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School News

Basketball

B team players - please return your uniform washed to Miss Rosenbaum by next Friday - March 7. A team players/parents - information will be sent out (via remind) tomorrow about the league tournament next Monday and Tuesday. Parents, please continue to communicate with your child's teacher if you plan to take siblings out of school early for the games. Thank you!

Softball/Track & Field

Softball sign up sheets will be in the 5-8 grade classrooms all of next week. Track and Field sign up sheets will be in the 4-8 grade classrooms next week too. If you are interested in helping out with track, please let me know as soon as possible. Please make sure your child signs up if they are interested. Also note this is just to see who is interested. Details about each sport are not finalized. As of now, there will be an informational meeting on March 18 at 3:45 in Miss Rosenbaum's classroom.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will meet on March 3 @ 3:45 pm in Mrs. Most's classroom. We will be singing for Ash Wednesday Service @ 3:45 pm on Wednesday, March 5. The students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3:20 and head over to the church's balcony to warm-up and get ready for the service. Please speak with Mrs. Most if you have any questions.

Thanks for Singing!

Thanks to everyone for showing up in church last Sunday! We had a wonderful turnout and the second and third graders sang beautifully!

Pokemon Club

Happy World Pokemon day!! The Pokemon club will be meeting on Friday, March 14 @ 3:45 in the church's basement.

Used Book Sale

All week next week we will be hosting our book sale in the church! Most books will be sold for \$0.50 — what a deal! Please stop over to see the selection sometime next week.

Ash Wednesday

Please join us for an Ash Wednesday worship service, Wednesday, March 5th right after school in the sanctuary. Christians have observed this service of repentance celebrated for nearly 1000 years, and it is a way to model humility for your kids. Putting ashes on your forehead is optional.

Call Updates

Mr. Metzger has accepted his call to Fort Atkinson, WI. We wish him and his family God's continued blessings during this change. Mr. Metzger will continue to fulfill his call until the end of June, meaning he will still be here for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Rosenbaum received a call to Palm Coast, FL. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as well!

Enrollment Issues, Etc.

We are SO SO THANKFUL for all you wonderful parents for being patient in dealing with all the issues of switching platforms so gracefully. Thank you for your kindness and understanding. As we begin to send out tuition agreements in the coming months, please continue to let us know if any issues arise on your end. We are so appreciative!

Tuition Agreements & Payments

As I mentioned above — things have been a bit confusing with TADS and Jupiter. Please note — your registration for the upcoming year was processed through Jupiter; however, payments for THIS school year will still be processed through TADS. So, if you make monthly tuition payments, they will still be processed through TADS until your payment plan is paid in full. The total change to Jupiter will not take place until the summer or whenever you make tuition payments for the upcoming year (2025-2026). Again, we ask if you have any questions, please reach out and we will do our best to answer! :))

Drama Club Performance

Our drama club will be performing "Lighten Up!" in the church sanctuary tomorrow, February 28 at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Dates

February

- 27 B Team Basketball Party — Naz Gym 4-5:10PM
- 27 A Team Basketball Practice 4-5:30PM
- 28 "Lighten Up!" Dress Rehearsal 10:50-11:50AM
- 28 "Lighten Up!" Performance 6-7PM

March

- 3-7 Used Book Sale
- 3-7 Spirit Week!
- 3-4 Basketball Tournament — Times TBD
- 3 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 5 Lutheranism Intro 2:30-3:30PM
- 5 Ash Wednesday Church 3:45PM — Junior Choir Sings
- 6 A Team Basketball Practice 4-5:30PM
- 10 Junior Choir 3:45-4:30PM — Mrs. Most's Room
- 11 A Team Basketball Practice 4-5:30PM
- 12 Lenten Worship 3:45PM
- 13-15 Junior Eagle Classic — A Team
- 14 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement

Spirit Week Upcoming

Please take a look at the next page to view our upcoming spirit week days! Happy prepping!

Science Competition

If you keep a hard copy of the yearly school calendar, you may notice that there is a science competition scheduled on there for March 13th. Due to the conflicting Junior Eagle Classic basketball tournament, we are rescheduling this competition to April 17th in the morning. Your child will be getting more information regarding this in the coming days.

Vacant Teaching Positions

Many of you have had questions regarding what the next school year is going to look like, and understandably so. Please head to page 6 — Mr. Biebert tries to address some of the concerns there. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have anything on your mind throughout this period of change; we plan to keep you as informed as we can!

Chapel Offering

Please continue to bring in your offerings to help support our Canadian mission! All your money helps support the pastor there in spreading the gospel.

SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 3-7

MON

CRAZY HAIR
DAY

TUE

HAT
DAY



WED

WILD WEST
DAY

THU

CLASS
COLORS DAY

FRI

HAWAIIAN
DAY

PREK - GREEN 3 - RED
K - BLUE 4 - BLACK
1 - PURPLE 5-6 - ORANGE
2 - PINK 7-8 - BROWN



Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Can you believe we changed our theme and our centers AGAIN??? Last week, we briefly covered our Presidents' Theme. But now, we are moving onto our Fire Safety Theme for two weeks. This is such a practical hands-on theme for the kids. There are so many great things to learn and so many great things to remember if EVER we might be in a fire situation. We talked about and practiced SO many wonderful things this week: Call 911 in an emergency, Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothes catch on fire, and even Stay Low and Go if there is smoke in a room. Your children can share even more that they learned!! Ask them!!

Our Art Center has a picture of a white dog that the children can add black spots with a Q-tip and black paint. Voila - a fire dog!! We have a fire house in our Drama Center. The children can move the furniture around, play with the firefighters and push the fire trucks all around. A very popular center this week!! The Sensory Center has a bin of crinkled paper - red, orange and yellow. Many fire safety items are hidden in the "flames" that the children need to find. Great new centers!! Great new FUN!!

Wednesday was our Career Day!! We had two wonderful speakers who shared their career experiences with us!! What a treat!! What a great day!!

We have an upcoming field trip to a local Fire Station next week Monday and Tuesday. Please look for our Field Trip information in your child's paper tray. We would love parent drivers for this event, too!! This is a field trip you won't want to miss!! Thanks for your help!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christ Light Bible Story: "Jesus Heals Ten Sick Men."

Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 118:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

Theme: Fire Safety

Letter of the Week: "Tt"

Snack Person: 3's AM Blair 3's PM Navie 4's AM Zeke 4's PM Rocky

Upcoming Events: Mar. 3, 4 Fire Station Field Trip

Mar. 3 - 7 Spirit Week

Mar. 3 - 7 Used Book Sale - Church's Basement

Mar. 6 Otto is reading to the children 1:00-2:00

Mar. 19 - 21 NO SCHOOL Teachers' Conference

Mar. 27 - NO AM PRESCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

Have a great weekend!! God's blessings to all of you!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

XtraMath- I have noticed a HUGE improvement from the students who are doing XtraMath on a regular basis. They are no longer using their fingers to add. It's so exciting to see what consistency can do. Please continue to have your child work on this a minimum of 3 days a week.

Short e booklet- I sent this home in your child's yellow folder last week. Please make sure they are reading these words to you. They should be able to read them without sounding out each individual letter.

Science Showcase- Information will be going home tomorrow in your child's yellow folder. Most of the work will be done in class but you are required to provide the materials. Once you have read through all of the information please reach out to me with any questions. It is important that you pay attention to deadlines so that your child is prepared.

Book Bracket- We have started a book bracket in our classroom. This is a fun way to introduce the kids to new books as well as help them think about why they like or don't like a book. Check in every once in a while to see which books have progressed on.

Book it calendar- The February calendar is due Monday, March 3. Please put it in your child's yellow folder that Monday. A new calendar for March will go home tomorrow in your child's folder.

Utensils for lunch- Lots of students have been asking for utensils at lunch time. I have a personal stash for myself that I have occasionally been allowing students to use but please make sure you pack the necessary items for your child's lunch. Utensils will no longer be given out.

Nightly homework:

- Have your child read with you for 20 minutes. Fill out the Book it calendar.
- Read the short a and short e booklet as a review.
- Memory work
- XtraMath

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

This week in ChristLight we learned the story of how God used Samson to help the Israelites, and also the story of Ruth and how committed she was to her mother-in-law. In Reading we learned about reading and spelling words with oo, as in good or look, as well as compound words like rainbow and mailbox. In Math we practiced adding three numbers together. In Writing we learned about complete sentences. In Music we learned about high and low pitches, and in Spanish we are learning the Lord's Prayer, as well as days and months.

Next week there will be used books for sale in the church basement. Books are only 50 cents each!

Our Memory Work for next week is "The Ninth and Tenth Commandments: You shall not covet." (This is a paraphrase.)

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

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 3/4 - Mark 16:16
- 3/6 - John 8:47a
- Please read the Bible story from this week (Samson; Samson's Sin and Death) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your March Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we will be working on prefixes re- and un-. These are the words for next week: unhappy, retell, untangle, unkind, repaint, refill, unlike, remake, unpack, reread, unlock, replay, read, happy, rewrite, overheard. The spelling test will be Friday, March 7.

