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The Timber Times  
November 7th, 2024

## School News

### Veterans Day

A huge thank you to all veterans — but especially those we know from our own church and school! We are so grateful for the sacrifices you have made for our country!

### No School Friday & Monday

We have an extended weekend due to Veterans Day on Monday, and a teacher in-service on Friday. Thank you, and have a blessed weekend!

### Are You Thinking of Christmas Yet?

Christmas is right around the corner, and what better way to get in the spirit than by getting together for a paint night to create your own nativity scene?! Our next fundraiser for the school is on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4PM. Mrs. Most along with St. Matthew is hosting a paint night in the church, and all ages are welcomed — what a fun way to celebrate the season with friends and family! More details can be found on the next page.

[Reserve your spot here!](#)

### Christmas Service Practices

Please take note of the following practice dates for the Christmas service

- December 4—8:30AM
- December 5—1:30PM
- December 9—8:30AM
- December 13—1:30PM

Our Christmas service will be held on Friday, December 13 at 5:30PM. For these practices, we ask that you drop off or pick up (depending on AM or PM) at the Naz gym (9004 N Country Homes Blvd). More details to come soon. If you are new and this sounds unfamiliar and confusing, please

reach out to your child's teacher—they are happy to give more explanation!

### Basketball

Mark your calendars! There will be an informational meeting on November 21 at 3:45 in Miss Rosenbaum's room.

### Pokemon Club

Our next meeting will be, Friday, November 22 from 3:45-5:00 in the church basement. If there are any 2-8 grade students that would still like to join, we have room! Please consider joining us at the next club meeting.

### Junior Choir

The next rehearsal will be Monday, November 18, from 3:45-4:30.

### SFNAZ Family Movie Night

This event is taking place tomorrow!!! Please view the flyer on the page 3 for a family movie night over at SFNAZ. If you have any questions, Mrs. Roth would be happy to answer them (509) 991-3488.

Get merch by clicking [here](#) or use the code! These items make AWE-SOME Christmas gifts...hint, hint!



## Upcoming Dates

### November

- 8 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 11 No School — Veterans Day
- 15 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 16 Everyone Outreach 9:30AM-3:30PM
- 17 Youth Group — Pattison's North 6-8PM
- 18 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 21 Basketball Info Meeting 3:45-4:15PM — Miss Rosenbaum's Room
- 22 DC Hot Lunch — Hot Dogs
- 23 Paint Night Fundraiser 4PM— Church Basement
- 25 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 27-29 No School — Thanksgiving Break



# *Christmas*

## PAINTING PARTY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD  
AT 4:00 PM

*Hosted by St. Matthew*

CHURCH BASEMENT  
6917 N COUNTRY HOMES BLVD  
ALL AGES WELCOME

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RESERVE YOUR SEAT BY NOVEMBER 16TH

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QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO  
KAYLA BIEBERT (715)402-0114 OR  
MICHELLE MOST (832)212-9102

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A GRAND ERA RETURNS:  
SILENT FILMS COME ALIVE



# Family Movie Night

**NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6:30PM**

**SPOKANE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZ**

THE SOUNDTRACK FOR THE MOVIES THAT NIGHT WILL RUMBLE THE VENUE THROUGH THE SKILLED PRESENTATION OF ONE PERSON PLAYING A MASSIVE THEATER ORGAN WITH THOUSANDS OF INSTRUMENTS JUST AS IT HAPPENED IN THE LIBERTY THEATRE IN SEATTLE IN 1914. THAT'S IT; THE MUSIC AND SOUND EFFECTS WILL ALL COME FROM ONE AMAZING INSTRUMENT.

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## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

It's a little shorter week, but yet SO much fun and learning in preschool! This week, the 4-year olds were able to paint their Indian vests and create their Indian necklaces. The 3-year olds finished their vests and some even worked on their Pilgrim collars. It's all about Thanksgiving this week!! We are getting ready for our Thanksgiving Feast so we can dress up as an Indian or a Pilgrim on our special day.

Today, we have an amazing program to celebrate our Veterans!! Thank you, Veterans, for your awesome service to our country!! THANK YOU!!!

We are still celebrating Thanksgiving in preschool!! Pumpkins are going to come down and handprint turkeys are going to go up!!! Just wait for it!! We have a new book in our Listening Center: "The Very Stuffed Turkey". We also have pattern blocks in our Math Center so the children can create a turkey, an Indian, a Pilgrim, or even the Mayflower ship with the blocks. SO FUN!!!! We still have our teepees in our Drama Center - a favorite of so many!!!

4-year old classroom parents, please sign up for our parent/teacher conferences. My aides and I have evaluated your child and I would like to sit down with you to share what we have observed. The sign up sheet is on my red cabinet. I am hoping we can keep it to 15 minutes - we'll see!! Please take some time to meet with me!! We will gain so much from this meeting!!

