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The Timber Times
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School News

MAP Testing

Next week, the kids will be doing their second round of MAP testing. Please support your kiddos by helping them get good sleep and nutrition! Thank you!

Basketball

Games have been scheduled and are on the school google calendar. A printed schedule is posted on the sports bulletin board by the Kindergarten classroom. Let Miss Rosenbaum know if your child needs a ride 24 hours in advance.

Basketball Volunteers Needed

Are you able to help run the clock, run concessions or keep the book for home basketball games? Anyone is capable of doing these jobs so please speak to Miss Rosenbaum if you are able to help make the season run smoothly.

Vintage Jerseys For Sale!

The old St. Matthew basketball jerseys will be sold at all the upcoming home basketball games. Jersey tops will be \$15 and shorts will be \$5. You can purchase them together for \$15. You can pay with cash or check.

Moms and Muffins

Moms and Muffins will be here before we know it! View details and RSVP [here](#) or use the QR code below for this fun event on January 23rd.



Intro to Lutheranism

Parents, would you like to know the distinctive teachings of the Lutheran church? This might help you better relate to your kids' religion homework and understand why we run the school like we do. Pastor West will teach a class on this topic Wednesdays in February starting the 5th. There are time slots at 8:30am, 2:30pm, and 4pm as needed. Please RSVP to Pastor West or your child's teacher so we can print enough materials. Thank you!

Arena Events

We are well underway hosting booths at the Spokane Arena for fundraising! If you happen to come to the Arena for a show, Chiefs game, or concert, please text Jacob (715)402-0094 or Kayla (715)402-0114 to find our booth for that night:) When you purchase from a booth run by our school, we make 10% of the sale, and 100% of all tips!!!

We are having so much fun with this new venture and would love to see you there!

Junior Choir National Anthem

The Junior Choir will be singing the National Anthem for the Chiefs hockey game on January 24th. It will be here before we know it! Order tickets [here](#) or by using the QR code on the flyer on the next page to support the kids and come watch the Chiefs!

Gift Basket Idea

We would love to reach out to local businesses in the area to encourage them as well as continue to get our name in the community, and we are looking for parent help! If you could help in any way (i.e. baked goods, gift cards, handwritten cards, assembly, etc.), please speak with Kayla (715) 402-0114. Thank you for your support!

Pastor West's Call

Pastor West has returned his call to Nebraska! Thanks for your prayers during this time of deliberation.

Pokemon Club

Pokemon club will be meeting on Friday, January 31 from 3:45-5:00 in the church's basement. The makeup date for the Christmas Tournament is Saturday, January 25 from 10-12 in the church basement. Can't wait to get in some New Year battling!

Kaluzny Family Meal Train

Some of you may remember the Kaluzny family from last year — Thomas was in K, and Charlie was in PreK. Charlie was recently diagnosed with cancer. We don't know many details, but we do know the Kaluzny family could use your prayers. If you feel inclined, some of Micah's coworkers

Upcoming Dates

January

- 9 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM
- 9 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 10 Snowshoe Outing
- 13-17 MAP Testing
- 13 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 14 Basketball Games — B Team 3:30PM vs. Lake City / A Team 4:30PM vs. Lake City
- 14 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 15 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 16 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM
- 16 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 17 Early Release/NO PM3 PreK
- 20 NO SCHOOL — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 Basketball Games — B Team 3:30PM vs. Kingdom Christian / A Team 4:45PM vs. Kingdom Christian
- 21 Adult Basketball 5:45-6:45PM
- 22 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 23 Moms & Muffins 4-5PM
- 24 Night with the Chiefs 6:05PM / Junior Choir Sings
- 26 Grades K-1 Sing in Church 10AM
- 28 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM
- 28 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 29 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 30 Basketball Games — A Team 4:00PM @ Southside / B Team 4:00PM vs. Faith Christian

created a meal train for their family. You can view that [here](#).



Quarter 2 Ending Soon

The last day of second quarter will be next Friday, January 17th! Report cards will go out the following Monday, so be on the lookout for those.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will meet on January 13 @ 3:45 pm in Mrs. Most's classroom. We will be singing the national anthems for the Spokane Chiefs hockey game on Friday, January 24. I haven't heard what time your child needs to be there, but will inform you via Remind once I do. If you haven't purchased tickets, please do so soon!

really fast. Next week please look for a costume page from your child to start getting everything planned out for our Feb 28th performance. Thanks for the effort yesterday Drama Club! See you next week.

