We will be serving donut holes. It would be great if each family could bring 2-4 dozen donut holes to be served that day.
- Fourth grade is a special year, when students can get a free national park pass so that they can see America's national parks and historic sites for free with their families. Here is the link to the website. It is good for a year <https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm> The website should tell you all the information you need.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!



5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

This week's highlighted class is our religion class. We split the religion time slot into two topics: Bible history (which we call Christ Light) and Bible application (which we call Faith Foundations). This year we are studying the New Testament in Christ Light. In addition to focusing on the culmination of God's plan for our salvation, we are going to be paying special attention to the miracles Jesus and his Apostles performed, as well as the parable Jesus told. That focus will lead us to some new study strategies during class time, and those aspects of Jesus' ministry will be a regular feature on assessments. Last year during Faith Foundations we studied the Ten Commandments. This year we are going to be studying the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The assessments for Faith Foundations will regularly ask the students to answer questions based on the lessons about those two key parts of doctrine, and then ask the students to support their answers with examples from the Bible.

We just finished our first assessments in both Christ Light and Faith Foundations this week.

In math class, we also finished our first tests on Tuesday. All graded papers should be brought home by students (not hoarded in desks or thrown away in the classroom) so please ask your students if you can see how they did. Remember that all assignments with a letter grade (A-B-C-D-F and E-S-N-U) can be redone for a better grade. The next chapters in math will take both classes into studying multiplication and division.

In science, we are coming to the end of our study on energy and waves. Our next unit on ecosystems will begin next week, highlighting our field trip to Koi Gardens as a practical lesson in why ecosystems are important. In social studies, we are also coming to the end of our unit about Ancient Greece. There will be a test next week at the end of the unit, and then a deeper dive into one of the topics mentioned during the unit: Athenian Democracy. We wrapped up our practice essays this week in English and will be switching our focus to grammar over the next few weeks.

I have already received back many of the field trip permission forms that were sent home. Thank you for being so prompt in returning those! If you still have yours, please get it back to me soon so I can make arrangements for transportation.

School picture envelopes were also sent home. Please ask your children about them if you have not received the envelopes yet.

In addition to a field trip next week, it is also our first week of MAP testing. MAP testing is an online standardized testing format that helps us establish a baseline for the school year about where students are individually in their learning. We will take this test two more times during the school year to track growth across math, English, and reading. Our class will be testing on Monday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon, and Thursday morning. Please make sure students are being well-fed and well-rested that week so they are in an ideal condition to do their best!

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Well, I feel like the most privileged teacher in the world. Thank you to my students and many of you who went out of your way to spoil me on my birthday this week. It was all very undeserved, but very much appreciated.

Here is the memory work for next week:

9/18: Psalm 37:5, Psalm 50:15, Romans 8:28; 9/20: Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer; 9/21: Review Peace In Christ; 9/22: 1 Peter 5:7, The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

The students presented their region reports this week, and then quizzed their classmates on the material that they presented. The reports were fabulous, we had a puppet show, slide presentations, poster board presentations, we had it all!! We used this presentation to also talk more about creating a bibliography properly. Overall, I think a lot of learning objectives were accomplished through this assignment.

The students took their tests on skin this week. We then started our next unit on more systems. The first one that we will look at is the skeletal system.

Overall, I have been pretty impressed by the work ethic that I am seeing in math class so far. Students are not necessarily getting everything correct, but I am seeing a lot of desire to fix up mistakes when necessary. Please continue to encourage your children to drill math facts, and please support the needed work ethic to be successful with their math skill development.

8th graders parents: Pastor West will be reaching out to all of you in the next few weeks to discuss confirmation class in regards to the Lutheran practice of confirmation. He will fill you in on specifics at your meeting.

D.C. Meeting Alert: There will be a D.C. trip meeting right after school on this upcoming Monday.

Please remember that MAP testing is next week. Please help your children to get as much sleep and a 5 course breakfast so that they can be as successful as possible with their tests.

God's Blessings on your weekends. It looks like the weather will very nice once again, so I hope you get the opportunity to enjoy it.

Extreme Love

To what extreme would you go to save someone you love from shipwrecking their relationship with God by their persistent sin against him? Would you risk the discomfort of an awkward conversation? Would you say something that could change the relationship for good? Extreme love moves us to go to the extremes necessary to rescue the soul that strays from Jesus.

Speak with love, but don't mince your words. Tell them of your love and concern for them and their Savior's love and concern for them. If they don't listen, don't give up! Extreme love doesn't throw in the towel. Try again with one or two other trusted friends because that one soul is worth all the effort. Still no breakthrough? If they have any connection with a church and those who have been called to provide spiritual care, get their church family involved in the rescue mission.

Jesus showed extreme love. He went from the highest heavens to the lowliest position on Earth. He is true God from eternity, but he took on frail flesh. He is life and light, but he surrendered to the darkness of death as he

died on a cross. That's extreme love. Jesus went to the extreme to save you from sin and death. He went to the extreme to save that soul that is straying or has strayed from him. It's that extreme love that calls us to go to extremes to help and restore our brother or sister who is in danger of being lost in sin once again.

Prayer:

Jesus Christ, renew me by your extreme love and move me to go to the extremes necessary to communicate that love to others. Amen.

Want more daily devotions?

[I get them here!](#)



[Jesus said] “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.”

Matthew 18:15-17