Please turn in your October Book It Reading Logs!! I will have a pizza coupon for you!! The November Reading Logs went home this week!! Please read to your child for 20 minutes each day and have them color in the picture!! More pizza is on its way at the end of the month!!

#### NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- \* **Christ Light Bible Story:** "God gives food to His people."
- \* **Bible Memory Verse:** The Fourth Petition "Give us today our daily bread."
- \* **Theme:** Thanksgiving
- \* **Letter of the Week:** "Ii"
- \* **Snack Person:** 3's AM Monroe 3's PM Penelope 4's AM Westley 4's PM Indie
- \* **Upcoming Events:** Nov. 8 NO SCHOOL  
Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL  
Nov. 18, 19 Brown Day  
Nov. 25, 26 Thanksgiving Feast  
Nov. 27, 28, 29 NO SCHOOL

Have a beautiful weekend with your family!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Reading-** We have been working on reading and writing color words. The kids are doing such an amazing job! Our sight words are still: like, am, I, the. Our new story for this week also includes "at". The kids are tapping words out on their arm to hear each individual sound. Ask them to tap out their sounds for you with: Sam, pat, tap, sap, mat, map.

**Coats/Jackets-** Students need to bring a jacket to school at least for first recess. Please make sure your child is prepared for the chilly mornings.

**Calendar-** Don't forget to check the school calendar and the front of the newsletter to keep up to date on any events and/or days off of school.

**Book it-** Please make sure you are reading to your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like. Some students are able to read already which is FANTASTIC but they still need to be read to.

#### Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
- Practice Memory Work. I have extra sheets if you need one.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

In ChristLight we are learning the amazing story of Joseph of the Old Testament and how even though he went through many hardships, God had a special plan to use Joseph to save many lives from starvation.

In Reading we are focusing on words with the short i sound, as in igloo. In Math we are starting our chapter on subtraction. In Writing we are learning about nouns. In Social Studies we are learning that 50 states make up our country, and all the land and water and countries make up the earth. In Science we are starting a unit on our five senses, and this week we focused on our sense of sight.

We have started practicing some songs for our Christmas program and working on the passages we will recite. Most of the kids

seem to enjoy singing the songs.  
God's blessings to you and your families. Have a great four day weekend!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 11/12 - Christmas recitation
- 11/14 - Christmas recitation
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Joseph Tests His Brothers; Joseph Forgives His Brothers) with your child during the weekend.

### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your November Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week, we will work on endings s, es. These are next week's words: hens, eggs, ducks, bikes, boxes, wishes, dresses, names, bells, stamps, dishes, grapes, jets, frogs, stitches, and fences.

### Extra Notes

- Math - We started chapter 4 which is going to focus heavily on adding two digit numbers.
- Reading - the kids got to read an informational text "Jellies: The Life of Jellyfish". We worked on identifying the words that make up a contraction which are their spelling words this week. Then we introduced base words and suffixes -er and -est.
- Science - this we learned about how animals adapt to their specific land habitats. The kids got to experiment with the blubber glove...you should ask them about it. We then started to talk about different water habitats.
- Writing - the kids have been working on homophones in the classroom. We created a matching game with over 20 different homophones. We also started to look at the different parts of a sentence - subject and predicate, complete thought or not, and so on.
- Social Studies - The kids got to finish their landform poster this week. They did a nice job throughout the unit, working on taking notes and gaining information about each different landform. We briefly started unit 3 which is going to talk about our working world. Our first lesson talked about what goods and services are.
- We can always use more paper plates and plastic utensils for our classroom. If you are able to donate some for our class, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

### Christlight/Memory Work

- 11/14 - 1 Peter 5:8 & The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer
- 11/15 - A Portion of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read this week's bible stories with your child (Jacob in Egypt & The Birth of Moses)

### Homework

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

### What are we learning?

- In math we are working on multiplication. The students have been working on flashcards to practice.
- In social studies we are learning about the Midwest. The states and capitals test will be next Tuesday.
- In reading we have started our new book Stone Fox
- In science we have been animals and their survival skills.
- We are working on lowercase cursive letters in handwriting.

### Extra Notes

- Please join us for the Veteran's Day service on November 7th at 8:45am.
- Make sure to send a coat with your child as it's getting a lot colder.

Have a great weekend!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

### In the Classroom:

**Word of God** - Up next is..... Moses!!! Through Moses' birth we learn how God moves in mysterious ways to perform his wonders. Ask your child about it, their understanding of it is an amazing blessing from the Lord too!

**Reading** - The unit on Greek Myths continues and our ability to write summaries and identify the main characters and their characteristics, and finding the lessons learned is improving.