Drama Club

Our first drama club meeting went really well! Everyone picked up on the songs

**St. Matthew
Lutheran Church**

**HOCKEY NIGHT
WITH THE
SPOKANE CHIEFS!**

Friday January 24, 2025 vs
Medicine Hat Tigers

St. Matthew's Junior Choir will
be singing the national anthem!

TICKET INFO

Special Group Rate For
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code below for tickets.

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Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Welcome Back!!! What an amazing Christmas break!! So glad to be back at school!!

We have had SO much fun at school this week!!! We had a great time playing with shaving cream on our tables. We wrote our names and drew a ton of shapes!! We literally had shaving cream covered from our necks to our knees!! What a blast!! We also had a fun time making soap snowballs!! We created snowballs out of shredded bar soap and water!! What a great way to wash our hands and keep clean!! We also had a fantastic time getting our feet painted in order to make a snowman!! What a tickly painting job - but SO amazing!!

The 3-year olds FINALLY got to celebrate Christmas!! We had our Christmas Party on Monday - fun foods and a great book exchange!! NO tears!! YAY!!! The 4-year old classes made a wonderful project about cold hands and a warm heart!! Who doesn't like handprints????

Our Centers are all focused on Winter, now. Our Art Center has marshmallow stamping. We are able to stamp out a snowman with white paint and a marshmallow. Our Listening Center has the book, "Follow the Star". This book shares the story of the wisemen visiting Jesus after He was born. Our Drama Center now is our Dress up Center. The kiddos can dress up as a superhero or even a princess. What a great imagination Center!! SO MUCH FUN IN PRESCHOOL!!!!

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Keeps Jesus Safe"
- * **Bible Memory Verse** - Psalm 91:11 "He will command His angels to guard you."
- * **Theme** - Winter/Polar Bears
- * **Letter of the Week** - "Nn"
- * **Snack Person** - 3's AM Frankie 3's PM Wayne 4's AM Rocky 4's PM Derek
- * **Upcoming Events** - Dentist Field Trip TBD
 - Jan. 13, 14 Gray/White Day
 - Jan. 17 No PM 3's Preschool - Curriculum Study
 - Jan. 20 No School - MLK Day
 - Jan. 23 Moms and Muffins

We have had a great week back at school!!! SO glad to be in Preschool!!

God's blessings to all of you!!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Back to school- The kids have done so well this week. They have remembered all of our routines and are doing great! It's wonderful to see them all again!

Math- We are beginning to work on tally marks. You can help your child by practicing at home.

Book it- Calendars were due on Monday. Pizza coupons were sent home on Tuesday. Please make sure you are reading WITH your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like.

Singing in church- Kindergarteners and First graders will be singing in church on January 26. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be there.

Classroom need- We are running low on Costco baby wipes. If any of you happen to have a Costco membership we would love some more wipes.

Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
- Memory work

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and a relaxing break! We are having a great first week back at school!

In ChristLight we are learning about the special tabernacle that the Israelites built to worship God. In Reading we are learning about the long a sound with a silent e pattern, as in game, take, cake, late, etc. In Math we are continuing our chapter of tens and ones, as well as practicing a little addition or subtraction each day. In Writing we are learning about verbs being action words. In Music we are really getting the idea of different rhythms and beats, and we made some guitars out of plastic bins and rubber bands. In Spanish we are reviewing colors and numbers and learning the months of the year as well as a mealtime prayer.

At the end of the month, on Sunday, January 26th, our class will be singing in church at St. Matthew at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend, we need all the beautiful voices we can get! Thank you so much!

Our Memory Work for next week, January 16th is "The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

God bless you and your family. Have a nice weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 1/14 - Matthew 28:20b
- 1/16 - Psalm 119:105
- Please read the Bible story from this week (The Tabernacle) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your January Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we will focus on the long i (i, igh, y). These are the words for next week: night, kind, spy, child, light, find, right, high, wild, July, fry, sigh, by, why, behind, lightning. The spelling test will be Friday, January 10.

