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School News

Parent/Teacher Conferences

If you haven't signed up for a parent/teacher conference, please do that soon. The links will be sent out via the weekly email once again this week:)

Tent or Treat

Tent or Treat is TOMORROW from 4:30-6:00PM!!! Please join us for this super fun evening! We have lots of booths, and each classroom also is running a booth. We can't wait to see all your costumes! **DON'T FORGET:** the Emerson's are running a food tent, and all proceeds go to St. Matthew! Cash and card will be accepted.

Spirit Week Continues

Thanks for showing off your school spirit this week! The week ends on a high note with pajama day tomorrow! Come to school comfy and happy!

Preschool Sings in Church

Our preschoolers will be singing in church this Sunday at 10AM. We look forward to having you join us! Another reminder that we also have Sunday School and Bible Class at 9AM, and we'd love to have you there for that as well!

End of First Quarter

The end of first quarter will be here tomorrow already! Please make sure to double check that your children are caught up on any missing work. You can expect their report cards to be handed out on Monday.

5-8 Soccer

Uniforms need to be washed and returned as soon as possible. Miss Rosenbaum would like all the uniforms returned by November 5. The soccer party is taking place on November 5. It will be a player vs. parent scrimmage. Pizza will be provided after the scrimmage.

Basketball

Is your child interested in playing basketball? Sign-ups will be in the grades 5-8 classroom next week. Make sure your child signs up if they are wanting to play. Are you interested in helping with basketball? Please reach out to Miss Rosenbaum if you would like to help. Thank you!

Pokemon Club

Our next meeting will be, Friday, November 1 from 3:45-5:00 in the church basement. Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball courts.

DC Hot Lunch

The kids are serving pizza and a veggie next Friday, November 1st. Get your slices by filling out the sheet and turning it in to your teacher on or before Wednesday, October 30th. Thank you!

Doorbells

We have installed doorbells by Mr. Zabel's door as well as Miss Taasaas' door. If you need to be let into the building at any time, please ring either bell and someone will come to meet you. Thank you!

Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, November 4, from 3:45-4:30.

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.



Grade Scale Update

The faculty has been working on updating the grade scale here at school. Our goal with this update is to provide a clearer picture of expectations and where your child falls in relation to those expectations. This scale can be found as a paper copy along with the newsletter, and will also be a PDF attachment to the newsletter.

Seahawks Raffle!!!

You have one more week to get your

Upcoming Dates

October

- 25 Tent or Treat 4:30-6:00PM
- 27 Preschool Sings in Church 10AM
- 28-31 Parent/Teacher Conferences — After School
- 31 Early Release — NOON

November

- 1 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 4 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 5 5-8 Soccer Party 4:00-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 7 Veterans Day Chapel Service 8:45AM — Light Refreshments to Follow
- 8 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 11 No School — Veterans Day
- 15 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement

Seahawks raffle tickets! Please speak with Kayla (715)402-0114 if you are interested in tickets! We also will have a booth at Tent or Treat tomorrow!

Call Season is Here

Our WELS synod has started the call season for this year. There are many details surrounding calls, but in short — our synod is made up of many churches and schools throughout the country (and even abroad!) just like St. Matthew. While none of our teachers or Pastor are actively searching for different positions at other churches/schools, other congregations may choose to call one of our teachers to consider serving at their location. This can be both a stressful time, as well as a blessing as it challenges pastors and teachers to consistently evaluate their gifts and use them to serve our Savior.

Please pray for all pastors and teachers, that they may faithfully use their gifts to serve diligently.

So far, Mr. Biebert has a call to Lomira, WI; Mr. Metzger has a call to Milwaukee, WI; and Miss Rosenbaum has a call to Hutchinson, MN. If you feel moved to speak with them about their calls, I'm sure they would love to hear your input.

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Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Welcome Back!! What a great few days we teachers had in Vancouver for our pastor/teacher conference!! Praying it was a great few days for you, too!!

This week has been chock full of fun events!! Monday and Wednesday were the preschool days to celebrate Orange!! We had fun wearing Orange and playing Hide 'n' Seek with Orange squares. Tuesday was Twin Day - we were able to capture some great Twin Moments. We also had fun this week cutting open our pumpkins and cleaning them out. What is inside of a pumpkin? We found out!! Seeds and pumpkin goo!! We had fun roasting those seeds and eating them at snack time!! YUM!!!

As part of Spirit Week, we also get to Dress to Impress today and have a FUN pajama day on Friday!! What a GREAT Spirit Week this is!!

What fantastic centers we have, too!! We have pumpkin pounding in our Sensory Center. The kids get to pound golf tees into a pumpkin - great hand/eye coordination skills!! We also have pattern blocks in our Math Center that the children can create different colorful faces on some pumpkins!!

Please sign up as a volunteer for our Tent or Treat event on Friday!! We sure could use your help!! Look for it on our red cabinet!! You will also find a sign up sheet for our Harvest Party - that takes place next Monday and Thursday. Please provide a snack item to make our party a success!! Thank You!!

