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*The Timber Times
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School News

DC Hot Lunch

Don't forget — the DC kids are hosting a hot lunch tomorrow! Please reach out to Naomi Foxall (208)859-1456 if you haven't signed your child up yet, but they would like hot lunch!

Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, October 7th, from 3:45-4:30.

Picture Day

Picture day was earlier this week, please stay tuned for more information.

The photographer will be uploading all photos to private galleries for each family, and all ordering will be done online after photos are uploaded to the gallery. If you have any questions, please ask them directly to the photographer, Britt Harvey, at hello@brittharvey.com

BookIt!

Please make it a habit to be filling out your BookIt! Calendar nightly — we know you are reading, so you may as well get rewarded for it!

Van Gogh Field Trip

If you have any pictures from this field trip, please send them to principal@stmatthewspokane.org

Thank you!

K-4 Soccer

Coach Sammie sent out information about the scrimmage via text. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

5-8 Soccer

Next week on October 8th, the team has a game at Christian Heritage at 4:00. The students are dismissed at 2:40. Then on October 10, they have another game at Dwight Merkel against Faith Christian at 3:00. Students will be dismissed at 2:30. If you are attending the games, please please take pictures of the team and send them to principal@stmatthewspokane.org Thank

you!

Youth Group

Our next youth group will be at the Foxall's (5923 W Rutter Parkway) on October 13th 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 4th from 3:45-5:00 in the church basement. Don't forget to bring a deck to use for battling. We will begin keeping track of battles for earning fabulous prizes!! Friday, October 11th will be our second meeting of October. Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball courts as the church doors will be locked.

Teacher Conference Upcoming

Please take note of the upcoming teacher conference. We will be off school from October 16th-18th.

Special Classes

The week of October 7th-11th and October 21st-25th the kids will have their special classes in the afternoon, so please make sure they have appropriate footwear for P.E. Thank you!

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!

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

Upcoming Dates

October

- 2 Soccer Game vs. Lake City 4:15PM
- 3 Pokemon Club — Church Basement 3:45-5:00PM
- 4 DC Hot Lunch — Nachos
- 7 3's Preschool Field Trip — Hidden Acres
- 7 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room 3:45-4:30PM
- 8 4's Preschool Field Trip — Hidden Acres
- 8 Soccer Game @ Christian Heritage 4:00PM
- 7 K-4 Soccer Scrimmage — Linwood Park
- 8 Siemer's Field Trip — K & Grade 2
- 10 Soccer Game vs. Faith Christian 3:00PM
- 11 Pokemon Club — Church Basement 3:45-5:00PM
- 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
- 16-18 No School — Fall Teacher's Conference

ANY Seahawks fans) to get themselves a raffle ticket (or 10!!!)

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!



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Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Do your spirits need a lift? Come and spend some time with the preschool!!! Mr. Metzger's 5th and 6th grade classes have been having the time of their life helping with preschool crafts, reading our bible story, leading our Circle Time and even playing outside during recess. The preschool kids are sure enjoying this time, too!! What a blessing to everyone!!

Picture Days on Monday and Tuesday were amazing!! The kids all brought their smiles and enjoyed pictures being taken outside!! The rest of those two days were filled with creating Fall WindSocks. What a non-messy craft to keep the kids clean!! We have been enjoying the fall season and all of the fun activities. Some of the classes had fun using an eyedropper and colored water to brighten up some leaf-shaped coffee filters. What a GREAT fine motor skill for these kids!!

A few centers were changed for week 2 of our Fall Week theme. The Art Center has a scarecrow that they can watercolor and the Listening Center has the book, Leaf Trouble. Great Fall Fun!!

The preschool classes are going to create a class tent for our Tent or Treat event on Friday, October 25. We would LOVE any candy donations to help us out and make it successful!!! Thank you in advance!!

Next week, we have our Hidden Acres Field Trip in Green Bluff. Here's the schedule:

Monday, October 7 Leave school 9:00 am Return by 11:15 am
Monday, October 7 Leave school 12:30 pm Return by 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 8 Leave school 9:00 am Return by 11:15 am
Tuesday, October 8 Leave school 12:30 pm Return by 3:00 pm

Parents and siblings come and join us!! The cost is \$10 for each child and each adult joining us!! Loads of FUN!!

NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- * **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Has a Plan for Joseph"
- * **Bible Memory Verse** - Matthew 28:20 "I am with you always"
- * **Theme** - Migration/Hibernation
- * **Letter of the Week** - E
- * **Snack Person** - 3's AM & PM Austyn 4's AM & PM Hallie
- * **Upcoming Events** - October 7, 8 - Hidden Acres Field Trip
October 16, 17, 18 - NO SCHOOL
October 21, 23 - Orange Day
October 27 - Preschool Sings in Church 10:00 am

Have a most blessed and enjoyable weekend!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Book it- Tuesday was the first day of the Book it program. Please make sure to set a goal with your child for the month of October and fill out the calendar each night you read. This is part of your nightly homework.

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. Please speak with me if you can help, donate candy, or donate an easy up tent. Thank you so much for your help and support!

Field Trip- A permission slip was sent home on Monday. It is due with the cash today.

Microwave- Students will be able to use the microwave starting Monday, October 21. Fish/shrimp or sea creatures of any kind will not be allowed in the microwave. This is for a quick heat up (a minute or less). The 3 minute mac and cheese cups are highly discouraged. If I see that too many students are using the microwave and they are not having time to eat then I may need to create a schedule of what day students can use it but we will just see how it goes. I do not have extra paper plates so please make sure your child has a container they can safely microwave their food in.

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 heard the stories of how Isaac and Rebekah got married, and how Jacob tricked his father Isaac into giving him the blessing instead of his older brother, Esau.

In Reading we are reading and writing words with the short o sound, as in octopus. Our Reading Song for the week is Down by the Bay. This is a really fun one!

In Math we are learning addition facts with sums up to 12.

In Writing we are reviewing when to use a capital letter, as well as learning about plural words.

In Science we are beginning a unit about our 5 senses, and in Social Studies we are learning about communities and neighborhoods.

On Friday, October 25th, our school is hosting a Tent or Treat event. Each classroom is going to have a tent based on a book or author. Our tent's theme is "The Berenstain Bears." If you enjoy decorating or would like to help with this in any way, please let me know! If you'd like to donate any candy for our tent, it would be appreciated! Thanks!

Please hand in field trip forms and money (\$10 per person) by next Thursday, October 10th.

Our Memory Work for next week is Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

We are starting Book It this month, so please remember to fill out your child's calendar! If they read at least 580 minutes per month, they receive a coupon for a free personal pizza from Pizza Hut. Even if your child can't read yet, but is just looking at books, that time counts towards their minutes. It also counts if someone reads to your child, or they listen to an audio book.

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

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 10/8 - 1 John 1:7b
- 10/10 - The Tenth Commandment
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Abraham's Servant Finds a Wife for Isaac; Jacob Tricks Isaac) 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 working on the phonics skill of double consonants and ck. These are the words for next week: dress, spell, class, full, add, neck, stuck, kick, rock, black, trick, doll, will, off, across, pocket. We will work through these words throughout the week in reading class. Test is on Friday, October 11.