Extra Notes

- Math - we wrapped up our chapter focusing on geometry. Next week we will start a chapter on money and time.
- Reading - The kids got to read "Mr. Tanen's Tie Trouble". We focused on the skill of base words and endings -ing and -ed. We also had a chance to talk about homographs.
- Writing - we took a look at adverbs, prepositions, and conjunctions throughout this week. We will continue to look at these next week as well.
- Science - we started our unit on position and motion.
- Social Studies - we started the next unit focusing on "We the People". This week, we talked about problems we can help solve within our community. We also discussed our country's government focusing on the 3 levels of government.
- MAP testing will be taking place next week.
- I hope you all had a blessed holiday break! I enjoyed showing my friend around Spokane throughout the break.

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 1/14 - John 3:16
- 1/16 - Isaiah 43:11
- 1/17 - The First Commandment
- Please read the two bible stories with your child (The Twelve Spies & Korah's Rebellion)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice
- Add minutes to the January calendar

What are we learning?

- In math we are working on more multiplication facts. The students have created flashcards to study to help them with their facts.
- In social studies we are finishing up our regions. We are learning about the West states and capitals. The test will be next Tuesday (14th)
- In science we are talking about what it means to be an engineer. The students will do an end of unit project to test their knowledge.
- We just started reading groups for reading. Talk to your child about what book they are reading.

Extra Notes

- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- Our forks are running low in the classroom, since we use them a lot for lunch. If anyone could bring in a box or two, that would be great.
- Next week is MAP testing, it is important that your child gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast.

God bless your week!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 6A - The Twelve Spies & 6B - Korah's Rebellion.

Reading - We took a look at two more figurative languages, idioms and alliteration. Both were fun, but we really enjoyed making our own tongue twisters using alliteration. Our next great adventure is Snow Treasure! Our essential question for the novel is, What does it mean to "grow up"? How does this affect the children in Snow Treasure? How are the children of Riswyk village going to help the town hide the country of Norway's gold from the Germans? What is Uncle Victor's plan? How can the Defense club, led by Peter do such a daring task?

Math - We are now hard at work learning more about division, dividing 2-digits or more by a single digit.

Science - We have begun our review of matter and also heat energy.

Social Studies - Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Well, no tigers actually, but maybe deadly currents? We are taking a look at

early immigration and settlement of Oregon country and with that what life was like on the Oregon Trail. (Which by the way, you can still play the old version of on the visitoregon.com website.) We also have chosen our national park and will be writing to them requesting any brochures to be sent to us at the school.

English/Writing - We are wrapping up our winter descriptive writing and will be beginning writing our personal narrative.

Extras

- Please look on Jupiter Ed for any work your child may be missing. The end of the quarter is next week, Friday, January 17.
- We will be MAP testing next week. Please help your child do their best by having them get as much rest/sleep as possible and a great breakfast.
- The fun has begun! We've started learning how to play the recorder. Please remind your child to be practicing as often as possible. We are working towards the special concert in May when we will be performing alongside the Spokane Symphony.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Georgia who says: "Happy New Year!" Short and sweet, just like Georgia.

In the classroom, we are getting ready for the end of the 2nd quarter. In Religion classes, we are learning about the events following the Exodus of the Israelites and also looking deeper into the 6th Commandment. In Math classes, both grades are working to understand how to use fractions in different operations. In Social Studies class, we are studying the ancient civilizations that came from the Fertile Crescent region of Mesopotamia. In English classes, we are coming to the end of our sentence study and will have an assessment soon, either the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Finally, in Reading class, we are again approaching an assessment as well as the end of the book. Students will be assessed on their ability to recognize the thoughts and feelings of a character by writing a paragraph explaining how a character felt about a certain situation, including the use of quotes from the book. We did not have Science classes this week due to the special classes scheduled for the end of each day.

We have an ice-skating field trip coming up on Thursday, the 16th. The forms for that trip were sent home on Tuesday this week. Please return those to school with your signature, payment in the form of \$10, and an indication about whether you will be attending.

There was also a form sent home regarding 6th grade student plans to participate (or not) in the Washington D.C. field trip next school year. Please return those to Mr. Zabel.

