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## School News

### Mission Offering

This quarter our chapel offerings are going to a WELS mission start up church in Seattle called Illume! So far, we have collected \$41.86. We will be giving to this mission church for all of 3rd quarter!

### Love Grams

Please stop by the church anytime today, tomorrow, or Monday to make a Love Gram for your students! The DC kids will deliver the sweet messages to the kiddos throughout the day! How sweet it is to get a little encouragement during the day from the people you love most!

### DC Trip!

At long last — the trip to Washington DC is happening! The 7-8 graders will be gone on this trip from February 15-22. Please pray for health and safety during this time away, as well as many wonderful opportunities to learn about the nation's history! Mr. Biebert is attending this trip as well, but should be reachable by cell phone (715)402-0094.

### Early Release

We are off school early tomorrow! Please plan to pick up your children by noon! Thank you! AM3 has no class, but PM3 will be in session.

### Mr. Biebert Has a Call

Mr. Biebert is still deliberating his call to Good Shepherd in Burton, MI. If you have any input you can offer during deliberation, please feel free to reach out to him in person, or via phone (715)402-0094 or email [principal@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:principal@stmatthewspokane.org)

Thank you for your continued prayers!

### Re-Enrollment

We have just under one week to enroll at the discounted prices! Please use this [link](#) to enroll your kiddos by **FEBRUARY 15!** If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Biebert! We are so excited to continue to grow our St. Matthew family!!! P.S. we have some super sweet St. Matt's items to give away after enrollment, so hurry in to get yours! Hopefully they will be available after the 15th!

### Auction Helpers

In your email, you should see an attachment with all the help we need for the upcoming auction. Please consider signing up to help in one of the ways listed. If you have questions, please contact Kayla Biebert (715)402-0114.

### Auction Tickets

The moment has almost arrived! Beginning February 15, our auction tickets will be for sale on our website, so be on the lookout for a link to buy tickets! Remember, tickets are \$60/person.

### Basketball

Today is the last game of this season. Please make sure to wash the uniforms and return them to Miss Rosenbaum by Friday, February 18. The end of the party will be taking place on February 24. The party will have a parent vs. player game followed by pizza. The party will take place from 3:45-5:30 at the Nazarene Church located 9004 N. Country Homes Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99218.

### 2/4 Cleaning

Biebert/Taasaas/Boys: Lee

Most/Rosenbaum/Girls: ???

### Tubing at Bear Creek Lodge

Tubing was SO. MUCH. FUN!!! We had a great time zooming down the hill and sharing hot chocolate and cookies. Thanks to everyone who attended this event, and to Holly Roberg and Pastor West for helping to coordinate this great event!

### Book Week

Our Book Week is coming up February 28-March 4. We will be having a book sale all week long — please start looking through your collection, and bring in any gently used books you are no longer reading! All books will be sold for \$0.50! More details of Book Week will be forthcoming.

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

Exciting news! Our church has approved the calling of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher for next year! This means that Miss Rosenbaum will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade only —and our younger grade classrooms will have space to continue to grow while still keeping class sizes smaller and more manageable! God is surely continuing to bless our school, and we are thrilled to be adding Mr. Metzger in grades 5-6, and a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher as well! Our first call meeting will be held on January 27 after church.

**EARLY RELEASE  
TOMORROW!  
NO AM3 PRESCHOOL**

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay (509.638.5361)

WHAT??? A week without a field trip!! A week without a party!! Sounds like a pretty "normal" week in preschool . . . but what a week it was!! On Monday and Tuesday, we had fun decorating our Valentine boxes for our Valentine exchange/party next week. This week, some of our classes had a great time having their hands painted and stamping them on a heart and some other classes were able to create the project, "I Love You to Pieces". What a great week filled with Valentine crafts!! So much FUN!!

Well, as you probably already guessed, we changed our Centers . . . AGAIN!!! I usually don't change our themes this often, but with so many things to celebrate, I just HAD to!! Our Math Center has foam heart puzzles. The children are able to match heart halves – matching the written number to the number of dots. Our Science Center has colored heart patterning and our Sensory Center has pink, purple and red water beads that the children can scoop out of the water and into bowls and then pour back into our big bucket. The children absolutely LOVE water play in our Sensory Center. And so do I!!

