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The Timber Times
October 10th, 2024

School News

Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, October 14th, from 3:45-4:30.

School Pictures

Please be sure to order all school pictures by tomorrow at midnight! This deadline includes retakes, so those of you who had pictures taken this morning, please check your child's album for updated photos and order soon!

Short Week Next Week

Please remember that we have an extra short week next week — we will only be in school Monday & Tuesday! After that, the teachers are headed to Vancouver for the fall teacher's conference! God's Blessings on an extended weekend!

Spirit Week

Students, start preparing for Spirit Week! October 21-25 we have special dress up days scheduled. Please see the picture on page 2 for details! We can't wait to see what the kids come up with!

K-4 Soccer

Thank you to our coaches for helping out this soccer season. We appreciate the time you gave up to help out. Thank you to the parents for letting your child play this year. Hopefully your child will continue playing soccer for years to come.

5-8 Soccer

Next week there is practice on October 15 at Linwood from 4:00-5:15. The following week, the team has practice on October 22 at Linwood from 4:00-5:15. Then, the league tournament starts on 10/23 with our team playing at noon at Palisades. The kids will be dismissed at 11:15 for this game. The bracket was sent out via remind so please speak to Miss Rosenbaum if you didn't receive it. Also, if you are attending the games, please please take pictures of the team and send them to principal@stmatthewspokane.org Thank you!

Sundays at St. Matthew

In case you weren't aware, we recently switched back to our winter sched-

ule at church, so we have Sunday School for kids and Bible Study for adults at 9AM followed by worship at 10AM. We have fellowship and snacks following the service. It would be an honor to serve your family on Sundays, and it's my prayer that if you are looking for a place to worship, you join us here!

Youth Group

Youth group is this Sunday at the Foxall's (5923 W Rutter Parkway) from 4:30-7:00PM. All kids in 5th-12th grade are encouraged to attend!

Pokemon Club

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Friday, October 11 from 3:45-5:00 in the church basement. There were some great and memorable battles last week! Can't wait to see who pulls out the "W" and which Pokemon were used to secure victory! Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball courts.

Buy a Christmas Wreath from Jax :)

Jax's hockey team is selling beautiful Christmas wreaths to raise money for the season. The wreaths can last from Nov-Mar and are locally made. They will be delivered by Jax, or shipped directly to your home if you aren't local. Ordering closes November 2nd, and will be delivered later in the month! Make sure and select player Jax Corr at check out. [Here](#) is a link to order a wreath.



Exciting Opportunity

Mr. Biebert has some more information on this in his newsletter section — if you are interested in being part of a team that works shifts over at the Spokane Arena for St. Matthew, please speak with Jacob (715)402-0094 or Kayla (715)402-0114.

Seahawks Raffle!!!

Check our website [here](#) for more information, or view the flyer on the next page!

Upcoming Dates

October

- 10 Soccer Game vs. Faith Christian 3:00PM
- 11 Pokemon Club — Church Basement 3:45-5:00PM
- 11 K & 2 Field Trip — Siemers
- 13 Youth Group — Foxall Home 4:30-7:00PM
- 14 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room 3:45-4:30PM
- 15 Walter's Field Trip — Grade 1
- 15 5-8 Soccer Practice 4:00-5:15PM — Linwood Park
- 16-18 No School — Fall Teacher's Conference
- 21 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room 3:45-4:30PM
- 22 5-8 Soccer Practice 4:00-5:15PM — Linwood Park
- 23 5-8 Soccer Tourney — NOON @ PCA
- 25 Tent or Treat 4:30-6:00PM
- 27 Preschool Sings in Church 10AM
- 28-31 Parent/Teacher Conferences — After School

We are looking for parents and students to help us advertise this raffle. Would you be willing to hang a flyer or two at your gym, workplace, or church? Anybody can enter the raffle, so please encourage your friends and family (and ANY Seahawks fans) to get themselves a raffle ticket (or 10!!!)

Tent or Treat — Bring Cash!!!

The Emerson family has graciously decided to host a vendor booth with snacks and drinks. These items are available for purchase, so please bring cash. The Emerson's will be giving all proceeds to St. Matthew! Thank you, Kiersten and JT!!!

Candy Donations

Since every class is hosting a booth for Tent or Treat this year, we will need lots of candy donated to cover each booth! Please consider donating some candy for your child's classroom tent. Thank you!

Get merch by clicking [here](#) or use the code!