Thank you all for the lovely gifts that I received over the Christmas break. I am already putting the socks to good use in the classroom, enjoyed the sugary treats (probably too much), and am working my way through my gift cards trying to buy things that would make an 11-year-old proud (so nothing practical). You are very good to me and I'm blessed to get to work with parents like you.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Welcome back from a long vacation. I pray that everyone stayed as healthy as they could with all the family gatherings.

Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k=1234&v=W&y=92524834>

This week in Bible class we went through lesson 6 "God Guides Our Physical Forms of Affection." Here they learned that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, that there are appropriate forms of affection when dating and that other forms of affection are reserved for marriage, and we are to avoid sexual desires that lead to sinful actions.

In the seventh-grade math class, we picked up where we left off. The students have had lessons on rational numbers, order of operation of rational numbers and working with fractions.

The students have continued their study of Latin America. They learned about the establishment of colonies, why some rules of government worked while others did not, and how these colonies became independent for the countries that established them. Friday the class will begin a review of the chapter to prepare them for a test next week.

We didn't get the new Science chapter started before vacation so we started this week. They have learned about the life processes of plants, angiosperm and gymnosperm reproduction, and will cover plant behavior.

During English class the student have begun the steps of writing a personal narrative. They will write about an exciting event in their young lives. It should be some interesting reading once they have finished.

A thank you goes out to everyone that help with the Christmas party. I want to personally thank everyone for the gifts they gave to me. Two cans of popcorn are already gone – my wife and I have enjoyed them.

I have received two boxes of magazines from Barnes and Noble over the vacation, thank you. We are set to begin our art project.

We are in need of Kleenex. There are four boxes left. If everyone brings a box or two next week, we should have enough to last the rest of the year.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Possible Changes Coming

I wanted to give you all a heads up about a possible change that is coming with our student information system. Jupitered not only has the gradebook module, which we currently use, but it also has tuition management and student information modules. Kayla and I have been pursuing what it may look like to make use of Jupitered as an all-inclusive option for the future.

We have been working to see if Jupitered can give us a format that is very similar to TADS in all the areas that we currently make use of TADS for. Our hope is that if we do decide to switch, that we would make this change as easy as possible for all of you.

We are currently setting up a demo version on Jupitered to get a parent view to see how user friendly this option will be for all of you. Depending on how this goes, we hope to possibly have the Jupitered option available in early February for re-enrollment like we normally do. There are lots of things to still consider, so this is not a for sure thing, but we are leaning in that direction. We will keep you posted on any possible changes and will do our best in the office to help you along with these changes.

God bless your weekend. A St. Matthew crew will be working at the arena for the PBR bull riding this weekend. If you are attending that event, then stop by and say "Hi".

Light For All

Are your Christmas lights still up? Many turn them off in the few days after Christmas. For others, their tradition is to leave them up until the New Year begins or until the Festival of Epiphany. But now we are past New Year's and the Festival of Epiphany. If I drove around my community, I'm guessing I'd find a few homes still lit up, but not many.

On Christmas night, the brilliant light of the glory of the Lord appeared over Bethlehem, as angels announced the birth of the Savior to lowly shepherds. But only a few saw the light that night, and it was gone almost as quickly as it appeared.

Later, the Magi followed a star in the sky to find the child and worship him. But they may have been the only ones who noticed that unique messenger star that served as their GPS.

But the light that appeared to Jewish shepherds and the light that led non-Jewish or Gentile Magi to Jesus illustrates a truth predicted by prophets centuries earlier. The Messiah—the Savior the Lord promised to send—would be a light for all people.

Outdoor Christmas lights may be especially enjoyed because they light up homes and streets when the days are short and the nights are long in the northern hemisphere.

Without the Messiah, we live in spiritual darkness. We know there is a God out there, but we can't see him on our own. And so, we foolishly make up our own paths out of the darkness. Prideful paths that are paved with our own best efforts and that define right and wrong by how it feels. Those dark ways of our own making will only lead to one deadly dead-end after another.

But Jesus came into the world to be light. The light

that reveals the perfection God requires of us. But, also, the light that lives out that perfection in our place and destroys sin's darkness as it does. Jesus is the light we need because he is the path out of this world's darkness into heaven's eternal light that will never go out.

Prayer:

Jesus, be the light in my heart every day. Amen.

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For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 13:47