NO PRESCHOOL this Friday morning!! I will be doing some curriculum building in the morning. School will be in session as normal in the afternoon. Next week, Monday and Tuesday, we will have our Valentine's parties. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us!! Please feel free to have your child make a valentine for each friend in their class. We will have fun opening the valentines from our friends at the end of the day.

Next week we will be focusing on letter "Rr". Four year old classes, please bring an item from home for show 'n' tell that begins with the letter "Rr".

Our Bible verse we will review next week is I Peter 5:7 "God cares for you." We had this bible verse two weeks ago. What a great verse to remember!!

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! God's blessings to all of you!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

- Read 20 minutes each night with your child. They need to hear what a fluent reader sounds like as well as be reading to you. Add minutes to the Book it calendar. The January calendar should have been brought back by now.
- This week we have been working on the –en word family. Our new sight words are: have, want. Please review the words from last week: saw, said, eat.
- Growth Mindset Affirmation of the Week: I have grit! (repeat from last week)

#### Memory Work

**February 17-** God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7b

#### Valentine's Day

Don't forget to bring in your child's Valentine box on Monday. Please make sure the names on the valentines are easy for your child to read when they pass them out to their friends.

#### Snow gear

The snow is mostly gone. Our grassy playground is a mixture of mud, puddles of water and patches of ice. Your child does not need their snow pants unless we get any new fresh snow. If your child has rain boots you are more than welcome to send those, they might be a little more waterproof.

#### Auction

I sent home a note the other day with the item that you signed up to bring for the auction (or that I assigned you) please bring those items in as soon as possible, especially the flower pots so we can paint them. Mrs. Biebert needs lots of help to make the auction a success! Please consider signing up to help.

### 1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

#### Memory Work/Christlight

- Please note the incorrect dates in the memory work booklet. The dates below are the correct dates with the correct memory work.
- 2/15 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 2/17 - The First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child this weekend and sign and return the YELLOW sheet.

#### 1st Grade Homework

- Purple bookmark (Theme 6 Week 2) will be due February 14.
- Lightning Words (Theme 6-3) will be due February 18. Please return or a free pass will be used.
- Spelling test will be on February 11. Next week we are working on words with ay. These are the words for next week: day, say, play, may, way, stay, away, holiday, been, goes. Please help your child learn these words!
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

### 2nd Grade Homework

- Spelling test will be on February 11. Next week we are working on words with the “rabbit rule”. The “rabbit rule” is if there is one middle consonant after a short vowel in a 2 syllable word the middle consonant is doubled. These are the words for next week: rabbit, cotton, ladder, muffin, tennis, puppet, lesson, kitten, butter, letter, button, and rubber. Please help your child practice spelling these words.
- Read 20 minutes a day. Make sure to be adding your minutes to the Book It calendar.

### Extra Notes

- Happy 100th day of school TODAY! It was awesome to see all the creativity that was put into the shirts! Thank you for helping your child with this project!
- Our class is going to be putting together a movie night and game night themed basket. In order to put those baskets together, we need a few things donated. Please see the church entryway for a sign-up list. If you have something you think would be a good addition to either of the baskets please let me know!
- The Valentine’s party is on Monday! Please make sure to bring your Valentine’s box either tomorrow or on Monday. Also make sure to bring the items you signed up for on Monday, February 14. If you don’t remember please reach out to me! Thank you!

### 3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**Read for 20 minutes at home** - I’ve changed up how we are doing the Read for 20 minutes. Two days a week (Monday and Wednesday) we are having D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read) in class and three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday) the reading will be coming home along with a summary form to fill out and hand in on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

**Fluency** - We are really working hard on building our fluency. Please see the note and assignment sent home today for more details.

**Science** - We are studying the moon and its phases, stars and constellations, and the sun and planets of our solar system. Yesterday we made a star chart to use for finding the constellations in the nighttime sky for any night of the year! We have so many questions about it all! I love how interested they are in learning more about God’s beautiful creation!

**Social Studies** - We are wrapping up our chapter on “The Road to Statehood.” The test over the materials will be next Wednesday.