A promotional poster for a raffle. At the top, the Arizona Cardinals and Seattle Seahawks logos are shown against a blue stadium background. Below the logos, it says "PRESENTED BY" followed by the St. Matthew logo, which features a cross and three trees. The main text reads "ENTER TO WIN 2 CLUB LEVEL SEATS + PARKING FOR 11/24". In large, stylized letters, it says "SEAHAWKS TICKETS RAFFLE!!!". To the right, a green starburst contains the text "RAFFLE TICKETS \$20 EACH". At the bottom, it says "OVER \$600 VALUE!!!".

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WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 31 | 6917 N COUNTRY HOMES | 9AM
DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

A calendar-style graphic for Spirit Week. The background is decorated with autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown. The text "Spirit Week - October 21-25" is centered at the top. Below it, a grid lists the days of the week and their corresponding themes.

Spirit Week - October 21-25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Neon Day	Twin Day	Timber Day <small>show your school spirit.</small>	Dress to Impress Day	Pajama Day

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

What a fabulous week we had in preschool this week!!! Monday and Tuesday, we went to Hidden Acres for our pumpkin patch field trip. Thank you to all of you parents and grandparents who joined in on the fun!! What beautiful weather!! What beautiful FUN!! We captured some great Kodak moments!!

The rest of our week was loaded with activities. Our theme this week is hibernating/migrating!! We created butterflies (yup - they migrate) for our Preschool Tent. Our Preschool Tent Theme for October 25 is based on the book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar!! What fun the kids had using eye droppers, once again, to decorate butterfly wings. You will see them displayed in our tent for Tent or Treat!! Some of the classes, this week, even had fun having their hands painted brown to make a hedgehog with spiky spines!! Hedgehogs hibernate, too!!

We have our infamous Bear Cave in the Drama Center. Always a favorite!! The children can pretend to be a bear and hibernate with a blanket and some food. We have colored "caves" in our Math Center where the children can sort bears to the correct colored cave so they can hibernate, too. A load of fun in our Centers!!

There is a sign up sheet on our red cabinet so you parents can help with our Preschool Tent for our Tent or Treat event. We need SO much help to make this successful!!! Please see how you can help over the next few weeks!!!! Thank you SO much!!

NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story** - "Joseph Forgives His Brothers"
- * **Bible Memory Verse** - Colossians 3:13 "Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
- * **Theme** - Harvest
- * **Letter of the Week** - Review A - E
- * **Snack Person** - 3's AM Blair 3's PM Penelope 4's AM Rocky 4's PM Crew
- * **Upcoming Events** - October 16, 17, 18 - NO SCHOOL
 October 21, 23 - Orange Day
 October 25 - Tent or Treat 4:30 - 6:00 pm
 October 27 - Preschool Sings in Church 10:00 am
 October 28, 31 - Harvest Party

Have an amazing weekend!! See you next week . . . a short week!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Tent or Treat- The kindergarteners have come up with a theme for our class tent, now we just need the help of you parents to help execute our design. Mrs. Pinorini (Gideon's mom) has offered to help assemble the tent but many hands make light work. Please speak with her if you can help

Field Trip- Our field trip is tomorrow. If you are driving for the field trip please arrive at school by 9:20.

Microwave- A note was put in last week's newsletter about the microwave. If you have any questions about when students can use the microwave you can find the information in the October 3 newsletter.

Personal needs- Students are responsible for tying their own shoes. If they are not able to tie please make sure you work with them at home and send them to school in shoes they can put on and take off independently.

Please practice coat zipping at home as well.

Specials classes- We only have Art, Music, Spanish, P.E and Technology on full five day weeks. We were able to have our classes this week and the kids are loving it!

Sight words- We have just recently started learning sight words also known as high frequency words. These are words that cannot be sounded out. As you are reading with your child have them keep an eye out for these words: like, I, a, am.

Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
- Practice Memory Work
 - If you have lost your memory work sheet you can find it on our school website on my classroom page.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

In ChristLight we learned the stories of Jacob's dream of seeing a stairway to heaven and when he went to live with his uncle. In Reading we are working on practicing reading and spelling words with the short e sound, as in elephant. In Math we are continuing our chapter on addition. In Writing we are learning about plurals. In Music we are learning about strong beats and weak beats, and in Spanish we are working on learning The Lord's Prayer.

Next week we only have school on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday we have our field trip to Walters' Fruit Ranch. On October 25th we have Tent or Treat from 4:30-6:00. If anyone is willing to help decorate or stand at our class tent or donate candy, please let me know! I could use some help. Thank you!
God bless you and your family. Have a great weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/15 - 1 Peter 5:7
- 10/22 - Matthew 26:41a
- 10/24 - Romans 1:16
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jacob's Dream; Jacob and Laban) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add it to your October Book-It Calendar starting next week.
- Next week, we will be reviewing all of the phonics skills that we have done up to this point so there will be no spelling words for next week. The week of October 21-25 spelling words will be in your child's orange folder next Tuesday.