Preschool sings in church this Sunday!! Please join us to sing beautiful praises to our Lord!! 10:00 am!!

NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Chooses Moses"
- * **Bible Memory Verse** - Mark 16:15 "Preach the Good News"
- * **Theme** - Thanksgiving
- * **Letter of the Week** - G
- * **Snack Person** - 3's AM Giovanni 3's PM Damian 4's AM Seneca
4's PM Derek
- * **Upcoming Events** - October 25 - Tent of Treat 4:30-6:00 pm
October 27 - Preschool Sings in Church 10:00 am
October 28, 31 - Harvest Party
November 7 - Veteran's Day Program
November 11 - NO SCHOOL

Have a beautiful weekend with your family!! See you SO soon!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Tent or Treat- Come stop by and see our beautiful Rainbow Fish tent that the kids helped with!

Christmas Memory Work- Please check your child's yellow folder tomorrow for a new memory work sheet. The dates are more frequent than just Thursdays.

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.

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.

Conferences- Please sign up for a Parent Teacher Conference time for next week. If none of the times work for you please speak with me so we can work something out.

Hot lunch- A form will go home tomorrow. If you would like to have your child eat the hot lunch for next Friday please return it in your child's yellow folder on Monday.

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 are learning the story of Joseph, how he was sold into slavery by his brothers, and how God used him to save many lives during a famine. In Reading we are reading and spelling words with the short u sound, as in umbrella. In Math we are continuing our chapter on addition. In Writing we are learning about homophones, which are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings, such as ate and eight, or blew and blue. In Spanish we are learning the Lord's Prayer and classroom objects, and in Music we are learning about 2 and 4 beat measures.

Tomorrow is Tent or Treat. I will have a tent with a Berenstain Bears theme. I hope to see you there!

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

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/29 - Romans 8:28
- 10/31 - Ephesians 4:32
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Joseph is Sold by His Brothers; Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add it to your October Book-It Calendar starting next week. Those calendars will need to be returned next week November 1.
- We are working on endings -ed and -ing. Spelling words for next week: liked, using, riding, chased, spilled, making, closed, hoping, baked, hiding, standing, asked, mixed, sleeping, teasing, and knocking.

Extra Notes

- Math - we have begun chapter 3, which will dive into data and graphs. We've discussed pictographs, bar graphs, circle graphs, surveys, and comparing data of graphs.
- Reading - our phonics skill this week was a variety of consonant digraphs. A consonant digraph is two letters that make one sound - ex: sh or ch. The kids got to read "Super Storms". After reading the story, they practiced how to find the main idea of a text and give supporting details about the given text. Lastly, we talked about compound words.
- Science - this week we discussed what a balanced diet is and how to keep our bodies strong through nutrition and exercise.
- Writing - we focused our week on making words plural by adding -s and -es. We also talked about how to make a word plural if it ends in a y.
- Social Studies - we talked about characteristics of a plain, desert, river, lake, and ocean. Through this unit on landforms, the students are learning how to take notes about each type of landform, which will help them on future writing assignments.
- Report cards will be coming out on Monday next week. Please take a look at it and return the envelope signed. Don't hesitate to ask any questions.
- I look forward to speaking with you next week during parent teacher conferences. If you haven't signed up for a time slot, I encourage you to do so. Thanks!
- Thank you to everyone who helped chaperone for our pumpkin patch field trip.
- Tent or Treat - our class is going to be doing a tent for the event tomorrow. Thank you to Heidi Ferre for working with our class to get our tent decorated. Thank you to those families that donated candy. Make sure to stop by the tent tomorrow!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 10/29 - Ephesians 4:32
- 10/31 - The Fifth Commandment & The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- 11/1 - A Portion of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read this week's bible stories with your child (Joseph is Made Ruler & The First Journey of Joseph's Brothers)

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 are working on subtracting large numbers. We have also been focusing a lot on rounding to the nearest 100 or \$1.00
- In social studies we just took our first states and capitals test. We are still working through the east region. Our next region will be the midwest.
- In reading we are working on genre projects, they are due on Halloween.
- In science we are learning about punnett squares.

- We are working on lowercase cursive letters in handwriting.

Extra Notes

- This Friday is the last day of the quarter, please check with your child if they have any missing work.
- Since there are 23 words this week, your child is able to take the spelling test on Friday or next Monday.
- Hot lunch forms have been sent home with your child, if your child would like hot lunch, please bring money and the form back before November 1st.
- Please send an emptied cereal box with your child by Monday (10/28). We will need them to work on our reading projects.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Reading - We are beginning our Greek gods, goddess, and myths unit. We will be working on characterization and summarizing the myths, but also how to find information for our brochure about a Greek god, goddess, or hero.

Math - Our test over addition and subtraction with bigger numbers and a lot of regrouping will be next week.

Science - Up next week we will begin learning about the universe! I can't wait! It's one of my favorite units!

