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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Welcome Back

We hope you enjoyed your extended break! Hopefully you were able to take a break from your busy schedules in order to spend extra family time together, and reflect on the joys of the Christmas season! It has been great catching up with all the students this week about what they did over Christmas Break! We are so happy to be back with our St. Matthew family again!

### Chiefs Night

Our church and school is planning to attend a Chiefs hockey game together on **Saturday, January 19 at 7:05PM**. We did this event last year, and it was a blast! If you are interested in attending the game, please let Mrs. Biebert know at (715)402-0114. Cash or check to St. Matthew should be turned in tomorrow, January 11. We look forward to an awesome game with great people!

### Basketball

Basketball games will be starting next week! Take a look at your January calendar; we passed one out before Christmas Break, but they are also available on the website! Games are also listed in the Up-

coming Dates section of the newsletter to the right. The team has been working so hard (and having some fun too!) at practice and are so excited to start playing in games. Go Mighty Timbers!

### Silverwood's Read2Ride

This program is available for students in Pre-K4 on up. Your child should have been sent home with a packet of information about reading to earn a free ticket to Silverwood for the upcoming summer! The program is simple: read 10 hours from now until the end of February, and get a free ticket to Silverwood! This can also be doubled up with the reading you do for the BookIt! program. If you plan to participate, please make sure you read the instructions completely, so we do not have any issues with the forms. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to fill out all forms correctly; incorrect forms will result in failure to obtain a ticket. If you have questions, please speak with Mrs. Biebert (715)402-0114.

### Men's Breakfast

Attention all dads! You are invited to a breakfast at St. Matthew on Saturday, February 2. This will be a morning of fellowship for both school fathers as well as our church members!

## Upcoming Dates

### January

#### 14-18 MAP TESTING

- 15 Basketball Game @ Southside A—3:45PM
- 17 Basketball Game vs. TEC—4:00PM
- 18 **EARLY RELEASE—NOON**
- 21 **NO SCHOOL—MLK JR. DAY**
- 22 PreK visits Kindergarten—10:30-11:15AM
- 22 Basketball Game vs. Summit—3:30PM
- 23 PreK visits Kindergarten—2:30-3:15PM
- 25 **END OF QUARTER 2**
- 27 Grades K-4 Sing 10:00AM
- 28 Report Cards
- 29 Basketball Game vs. Southside A—3:45PM
- 30 Moms and Muffins—6:30-7:30PM
- 31 Basketball Game vs. Southside B—3:45PM

We will give additional details regarding time in the newsletters to come. We look forward to having you there!

### Page 6 Devotion

We will be continuing to highlight our 5-6 grade papers on the "Means of Grace." Check out the last page to hear what Elijah Snyder has to say.

### Mark Your Calendars

Dads, move aside! You had your special

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**1st Basketball Game**  
**Tuesday, January 15**  
**3:45PM**

V. Southside A  
1404 N Ash St



## General School News – Continued

night. Now, it's mom's turn! Moms and Muffins will be taking place later this month, on January 30. We hope many of you can attend this special event!

### Mighty Timber

Mighty Timber is back at it this week, and he is hoping his hiding place will fool all of you! Check out his clue below.

### A "Thank You" from SOTH

Shepherd of the Hills, Las Vegas, sent us the following note:

"Dear St. Matthew Lutheran School,

Thank you so much for choosing us as the recipients of your giving tree. The donation of materials that we received is absolutely amazing! Thank you all for donating such wonderful items. Our opening date is getting really close; we should be opening our doors in the next few weeks. So, having those brand new materials for our future students to use and play with is such a blessing. I know that our future preschoolers will love them all! All of the materials will be put to good use and I cannot thank you enough for such a generous donation to us! May God continue to bless you and your school in the rest of 2019!

Thank You and God's Blessings!

Miss Jessie Stibb, Pastor Tom Unke"

### 1/11 Cleaning

Upstairs: West

Downstairs: Holling/Yancey

### Scrip

Please speak with Mrs. Biebert if there are cards you would like ordered for Scrip. If there is enough interest in certain cards, I can order them in bulk so they are readily available here at school!



"Children, gather 'round me,  
For I am the Mighty Timber tree."  
—MT

# RYKER ELLEFSON



GRADE: PreK-4 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play on the playground and play with my family.

SUPER POWER:

Fly because so I can see the view.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A cat because I like cats.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Rotation centers and that I get to play with my friends.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

I would make it so that homeless people had enough money to buy a house.

YOUR FAMILY:

Brody, Chalyce, dad, mom, Jaycee, Lauren. That we get to eat.

# LAWSON KRANCHES



GRADE: PreK-3 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Getting popsicles, sleeping in my room with dogs, hugging Everett, and playing with Everett.

SUPER POWER:

I would have Hulk superpower because I want to.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A raccoon because I want to.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Learning homework and going outside.

IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO?

Follow the leader.

YOUR FAMILY:

Everett (brother), Bear (dog), me, daddy, and mommy. I like playing games with my family.

