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School News

Mission Offering

We are still discussing "kindness" during chapel. Thursdays are our chapel days! Last week we collected \$16.74 in chapel offerings, bringing our total for the year to \$196.80

Basketball

Be sure to check the calendar and website to stay up to date with the latest happenings of the Mighty Timber basketball team! This week we had a game against Summit on Tuesday. The Timbers lost 20-43. Our next game is next Tuesday vs. Southside A at 3:45PM. Game will be played at 9004 N Country Homes Blvd. We hope to see you there!!!

End of Quarter Two

The end of second quarter is upon us! Report cards will be handed out on Monday! Please look them over, sign the envelope, and return to your child's teacher. Halfway done with the year!

Second Quarter Free Pass

It is so hard to believe, but we are already almost finished with second quarter!!! Next Friday marks the end of quarter two. Please keep in mind that the theme for our free passes is IMPROVEMENT, so your child will be able to participate in

this quarter's activity if the teachers have seen an improvement in their homework completion this quarter. While we don't expect all students to be perfect, we do expect that they grow and show progress throughout the year. Thank you for your support in this!

New Box Tops Competition!

Please remember to collect those box tops!!! All February long the Pre-school will be competing against the Elementary kids! Winners will receive a book! We will keep you posted each week to see who is in the lead!

Singing in Church

Grades K-4 will be singing in church this Sunday at 10:00AM. Thank you for bringing your child, and thank you to the teachers for planning and preparation! We are looking forward to hearing your beautiful praises, K-4!

Silverwood's Read2Ride

The program to earn a free Silverwood ticket is underway, but it is certainly not too late to ask questions or get involved! Anyone from PreK-4—Grade 8 can participate! If you have questions or would like a new packet of information, please ask Mrs. Biebert at (715)402-0114.

Upcoming Dates

January

- 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

Testimonials

A reminder email was sent to all families earlier this week about the testimonials for our website and Facebook page. If you have not done so yet, please help us out and take the time to write how you feel about St. Matthew, and why you chose St. Matthew as the school for your family! We ask for submissions to be written by February 1.

Men's Breakfast

Just a reminder that the men's breakfast will be held **Saturday, February 2 at 9:00AM**. If you would like more information or to RSVP to this event, please speak with Mr. Biebert at (715)402-0114 or Pastor West at (509)217-9617.

Page 6 Devotion

We are taking a break from our "Means of Grace" papers to look at a devotion this week. We will be back at them next week with Kennedy Ritter!

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**K-4 SING
THIS SUNDAY
10:00AM**



General School News – Continued

Moms and Muffins

Wow! Our Moms and Muffins event is already less than a week away! Please join us **NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30** from 6:30-7:30PM for fun, food, and crafts! Remember to turn in your form by Monday, January 28. Extra forms are available on our school website's home page: school.stmatthewspokane.org.

Chiefs Game

Last Saturday was our outing to the Chiefs game! WHAT A BLAST!!! We had almost a great turnout, and the game was so exciting: the Chiefs ended up losing in a shoot-out! During the game, one of the Chiefs players, Cordel Larson, was injured and taken off the ice on a stretcher. I am happy to report that he is in stable condition and can move all extremities, according to KHQ. Thank you to everyone who made it out! We are already looking forward to next year!

Tubing Night

Tubing at Bear Creek Lodge is **THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 26** from 6:00-8:00PM. We have the whole hill to ourselves!!! It should be an absolute blast! Forms and payment should have been turned in by

now, but if you would still like to go to this event, please bring in your form and payment to the office tomorrow! Extra forms are available at school.stmatthewspokane.org. We are so excited for this event!!!

Polos

We have several school polos available for sale in the office. The polos are \$27 each. If you would like to look at them please see Mr. Biebert in the office.

Basketball

The Mighty Timbers had their first basketball game against Southside A on Tuesday. The team ended up losing a hard fought battle. I look forward to seeing their improvements at the game tonight! Hopefully you can make it to cheer on the team! The game is at 4:00PM at 9004 N Country Homes Blvd. Go Mighty Timbers!

Mighty Timber

MT Jr. was spotted last week by the Diaz's!!! See their picture below! This week Mighty Timber Jr. is in a new location.