### Extra Notes

- **Valentines day mailbox and Party** - Don’t forget to be working on the mailbox for our party. Please bring the mailboxes to school on Monday, February 14th. Thank you to all those families who signed up to bring items for our party!
- **Assignment Notebook/Planner** - Please, please, please be sure you are checking and signing/initial your child’s planner each night. This informs me that you saw what they had for homework and that it was finished and you saw it! This is one of the best ways to communicate with me also if something is taking too long with your child’s homework or if there is a problem with an assignment if you can’t speak with me in person the next day.
- **Report Cards** - Please return the report card envelope as soon as possible to use it for future report cards this year.
- **Mark your Calendars - Grades 3-8 sing for church on Sunday, February 27 @ 10 AM.** This is a great opportunity to join us for worship and say thank you to the congregation for supporting your child’s education here at St. Matthew.
- **Book orders** were sent home today. If you would like to order books, please return the forms with the money or order online by Wednesday, February 16.
- **Love grams** - Don’t forget to swing by the church from 8:15-3:45 to make your child a valentine card to be delivered to them while at school! It brings such joy to their faces to receive a surprise card from a loved one! The suggested donation is \$1 unless otherwise noted.
- **Extra clothes** - With the melting snow and the construction that is taking place, our playground field is a bit wet and muddy. I would suggest having your child place an extra pair of clothes (pants for sure) in a ziploc bag in their backpack. It is slick out there and we’ve had at least 4-5 of us go down in the wetness or mud each day.

Have a blessed week in the Lord!

### 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

Next week is the D.C. trip. Mrs. Roberg will be subbing during the week. This should make for a somewhat normal week for the 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders as far as education is concerned. There are many wonderful opportunities to learn already planned for next week.

Here is next week’s memory work:

Monday 2/14-Matthew 7:7, Matthew 28:20b; Wednesday: 2/16-Romans 4:25; Thursday: 2/17-Lord’s Prayer song; Friday: 2/18-Ephesians 3:20a, 2 Timothy 4:18a

Cruelty is a word to describe how both indentured servants and slaves were treated in the New World. We got the opportunity to read some slave diaries that describe the slaves’ experience in being captured, traveling on the boat, and working in the new world.....cruelty. However, the colonists looked at slaves as an important part of their economy. Next week we will continue to look at the colonial economy as well as start another map section of the U.S.

The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders are researching a battle of the Civil War which they will present on Monday next week. I can't wait!

We are to the end of our characteristics and needs chapter in science. So, D.C. kids will need to take their test on Monday. All the 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders are also welcome to take their test on Monday, otherwise they can take the test on Tuesday.

Don't forget that there is a Valentines party on Monday. The students have gotten instructions from Mrs. Schultz as far as what to bring.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. It has been soooo nice to not only get some warmer weather, but to see light earlier in the day and the darkness coming later into the night. God Bless!

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## Because Jesus Says So

Can you imagine the scene? Jesus had just finished teaching crowds of people, using Simon's boat as an impromptu stage. Now he taught Simon how to fish. The problem was that Simon was a professional fisherman, and Jesus was not.

Jesus told him to put out into the deep water during the day. But Simon knew that the best time to fish was the evening and that the best place to throw your nets was in the shallow water. In fact, Simon had labored with all his skill all night long and caught nothing. And now Jesus wanted him to drop his nets again at a less favorable time. It didn't make any sense.

But there was something about Jesus that caused Simon to take him at his word. And so, he said to Jesus, "...because you say so, I will let down the nets." Jesus' word has authority and power. Because Jesus is the almighty Son of God, he filled the nets with fish to their breaking point.

The miracle taught Simon to always trust Jesus'

word. This would be important when Simon began doing the important work of what Jesus called "catching people." You see, after this miracle, Jesus called Simon to fish for people. Jesus' word is what catches people for him by bringing them to faith, and now Simon knew the power of Jesus' word.

Do you? Christianity has been spreading and growing for millennia, not by human skill or technique, but by the word of Jesus. It may seem strange or go against your expectations for how God should work,

but because Jesus says so, trust in his word to do the job. He will not let you down!

### Prayer:

Jesus, help me to always trust your word. Amen.

When [Jesus] had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

**Luke 5:4-6**