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 had a wonderful time attending Symphony Day at the Fox Theatre yesterday! Thank you to all of the chaperones and drivers for helping us out!
- 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". Thanks to those of you who have donated candy or have spoken to me about pieces you have that can be added to the tent. We could use a couple of adults to help us assemble all the parts to the tent. Please reach out soon if you can help!
- Looking forward to speaking with each of you about your amazing child next week at parent teacher conferences!!
- 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)

I messed up the special student message two weeks ago. You probably all want to get rid of me now. I'm a disgrace. Here's my second attempt at it:

This week's special student message comes from Charlie, who says: "Let's go!" I don't know where we're going, and I don't know why, but listen to your heart before he tells you goodbye.

We are almost to the end of the 1st quarter! All late work and all revisions should be turned in by this Friday. Also, we have parent-teacher conferences scheduled for next week. Please sign up for those if you haven't yet.

In the classroom, we are studying the life of Jacob and the 3rd Commandment in our religion classes. In Math, the 6th grade students have completed their chapter on division, and the 5th grade students are taking a mid-chapter test on what they've learned about division so far. In English, we are still learning about sentences and intricacies about how they are formed. In Reading, we have come to the end of our novel and will be working on our culminating project: writing our own Hero's Journey story. In Social Studies, we are learning about life in Babylon under Hammurabi and his code of laws. We have not had Science this week because of the special classes at the end of each day.

If you missed my email this weekend, (and if you don't have a child in my classroom you definitely missed it because I only sent it to them) I am holding a Call to teach 7th grade at St. John Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. I won't go into detail here, but feel free to refer to that email if you received it, or stop by after school some time to talk about it if you want more information. I expect to deliberate and have conversations with people at both ministries over the next few weeks before making my decision.

Finally, a huge shout out goes to Mrs. Ferre and Mrs. Landrus. They have taken on a lot of work for our class's Tent-or-Treat display this Friday, which is hard to express how much I appreciate them and their work. Please thank them when you see them. Without them, I would have gotten even less done for your children these last few weeks.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

My Planbook link was off by one symbol, so I fixed it. This link should now work!!!!

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

The students are doing better at getting their homework in. Which reminds me that the quarter ends this Friday and all work assigned on Thursday must be in to be included in the 1st quarter grade.

Thank you to everyone who has donated candy to our classroom tent or treat event. We could use more. I would need it at school by the time the tent or treat starts.

The students will begin memorizing lines/passages for the Christmas service. Each student will have an assigned narration piece that they will read during the service. I don't assign this as memory work. They will, however; memorize any Bible passages that they will recite during the service.

I hope you have been monitoring grades on-line so nothing should come as a surprise at the end of this quarter. The sign-up for conferences went out last week and I see some have already signed up. Don't feel you need to sign up for a time slot if we have been talking quite a bit during the quarter. You are always welcome to stop in and talk at any time.

Other than that, have a great weekend in the Lord.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

How many K-3 students does it take to wrangle Mr. Biebert with hula hoops? Answer: All of them

How many hula hoops does St. Matthew have? Answer: Apparently way too many.

Who can hit Mr. Biebert's knuckle ball? Answer: No one.....eh, Charlie Ferre got ahold of one pretty good.

How many knuckle balls did Mr. Biebert throw? Answer: Enough to make his knuckles bleed.

How many strikeouts did Mr. Biebert have at P.E.? Answer: 27.....perfect game.

It has been fun being hogtied and playing with your children this week at recess. The only thing I can compare it to would be if I were in a raging river hanging on for dear life to a small branch. I am not sure how you parents do it!

On a different note, please take note of the grading handout that was sent out with this newsletter. This may be helpful in clarifying expectation and standards at St. Matthew. You may hang on to this for all future report cards that will be sent home. If you lose it, and ever need a new one, I would be happy to get you a new one whenever you may need it. If you have any questions or need clarification on anything on the handout, then I would be happy to have a discussion with you.

I pray your 1st quarter experience has been a good one. If there is anything that I can do to help your 2nd quarter experience be even better, then feel free to reach out.

Servant Leadership

If your main goal in life is to meet the needs of others, not yourself, what does that make you? A flight attendant? The parent of a newborn? Service staff in a restaurant? No, it makes you a Christian. Let me explain.

When Jesus became a human being, he humbled himself. From all eternity, he had been God, and he could have arrived on the earth demanding to be worshiped, but instead, he came to meet the needs of others. He lived the life they could not have lived, and when it came time for him to take the reward of heaven, he chose to take the suffering of hell instead. He died for you. He did not demand to be served. Instead, he earned forgiveness for you. He served.

That means your basic needs are taken care of. As a Christian, you have forgiveness for your sins, and when your sins are forgiven, you get eternal life in heaven.

When you do not have to worry about meeting your own needs, you are freed up to meet the needs of

others.

People whose main job is to meet the needs of others are servants. Jesus says that you are free to think of yourself that way, even in areas of leadership. It's a great paradox. Because of Jesus, Christians are free, subject to no one. In response to that freedom, Christians are dutiful servants of all, subject to everyone.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, forgive me for desiring to be served. Give me opportunities to serve in your name. Amen.

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“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:43-45