Extra Notes

- Math - We are finishing up our chapter on place value. The kids have really been working on being able to identify the ones and tens places in a number.
- Reading - We worked on the phonics skill of double consonants and ck. The kids got to read the story "The Ugly Vegetable". The kids analyzed the story with a story structure map. We also got to learn about homophones.
- Science - We wrapped up the unit of bones and muscles this week. The kids got to see different ways they were able to move their body/muscles. They also learned about ways to take care of our bones.
- Writing - This week we finished up talking about all the times we need to capitalize words such as holidays, the word I, speaker's words, book titles, greetings and closings, and when we begin a new sentence.
- Social Studies - We started talking about landforms. Landforms are natural features of the Earth's surface. There are many kinds of landforms in different sizes and shapes. We researched and learned about mountains and hills this week. Our pumpkin patch field trip is tomorrow Friday, October 11. A remind will be sent out today with important information.
- TENT OR TREAT - our class is going to be doing a tent for the event on October 25. Heidi Ferre has graciously volunteered to help out with it. We need candy donated for our tent. If you are able to donate candy, please bring it into our classroom anytime before October 24. Thank you!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 10/15 - Genesis 39:9b & The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- We will only have one day of memory work next week, due to a short week.
- Please read the two stories with your child (Jacob and Laban & Jacob's Return Home)

Homework

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

What are we learning?

- In math we just took our chapter 2 test and are now moving onto subtraction.
- In social studies we are talking about different regions in the United States.
- In reading we are working on genre projects, please have your child find a fantasy book of their choosing by Monday October 14th.
- In science we are learning about inherited traits.
- We are working on lowercase cursive letters in handwriting.

Extra Notes

- Please check with your child daily if they have their assignment notebook and their homework folder.
- We will not have spelling next week due to the shortened week.
- If you are willing to donate candy for our class tent for Tent or Treat, that would be much appreciated!

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Reading - Things are a mixed bag for Shirley. She finally has made friends here in America and even has a best friend! But on the other hand, she is babysitting to earn some money, but the triplets are a handful and she can't listen to her beloved Brook

lyn Dodgers on the radio when they keep unplugging it! Did they clinch the pennant or not?

Math - We are wrapping up chapter 2 about addition and subtraction concepts. Our test over the concepts is today. Up next is more addition and subtraction with bigger numbers and a lot of regrouping.

Science - Thank you to all those who were able to donate supplies for our solar ovens. It is much appreciated. Who knew science and natural resources could be so yummy? Next up, Earth's water and a water wheel?

Social Studies - We learned about the Coastal tribes this week. We took a look into their culture - beliefs, relationships, language, food, dwellings, tools, art, etc. Then we planned a potlatch, created a story pole, and learned about some legends.

Extras

- We will be attending Symphony Day at the Fox Theatre on Wednesday, October 23 @ 9:30 am. Please return the permission slip by tomorrow, Friday, October 11.
- The fourth grade class will be setting up a tent for our annual St. Matthew Tent or Treat. This year it will be held on Friday, October 25. The theme of our tent is "Harry Potter". I have a great backdrop available to use and a pop up canopy/tent. If you would like to help with the planning, please speak with me. We could use candy donations, so that is another great way you could help.
- Nine and ten year olds are developmentally getting to an age where body odor can become an issue. This is a healthy and normal part of growing up. However, this also includes a few more responsibilities such as the use of deodorant and more frequent washing. Please consider having this discussion with your child.
- It is getting cooler in the mornings, especially for the first recess at 10:30. I plan to send them out in whatever you sent them to school with, so please check that they have what they need to be as warm as you would like them to be.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

This week's special student message comes from _____, who says:

In our Religion classes, we had a test on the life of Abraham in Christ Light (on Tuesday) and a test on the first two commandments in Faith Foundations (on Friday). In Math classes, both grades are working through division concepts. In Science, we have begun studying the states of matter, including a fun lab on Wednesday where we made our own substances and had to define them as liquids or solids based on scientific definitions. In English class, we are learning about different mistakes in sentences and how to fix them. In Reading class, we just finished writing a mini-essay about myths and themes, and will be gearing up right away for another essay about shared themes across texts. Finally, in Social Studies we wrapped up our test on prehistoric peoples and will be starting an investigation into life in ancient Babylon through Hammurabi's Code.