Extra Notes

- Math - we worked on counting on by 1s, 10s, 100s. We also started to work on regrouping when adding hundreds together.
- Reading - The kids got to read a narrative fiction story called, "A Goat in the Rug." This told a story of a weaver and her goat who lived in the Navajo Nation at Window Rock, Arizona. We talked about the details in a story that helped lead us to the conclusion. Then we worked on suffixes -ly and -ful. We also reviewed what compound words are.
- Writing - the kids finished their simple personal narratives this week. We introduced our next unit which will be the informational writing unit. The kids got to do a book walk to see what animal they want to research for this unit.
- Science - we have started to dive into each planet. This week, we learned about Mercury and Venus.
- Social Studies - we talked about people were brought to America to be slaves. We learned about Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Tubman who helped to end slavery. Then we learned about pioneers who lead the way into a land they didn't know.
- Thank you to those who came to church on Sunday to hear the kids sing. They sounded wonderful!
- February Book It Calendars are due on Monday, March 3. March calendars will be in your child's orange folder tomorrow!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 3/4 - Matthew 7:7 & Ephesians 6:1
- 3/6 - The Fourth Commandment
- 3/7 - The Fifth Commandment
- Please read these Bible stories with your child (Ruth's Faith & God Blesses Ruth)

Homework

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

What are we learning?

- In math we are talking about customary units of measurement.
- In social studies we are talking about famous people. If your child doesn't have a book on their famous person, they need to get one by next Monday 3/5. Thank you.
- In reading we started our new book, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.
- In writing we are learning about subject and verb agreement.
- We have started our upper case letters in handwriting, and are close to finishing the book.

Extra Notes

- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- New spelling words will be in your child's Friday folder. Please be working through them with your child.
- March calendars will be going home in your child's Friday folder, please turn in February reading calendars next Monday.
- Our next field trip will be on April 16th, more details to follow.

God blessings on your weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are two of my favorites that come from one of my favorite books of the Bible, 13A - Ruth's Faith and 13B - Ruth and Boaz. These lessons are a great reminder we to us to select friends who love God and encourage us in our faith!

Reading - We have begun reading our newest novel, Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary! She is one of my favorite authors and she hails from the Pacific Northwest! She grew up in Portland, OR and attended the University of Washington. She was even a librarian in Yakima, WA for a year!

Math - Our test over the Measurements chapter was on Tuesday. Tomorrow will be a test over chapter 11 - Perimeter, Area, & Volume.

Science - We have begun our final unit on physical science with the study of sound and light. Straws can make some very interesting duck call sounds. Ask your 4th grader how.

Soc. St. - Government is the focus of our news chapter. We are focusing on the levels of government and what are the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government? Mr. Casey will be coming in next week Thursday to speak with us about bills, laws, and government.

Extras

- I am slowly, but surely updating grades on Jupiter. It may take a couple of days for any late/missing work to be removed. I am trying to keep it current on the most recent class assignments, especially since we have had so many absences due to sickness. As I have extra time, I catch up on any late work that has been handed in. If you see anything that is concerning, please reach out to me so we can solve it together. Thank you!
- Just a reminder that any corrected work that comes home can be reviewed and corrected and handed back in for a revised grade. Please do so in a timely manner and have your child hand in directly to me/my desk.
- Book it calendars are due on Monday, but may be turned in on Friday if they have all their minutes completed. The new calendar will be sent home today or Friday.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Our student message of the week comes from Trentin who says "Um, Jack's the most OG guy I have ever met in my life and Mr. Metzger is the best teacher." I think that's a compliment to you, Jack, and I appreciate the compliment Trentin.

In our classes this week, we continued our study of Judges with a look at the life and service of Samson, as well as a continued look at the 7th Commandment. In Math class, both grades took tests on multiplying and dividing fractions, as well as our last round of the MLC Meet Math competition we are in. Feel free to check out the standings by searching for MLC Meet Math online. We are in section B-6. In Science class, we are continuing our study of what evolution theorists believe about fossils, and comparing those beliefs to what Creation theorists believe about fossils. In English, we finished up our study of pronouns with an assessment. In Reading, we are working toward the end of our literature circle study time. Finally, there was no Social Studies this week due to our special class schedule. We will continue our yearly pattern next week by not having Science during our special class schedule.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to me about accepting my Call. It feels a little bit like saying goodbye to go over all of it now, so since I'm staying through the end of the school year, I think I'm going to wait to do a more comprehensive message about it. Just know that you all mean a lot to me, and I'm going to miss teaching your children and working with you parents very, very much. I'm looking forward to doing some fun things before the school year is over, including some things I've never tried before! God willing, we will have a great conclusion to what has been a very blessed school year.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Please refer to My Planbook whenever your child is absent from school. This way they can keep up with their assignments.

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

This week we studied how God wants us to respond to those who put us down because of our faith. The students will learn that the way they present their faith can have a positive or negative impact on those that don't understand why we have the hope we do. The memory work passages they learned this week reinforces this idea - 1 Corinthians 1:18, Romans 1:16.