**Math** - Multiplication has begun! This week we are working on understanding what multiplication is and how it works. The two biggest concepts this week are that multiplication is an equal group of items/numbers and that the multiplication symbol of "x" means "groups of" and NOT times. For example, 5 x 3 should be read as 5 groups of 3, and not 5 times 3.

**Science** - Our unit about space has begun! So far we have worked on learning the difference between rotation and revolution,

orbit, ellipse, axis, and why the tilt of the earth causes our seasons.

**Social Studies** - Our next chapter in Washington state history will be covering the explorers that came to the Pacific Northwest, including Lewis and Clark and all the fur traders.

### Extras

- 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.

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Camille, who says: "My student message is: Work hard everyday. It will really help your grade!"

In our Religion classes this week, we are learning about Joseph and the 4th Commandment. In Math classes, the topics are inequalities and expressions in 6th grade math and a division test for 5th grade. In Science, we are wrapping up our study of matter with a culminating project about chemical reactions. Students will have to design their own process to control the speed of a chemical reaction, either by slowing it down or speeding it up. In English, we are working on how to write better sentences, a skill we can use in Reading class as we spend our last week on our Hero's Journey narratives. Finally, in Social Studies class, we have begun our study of ancient Egypt, which coincides nicely with learning about Joseph in Egypt. (It's almost like someone plans these things.)

We have a field trip coming up on November 21st. We will be going to Northwest Connect to take a tour of the food bank and help with putting together food boxes for Thanksgiving. Look for a field trip permission slip to come home soon!

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 first lesson in Christlight went very well this week. The students have a lot of good questions and have question I cannot answer because I do not have the information. They seem very comfortable in our discussions so far. If you have any questions about the text we are using, I will happily give to a copy to look through.

The students have begun Christmas memory work and are working through the songs they will sing. What a joy it is to sing and talk about the birth of our Savior.

We completed Unit two in our science textbook. The student will take a unit test next week.

Remember this is a short week as well as next week. Enjoy the time with your children.

Mr. Z

### Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Differentiation

Our faculty has an in-service this Friday. Some of you may be wondering what we do during those days (there are two of them during the school year). Well, to be honest, we don't do anything.....jk. We always take time to grow both spiritually, professionally, and in our waist size. We usually start out the day with a more in depth Bible study led by pastor, and then we transition to a professional topic designed to help us grow and ultimately that we feel will benefit the kids at St. Matthew.

The professional topic that we are covering this time is on differentiation. Differentiation takes a look at each student as an individual and realizes that this student, not a standardized test; or content coverage, or anything else should drive the decision making of the classroom. Differentiation takes into account a student's different backgrounds, experiences, strengths, weaknesses, etc. and plays off them to help the child reach learning outcomes and grow.

I hope this topic is a benefit to our teachers, you, your children, and our school. While it is likely an inconvenience to you that your kids aren't at school, I appreciate you making it possible to allow us this opportunity to grow. Yes, we will have lunch together, and our waists will likely grow as well.

Thanks for the prayers and kind words that many of you have given towards Kayla and I about our move. We greatly appreciated it, and we are getting a lit bit more settled every day. God's blessings on your long weekend, and thank you to all our servicemen and women for the blessing that they are to us and our country.

## Spiritual but Not Religious

It is a common thing today for people to make the statement that they are spiritual but not religious. It is not difficult to understand some of the circumstances that can lead to this way of thinking. Perhaps the individual has been burned by churches in the past, and the bad experience has soured the individual on organized religion. Such an individual may be seeking to hold religion at arm's length to feel safe.

On the other hand, claiming to be spiritual but not religious can be nothing more than a claim to practice religion the way I want to practice religion so as not to have to answer to God or anyone else. It can perhaps be an issue of control, not even acknowledging that God is the captain of the ship. In any case, we are often reluctant to love God with all our souls.

To truly love God means to admit that spirituality it is not all about my feelings. Nor is it about what I want. To love God with all my soul is to give up control. It means to trust in someone else rather than myself. It means acknowledging that I don't have it all figured out and trusting someone

else to figure it out for me. This means putting ourselves out there and being vulnerable. To put it another way, loving God with all my soul means believing he is the only one who can safely guide my soul to heaven.

And let me assure you, God is worthy of that trust. He has demonstrated concern for our souls and a willingness to do whatever it takes to save them. He did this by keeping his promise to send his only Son to come into this world and to defeat sin, death, and the devil. A Son who would live, die, and rise again, all to ensure that our souls would be safe now and forever. Our souls are in good hands with God.

Love him with all your soul.

### Prayer:

Dear Father in heaven, help me to trust you to guide my soul to heaven. Help me to give up control and give me confidence to follow you today. Amen.

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Love the Lord your God with  
. . . all your soul.

**Deuteronomy 6:5**