1/25 Cleaning

Upstairs: Snyder

Downstairs: Snyder

Bible Basics

Pastor West is starting a new "Bible Basics" class for anyone interested in learning more about the basic truths of the Bible. The topics you discuss during this class are also things that your children are learning about during Christlight and Confirmation classes, so it can be very beneficial for you to be on the same page as your child and their teacher about the lessons they are being taught. Tentative schedule for these classes are Monday evenings beginning February 4. Please see Pastor West if you have questions or are interested in taking the class!



Ella, Alex, and Izzy found MT Jr. at Tomato Street on Division!

I'm back at it for another week!



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GRADE: PreK-3 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play with toys, singing, listening to stories

SUPER POWER:

Magical princess because she can turn into anything she wants by magic.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A cow because it gives milk and cheese.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

My friends and teachers.

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

I would help all homeless people.

YOUR FAMILY:

We are four in family. Dad, Mom, and little brother (Rushil). I love my brother so much. We love playing outside.

GRADE: PreK-3 AM

FAVORITE HOBBIES/THINGS TO DO:

Play with my dolls, color, play outside on my playset, scooter, or ride my bike.

SUPER POWER:

Fly like Owlette and save people.

WHICH ANIMAL WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE?

A monkey because they like bananas.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

My friends, singing, and my teachers.

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

Bake a cake!

YOUR FAMILY:

Mom, Dad, Izaiah, Madie, Conner, Preston, and Quentin. We like to watch movies and play board games.

Classroom News

Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Another short week of school, but chocked full of fun learning in preschool!!

Tuesday was dedicated to learning about Dr. King and how he changed things to make our country a better place. The four year olds were asked to draw and write (with mom/dad's help) about one way they can be kind to others. AHA!! One of the Fruits of the Spirit we are learning about this month in chapel!! How perfect!!

Wednesday through Friday were focused on Health and Germs. We now know how to cover our cough and our sneeze properly and the importance of washing our hands A LOT to prevent germs from spreading. "Glitter Germs" on the hands was a great visual learning tool for the kids during Circle Time.

We have some great new centers in Preschool this week. Our Art Center is now vegetable stamping (because vegetables are important to eat and NOT just paint with). Our Sensory Center has play dough that the kids get to make "germs" with pipe cleaners, googly eyes and pom-poms. Our take-home crafts are all focused on exercise and choosing healthy snacks.

This past Tuesday and Wednesday, our four-year old classes were able to visit the Kindergarten and First grade classroom. Miss Taasaas read us the story, "The Cat's Pajamas" and we had fun decorating our own pajamas on paper. What a fun time we had visiting the "big kids". And guess what? We get to go back to visit again next month!! We can't wait!!

We have Letter Review Week next week. Show 'n' Tell letters are K-O. The four year olds visit Dr. Bradley, our dentist, on Tuesday, January 29. The threes visit on Friday, February 8. Pajama Day is just around the corner - almost P Week!! The fun never ends - week after week!!!

What a beautiful time we had this past week in preschool. There is a lot in store for the weeks ahead! Blessings to you and your family!!

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 -it family.
- Review sight word: this, is, not, and. We are continuing to learn more and more sight words each week. It is important you review these with your child.
- Practice reading and writing number words 1-6.

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 book-mark.
- First graders had their Plus 2 fact test today. Another set of fact cards (Minus 2 facts) will be sent home in tomorrow's yellow folder. The test for that will be on Friday, February 1.
- Lightning words are due tomorrow, January 25.
- Spelling test tomorrow, January 25.



Memory Work for January 31:

The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7b

100th Day Celebration



As of today, we have been in school for 88 days! The kids are so excited to reach 100 days because they know there will be a party. Our 100th day will be on Monday, February 11. We will be celebrating with a Super Hero theme! Each student will need to decorate a cape with 100 items on it. I can't wait to see how creative they are with their capes! If they want to come up with a super hero name that is even better but not necessary.

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Valentine's Day

Also that week we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday. Students need to decorate a box for all of the valentines they will receive. I love seeing the ideas that students come up with. Work with your child on this project but remember it is their box. The only requirement is that there needs to be an opening so students can put valentines in your child's box. Boxes can come to school Thursday morning or if you would like to drop them off Wednesday after school that would be fine too. (One less thing to have to remember in the morning).



Please be mindful that we have a student who has a gluten intolerance. Check the labels of the candy your child will be passing out. A lot of seasonal candies are not gluten free. Here are some suggestions that are gluten free: Sweet Tarts, Laffy Taffy, Tootsie rolls, Jelly Belly, Necco brand as well as Wrigley brand products such as Skittles, Starburst and Lifesavers.