Extra Notes

- Math - We are diving into place value. We have talked about expanded form EX: 86 is 80+6. The kids have been working on identifying the place value of an underlined digit in a number. EX: 48 = The 4 stands for 4 tens which is 40. We wrapped up this week by talking about greater than, less than, and equal to when it comes to numbers.
- Reading - This week we focused on the phonics skill of common final blends nd, ng, nk, nt, ft, xt, mp. The kids got to read a story about animals building homes which made a good connection to life science. We started talking about base words and prefixes un- and re-. We will dive into this deeper later in the year. Lastly, we discussed how authors use text and graphic features to make his/her ideas clear.
- Science - We are still working through the bones and muscles unit. The kids learned about how exercise and eating/drinking foods with calcium are great ways to take care of our bones. Then we finished up talking about different types of joints: ball and socket joints, hinge joints, gliding joints, and pivot joints.
- Writing - On Monday, we talked about quotation marks. The rest of the week, we focused on capital letters as there are many different times we need to capitalize the first letter of the word.
- Social Studies - We were able to finish our state booklet about Washington. The kids learned the state tree, state flower, state flag, state bird, and state capital. Then we learned what a compass rose and what use it has. Lastly, we wrapped up this week identifying the oceans and continents and used the compass rose to locate places on a world map.
- Our pumpkin patch field trip is next week Friday, October 11. The permission form is due today. If you haven't returned it, please get it to me as soon as possible. Thank you!
- We are running low on paper plates. If you are able to donate some to your classroom for warming up lunches, we would greatly appreciate it! Thanks in advance.
- 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. If you would also like to help with the planning, please speak to me. Our class is decorating a tent to go with the book "Just Add Glitter". We will also be in need of candy donations for our class tent, so that is another way you can help!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 10/8 - Proverbs 3:5
- 10/10 - Deuteronomy 33:27a
- 10/11 - The 10th Commandment
- Please read the two stories with your child (Jacob Deceives Isaac & Jacob's Flight and Vision)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day

- Work on spelling words
- Xtramath practice

What are we learning?

- In math we are learning how to use mental math to add properly.
- In social studies we are talking about different regions in the United States.
- In reading we are working on sequencing events in a story.
- In science we are learning about different animal groups. Our first science test will be on Monday.
- We are working on forming our cursive letters in handwriting.

Extra Notes

- Please check with your child daily if they have their assignment notebook and their homework folder.
- If you are willing to donate candy for our class tent for Tent or Treat, that would be much appreciated!
- We are now in October, so please add minutes to your child's Book it calendar.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Reading - We are halfway through In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson and thoroughly enjoying it. We are learning many things about Chinese customs and culture, but also what it was like in New York City in the late 1940s as an immigrant to America.

Math - We are making some great progress!! Please continue to encourage your child to work extra hard when completing Xtramath. We all need to be working on knowing our division facts at 6 secs by the middle of October. This will help your child have better success in the math lessons being taught at the end of October.

Science - Yesterday we wrapped up our chapter on Weathering and Erosion. Up next...Natural Resources and creating a solar oven to make s'mores!!! If anyone can donate supplies for s'mores, chocolate, graham crackers, or marshmallows, or a few rolls of aluminum foil please let me know. We will be needing the supplies on Wednesday, October 9.

Social Studies - Native People of Washington and how they lived is our next topic of discussion. We will also be working on our Washington State Symbols book. It will take us most of the year to finish it as we learn about special Washington symbols and places, and have time to work on the special projects for each page.

Extras

- Book-it Calendars and informational letters were sent home with your child on Monday. Please help your child find a safe place to keep it, so they are able to write down how much they are reading each day. It would be great if everyone could turn in their calendars at the end of each month. I use them as a log to see who is doing their nightly reading.
- We will be attending Symphony Day at the Fox Theatre on Wednesday, October 23 @ 10:00 am. The fifth and sixth graders will be joining us. Permission slips were sent home today. Please sign and return them by 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. We were thinking of adding some strands of white Christmas lights and battery operated handheld candles. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please share them with me! We could also use some candy donations so we have candy to share with the visitors to our tent.
- Please check with your child everyday if they have any homework. It should be written in their planner and found in the homework envelope in their binder.
- Please continue to check your child's grades. I correct as much as I am able each day after school, but the majority of it gets done over the weekend. I try to at least update the missing or late work each day so you stay in the loop.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

We made it to October! As things cool down, I plan to send your children outside to recess wearing whatever you sent them to school with. Please check as they leave to make sure they will be as warm as you want them to be.

This week's special student message comes from Jack, who says, "Stuff happened." Thanks for the illuminating insight into the classroom, Jack!

In our Religion classes, we learned about the different ways God kept his promises to Abraham and his sons. In Math class, both classes have moved on from multiplication and will be starting division. In Science classes, we are studying the difference between elements, molecules, compounds, and mixtures by building models from Duplos. (Shout out to Mrs. D for the blocks!) In English class, we are studying the different parts of sentences like fragments and clauses. In Reading class, we are learning about elements and themes of myths. Finally, in Social Studies, we are learning about the earliest civilizations that have left behind evidence of their existence.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on the field trip! The kids enjoyed the different stages we took them through, especially the very large playground and unlimited grass to run around in.