# Classroom News

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## Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

What a beautiful week to be back at school!! I know I sure was ready to come back - hope you parents and kids were, too. Praying that your past two weeks over Christmas break were blessed ones - mine sure were!!

Now that we are back into the preschool mode, we sure had some wonderful days this past week!! Our new 2-week theme is Winter. Our centers are new and full of fun and learning! Our Drama Center is a Puppet Theater with a lot of brand new puppets to enjoy. Our Art Center has marshmallow stamping with white paint and there is also snowman building in our Science Center.

What fun we had with our crafts and activities this week, too. We got to make soap snowballs and play with shaving cream on the tables. The kids also got to have their foot painted white so we could make a snowman! Some of the children sure have ticklish feet!! What a fun sensory activity!! We have been talking about how the Wise Men came to visit Jesus and we are still singing songs from our Christmas program! The children haven't forgotten the songs!! I love it!

This week, we are focusing on letter M, and next week we will cover letter N.

Over the next 2 weeks, I will be evaluating the 4-year olds on their letter and number recognition, along with their shapes and colors. If there are any parents that would like to come in and help during our Center Time while I am evaluating, that would be appreciated. You would be working with our aide and the children. Let me know. I would LOVE the extra hand!!

Have a great weekend!! And welcome back!!

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## K-1st Grade News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

### Homework

#### Kindergarten

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Our new Word family is the -et family.
- New sight word: want, this, you, get. We are continuing to learn more and more sight words each week. It is important you review these with your child.

#### First grade

- Read 20 minutes (or more) each day. Don't forget to add your minutes to your Book it calendar.
- Reading books will be sent home tomorrow. Listen to your child read their stories and sign the bookmark.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow, January 11.
- Spelling test tomorrow, January 11.



#### Memory Work for January 17:

"Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

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## 2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

Well, we have made it almost through our first week back!! It has been a great week. The kids all seemed thrilled to be back at school and were very eager to learn.

We are currently working on finishing up our See the USA Unit. We should wrap it up on Tuesday next week, and then we will finish up the 2nd quarter with state reports. You could talk to your child and see what state they might be interested in doing for the state report! After that we will begin our Science unit.

On Monday I sent home a note about our next Writing story. Please make sure that form is completed and returned to school tomorrow. If you need the weekend to do the interview, please let me know.

I think that's all for now! I pray you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

Blessings on your week.

## 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing break celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. We have been jumping right back into some of our classes and easing into others as we get back at it after break.

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(1/14): John 1:43;John 3:16;John 13:14-15; Wednesday(1/16): 2<sup>nd</sup> Article; Thursday (1/17)Hymn 560:2;Friday(1/18):John 14:14;John 4:23-24**

We will be continuing to look at who Jesus is and what he has done for us from John's Gospel in our Christlight class. We have been paying close attention to God's goodness and mercy in our 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade catechism class in regards to the 1<sup>st</sup> article. Why is it that we do such a great job of asking God for things, but not thanking him for all the amazing things he has given and does give us every day?

We are looking at each type of simple machine and the work they do in science class currently. We have covered two this past week- the inclined plane and lever. We discussed how it is exactly that they make work "easier."

The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders will continue their study on ancient civilizations that have influenced us. We are currently looking at Africa and how the kingdom of Songhai influenced the United States. The students are working on pitching a shark tank like proposal to their class on why Songhai was such a great spot to start a trading kingdom. The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade is looking at how outside cultures have come into Washington and left their mark. They will be creating a poster for me that is due by next Wednesday.

We will be having another round of MAP testing next week. This means that there will not be as much homework, but that the students will need an extra amount of rest and a good breakfast each morning. Please try and have your child at school unless they are very ill.

God's Blessings on your weekend! I pray you get a chance to recharge. I know it is never easy to get back into focusing hard all day when coming off a break. I am going to be making an attempt at finding a place to do some ice fishing this weekend. If I am not there on Monday, then I most likely fell in.

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## Weekly Message

God's grace is the undeserved love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. The phrase "means of grace" is used to describe how God makes a way for us to receive His grace. The means of grace is the gospel in the word and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. The gospel is the power of God for salvation and the Holy Spirit brings it to us. The following verses from Acts and Matthew reassure us of these promises from God. Acts 2:38 says, "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" Matthew 26:28 says, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Through these verses we see him; through these sacraments the Holy Spirit makes us alive in Christ when we were dead in our sin.

I realize that I receive forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life through the means of grace. I am thankful that God forgives my sins because I would be a lost and condemned person otherwise. I am also thankful for my salvation and time of grace here on earth. During this time I can gladly praise God, help others in need, and make disciples for God. Last but not least, I am thankful for eternal life in heaven with my Creator someday. I am looking forward to being there with no sin and praising God for eternity. The means of grace allows me to believe and live out the

following verse: Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." The means of grace is important to our daily lives in Christ because we are believers. We need to be sure to understand this gift from God in order to help others see how much God cares for them.

## Means of Grace (M.O.G.)

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