Here is a class list:

Kindergarteners: Ashlianne, Camille, Daniel, Jakob, Joanne, Marie

First graders: Alex, Ava, Beck, Chloe, Jacob, Mark

2nd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Kelsey O' Haver (509.570.2023)

What a fun short week of school! I hope you all enjoyed your long 3 and 1/2 day break before this week. It's fun to have a long break and then a short week. The snow made the week a little extra fun for the kids! Thanks for remembering to bring hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots! Don't forget those slippers so that the kids aren't dragging their wet shoes around the classroom.

Next week we will be starting Science. Science is always group work, so our See the USA unit was the perfect time to give that a try. We discussed teamwork a lot during class, and on Tuesday the students were given a chance to do a peer evaluation. Hopefully they learned a bit more about teamwork and will be ready to rock it with a new group starting next week! I really rely on my 4th graders to be strong leaders in groups. I hope you can encourage your child to do this!

Hope to see you all on the tubing hill Saturday night! It will be a blast.
Blessings on your week!

5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

There goes another quarter! Can you believe that your children are halfway done with the year already? Halfway to being high school, 8th, 7th, or 6th grade. It is crazy to stop and think of how much all of your children have grown in just half a year. Things I was hearing as "I can't" has now become "I can do this." This is my favorite part about my job! I hope you have gotten a chance to see your children grow and mature as well as the year has gone on. You all have so much to be proud of! As we go into the 3rd quarter a reminder that I am available pretty much 24/7. I can't guarantee I will also answer right away, but I will always try my best to get back to you in a timely manner if questions or concerns come up. Your children can also feel free to call, text or video chat me with homework questions. Sometimes it can be easier for you children to just ask rather than struggle with something at home. I would love to help! It can be helpful to just have a teacher talk your child through what was discussed at school if they have forgotten. I am happy to have any and all children take me up on this offer. My cell number is 715-402-0094.

Here is next week's memory work: **Monday(1/28):John 6:35, John 6:40, John 6:44; Wednesday(1/30): 2nd Article; Thursday (1/31): Hymn 152:1,7,8;Friday(2/1): John 6:51, John 6:68-69**

Pretty much everything will be starting fresh next quarter. Both history classes are starting new chapters. The 7-8th graders will be writing their first research report on the transcontinental railroad. You may want to get a jump on this by stopping at the library and finding some good books. Otherwise, you can just wait for more information next week.

We will continue to dig into simple machines next week. There will be a possible test on this information on Thursday, otherwise we will carry this test over to the following Tuesday. This will all be based on how well I feel the students are grasping everything. If we need to review more, then that is what we will do.

Mr. Sauer should be back to teaching math to start the 3rd quarter. I have certainly enjoyed getting to teach math. It is a subject I love and am very passionate about. It was great to be able to dust off the cobwebs on some of the skills the children are learning. I pray God gives you all a blessed and joyful weekend.

Weekly Message

A Beautiful Promise

Little kids like to run everywhere. It doesn't matter how short the distance. It can simply be from one side of the room to the other. The three-year-old is more than likely going to run that distance.

Part of the reason they do this is that they have short legs and need to take way more steps to cross the room than fully-grown people do. But, they also run because they just have lots of energy. As an adult, can you imagine every step you take being a running step? You would probably be ready for a nap well before lunch.

Yet even those children with seemingly endless amounts of energy grow tired after a while. Eventually they grow into adults, and their levels of energy decrease, and weariness sets in more quickly.

What a beautiful promise we have from the Lord that he will give us renewed strength! To "run and not grow weary"—it sounds too good to be true. Yet, it's a promise from the Lord so we know that it is.

Those who know that Jesus is their Savior, who treasure the full and free forgiveness that is theirs because of his death on the cross, can walk with a little extra spring in their step. The pressing weight of sin and guilt does not slow them down, and they know that their relationship with the almighty God is one that is defined by his love and will last forever.

When that relationship is fully enjoyed inside the gates of heaven, then their youth will truly and fully be renewed. None of the physical problems, none of the aches and pains that

seem to grow more severe with age will be present there. Knowing that day will come gives the believer in Jesus a little extra energy in life as well.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, you know that I am tired. Keep my eyes focused on the eternity in heaven that your Son, Jesus, won for me through his death on the cross. There I know that my strength will be renewed, and I will never grow weary again. Until I get there, give me strength and energy as you have promised. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31