We have our next field trip coming up on October 23rd. We will be visiting the Spokane Symphony for a special presentation for students. Keep an eye out for a permission slip form coming soon.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Some parents have donated napkins and hand wipes to the classroom. Thanks much! We could use more if you are willing to donate.

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>

For religion class next week, the kids will be studying Evangelical and Reformed Churches. We will discuss the differences that these groups have brought into God's word.

We are reading the "The Westing Game" in our Literature class. This is a mystery book about a rich man and his heirs. "Who will get the fortune?" They must play the game in order to find out.

October is here and there are many events coming up. There are the teachers' conferences, end of the first quarter, and parent/teacher conferences just to mention a few. Please look at your calendar or read the newsletter weekly to keep yourself up to date. I am sure there will be more info coming out about each event.

Please check your child's grades to make sure there are no surprises when it comes to report card time.

Have a great weekend in the Lord.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Do you like being confined in small spaces and serving others? Well, then have I got the opportunity for you! St. Matthew is looking to get its name out in the community in addition to raising some money to help offset rising costs at school. We are looking for volunteers to help run a food stand for different events at the Spokane Arena, Podium, or Stadium down town. We need at least 4 people to do any events, but having up to 8 people would give us the opportunity to work a bigger variety of events. The tricky thing is that everyone who would work the event needs a health and safety card for food handling as well as mandatory alcohol serving training. I can get this information to you if you would be willing to take these classes to work these events. Our church would pay for all the costs of these classes as well, since you would be volunteering your time. This may be a great opportunity to meet other people, strengthen relationships that you already have with St. Matthew families, and raise some money in the process. My target date as of now is potentially having a crew together to work one of the Disney on Ice events at the arena over the weekend of October 18th-20th.

I had also made mention of our upcoming plans to get accreditation rolling. I appreciate those of you who reached out to me as being willing to help with accreditation. I will reach out to you in the near future with more details about this whole process. If you are still interested in being a part of this process, then don't hesitate to let me know.....you know where to find me.....I think.

Our school is not the biggest or fanciest, but I truly believe that our school is made up of the best parents and kids around Spokane. We feel so blessed to have so many different people who go out of their way to give of their time, talents, and treasures to make our school function each and every day. I pray you all have a wonderful weekend, and never hesitate to reach out if you need something.

The Servant of All

Occasionally, as I'm standing in line at the gas station or grocery store, the lottery lights catch my eye. And when I see the potential payout climb to hundreds of millions of dollars, it makes me think: what would I do if I had all of that? I picture eating steak and lobster in my mansion, cruising around the Mediterranean Sea, or relaxing on the beaches of Hawaii. If I'm honest, I see a life of luxury.

If you had money, power, and connections, wouldn't you want "the good life" too? Wouldn't you just want to relax and take life easy? Isn't that what so many are striving and struggling for—a life a little bit easier and more bearable?

When the disciples saw the power and fame of Jesus, they, too, thought that because of their connections to Jesus, their lives were about to get a lot easier. No longer would they be nobodies! People would know who they were! Perhaps they could quit their jobs, put their feet up, and enjoy a life of ease and luxury.

But Jesus shatters those delusions because that's not what the life of being

his follower looks like, and that's not what Jesus came to do.

Jesus had a life of luxury, which so many dream of. He sat on heaven's throne, ruling and reigning over all creation. But his love for mankind compelled him to take on flesh and endure the suffering and punishment for humanity's sins. He came to serve us with himself so that life in the perfect paradise of heaven wouldn't be just some day-dream but a soon-to-be reality.

So, what are we to do as his children? We serve. We serve our neighbor. We serve with our talents, time, and treasures so that we can have the opportunity to witness to others about the sacrificial love of

the Savior. May God bless us as we serve our neighbor and, in so doing, serve him!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you serving as my Savior. Move my heart to serve my neighbor and bless my efforts to serve you in your kingdom. Amen.

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Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35