A field trip form went home this week for a trip to the symphony on 10/23. That is the same day as our soccer team's tournament, but we should be able to get the kids to both events. I am considering taking the non-soccer players to the tournament as well to cheer on their teammates, since there are only about 6 who aren't participating. If you have strong feelings about that one way or another, please let me know.

Finally, our class's Tent or Treat booth this year is going to be "Percy Jackson" themed. We have some exciting features planned, but we need help collecting and preparing everything that will be needed. To this end, we have had a sign-up on a desk sitting outside the classroom with a few items we are looking for. Please take the opportunity to peruse the list and see if there is something you'd be interested in contributing. Also, Mrs. Ferre and Mrs. Landrus will be here on Tuesday the 15th after school to start decorating and making some of the features for the tent. They would love adult and student help if you can please stay and contribute!

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

This is a reminder that all students have access to my Planbook to retrieve homework if they miss school for various reasons. All textbooks have been scanned into the website. Here is the link if you need it again.

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k1234&v=W&y=92524834>

This past week there was an epidemic of late work. The most common excuse I got was "I forgot" and the second most common excuse was "I left it at home." I send the students to study hall until it is completed, but I'd rather they were outside getting exercise instead. Please remind your child that school work is their responsibility and it must be completed on time. This is a skill that is needed once they leave St. Matthew and enter their future higher education and eventually the career they choose.

Next week we will start/continue to watch a series call the "Chosen." It goes through the life of Christ from the start of his ministry to his resurrection. I have been told that some of the kids have seen it, but it is a good visual review of Christ's life.

We continue to read through the "Westing Game." The students have great insight as to why and when certain events have or will have taken place.

The students have a test in World History class on Thursday. We have been going through the early 1500's which dealt with the Reformation and the corruption in the Catholic church. We also discussed the major characters of the Reformation: Martin Luther, John Knox, John Calvin and alike.

In Science class we are studying the smallest of creatures that the Lord created: amoebas, paramecium, sporozoans; and the importance they play in the life cycle of our world.

Next week is a very short week b/c of teachers' conference.

Finally, thank you for all the birthday wishes on Tuesday this past week. I feel truly blessed to be at St. Matthew.

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Over the last few weeks I have gotten the opportunity to be in a number of your children's classrooms for observation. Your children are incredible! I feel blessed to get to work with some incredible teachers! I feel blessed to get to work at an incredible school!

Nothing that I saw shocked me, but sometimes it is good to remind ourselves of how blessed we are. I got to see children learning and being respectful of their teachers. I got to see children who respectfully listened to correction from their teachers when they were in error, and teachers apologizing when they were in error. I saw teachers teaching kids to read, as well as teachers working one on one with children who didn't understand a concept. I got to hear the kids being taught the Gospel message, as well as asking questions that pertained to matters of their faith.

It truly is incredible to know that I have teachers that I trust with my own children, as well as get to work with colleagues that are amazing at the profession that they were called by God to do. This school is an incredible place where the Word of God is its foundation, and we get to share it every day with the children. We feel very blessed to get to partner with you, parents, as well throughout your child's education and spiritual journey.

If you get the opportunity, talk with your child's teacher about sitting in the classroom sometime. I am certain you will be amazed too!

Not Doing but Done

There are some things children shouldn't do because they just are too young and too little. Ask a young child to bake a cake from scratch, and you are probably in for a mess and not a cake. Ask a child to clean out the gutters, and there is bound to be an accident. Have a child put on the spare tire and I am willing to bet he won't even get a single lug nut off, and you will be on the side of the road for a long time.

However, there are some things young children can be really good at, even babies. A young child can cry out in need. A young child can receive love. A young child can be cared for and looked after. Young children are not very good at doing, but they are good at receiving.

It is for these reasons Jesus invites the young children to him without hindrance. Even more than just inviting them, Jesus holds them up as models to everyone. It is not because they can do much but because they need much. "Everyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." With this stern yet beautiful invitation, Jesus

invites us to lay down our greatest accomplishments and simply trust in him. Through trust, we receive the many blessings offered to us in the kingdom of God.

It is this act of simply receiving gifts that we get worse at as we get older. As we gain abilities, we want to show them off. We want to do more and show that we deserve things. However, our salvation is never something we can do; it must be done for us. As a child cries out and simply receives, may we cry out to God and receive his mercy, love, and forgiveness.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give me a child-like faith that I would not work for my salvation but receive it only as a gift. Amen.

*Want more daily devotions?
[I get them here!](#)*



[Jesus] said to them "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly, I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Mark 10:14,15