The seventh-grade math class continues to work with percents. This week they worked through percent of increase and decrease, sales tax, discounts and markups. By Friday they will have had a lesson on commission as well. One way to reinforce these concepts is by taking your child to the store and have them figure out the percent off of clearance items.

This week the students have begun Chapter 10 in History class. They have learned about early exploration and discovery in the 1700's, traveled to Australia and New Zealand and will land on the islands of the Pacific by the end of the week. How exciting to travel the world without leaving home.

In Science they continued their study of Arthropods. They have learned about small creatures such as the centipede and millipede, the often times dreaded arachnids, and other such insects that are beneficial to their environment. By the end of the week, they will begin to review the material taught and study for a test sometime next week.

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The students have completed their personal narratives and I am now going through them to show them how to edit content. They have begun lessons on Editing for Mechanics. This includes the different uses of capitalizations within writing.

"I know I handed it in! Oops – wrong box."

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Filling Our Vacant Teaching Positions

I am sure some of you are wondering what the plan is for the upcoming 5-6 grade vacancy as well as the upcoming 1st grade vacancy. I wish for both of these situations it was as easy as having the immediate answer. However, keep in mind that with the way our synod (WELS) operates and moves teachers is through a Calling process. This process is certainly unique, but it gives teachers the wonderful opportunity to evaluate their gifts in keeping with their current calling body's mission as well as with the mission and vision of the school that is calling them to teach. This process has worked for our synod in not only giving structure, but in helping teachers to work through issues with each other rather than jumping right to the next job opportunity. It also helps a teacher get established and get a feel for ministry at their current calling as any new teacher to our schools cannot receive a call for a minimum of three years, unless there are extreme circumstances that make it necessary to receive a call earlier.

While there are many benefits, there certainly are obvious challenges to the school where a teacher takes a call from, and there are challenges to the parents who send their kids to that school. The challenge for the school is that we typically find out about the same time as you parents when a teacher is taking a call. This leaves us having to be a little reactive to job openings vs. having a plan in place immediately after finding out a teacher is taking the call. The other challenge is that our church is responsible for funding the school ultimately. Choosing to keep the school open on a given year means that our church is responsible for funding the teachers and paying for all the expenses regardless of how many students choose to enroll. So, this also poses a challenge, because our school is not self-supporting. I would consider our tuition very reasonable, because our church ultimately wants to make it affordable. The church plans every year to subsidize the operating costs of the school, but we obviously can't go into debt over it. So this also plays into many decisions with staff. Questions like: Will there be solid numbers of students available to help pay for the teaching position that we call for? This requires lots of faith, because often times we have students enrolling into the summer, yet staffing decisions need to be decided before then in preparation for the upcoming school year.

All of this being said, we first and foremost want to make sure that our school families are getting our best. So, sometimes those decisions take a little time due to figuring out what our numbers will look like and balancing that out with our church budget, qualifications, etc. The school board will be having many meetings in the next few weeks regarding what filling these vacancies will look like. We will let our school families know as soon as we have a plan we feel confident in moving forward. Ultimately this whole process takes trust, which I know is never easy. The beautiful thing is that when we go to our merciful God in prayer and put our trust in him, that he is the one leading. This takes the pressure off looking to sinful men for all the answers and for our leadership, because this is bound for failure.

If you have questions along the way, feel free to reach out to myself, Tony Diaz, Mark Gaulke, or Todd Foxall (our Board of Education) with any questions you may have. We will try to answer your questions as best as we can with the information available to us. Please keep all of us in your prayers as well, as we will likely have to make some difficult decisions moving forward that will God-willing be in the best interests of everyone involved.

God Bless your weekends! The weather looks amazing. I hope to dust the boat off and get her in the water this weekend.

The Golden Rule

It's known as the "Golden Rule" because it's supposed to be the standard to live by. But it's amazing how often we misread or misapply the words of Jesus. The Golden Rule isn't meant to be a compromise, "I'll do this if you do that." It's not a reciprocal response to someone else's actions. Rather, it's proactive, "Do to others..." In other words, we are to make the first move. "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Taking the first step is not an easy thing. When we're the new kid in the class or the new neighbor on the block, it's easy to expect people to welcome us. But instead of waiting to be welcomed, the Golden Rule leads us to reach out to our neighbors and see how we can help them.

But it's so hard to take the first step! Yes, it is. But aren't we grateful that's what God did for us! When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, it was God who made the first move as he promised to send a Savior. When we were born in sin, it was God who made the first move, as he called us by the gospel. It was God who made the first move in hav-

ing a relationship with us as he foreknew from all eternity. Knowing that God made the first move in showing us his love, may now lead us to make the first move to "do to others as we would have them do to us."

Prayer:

Lord, help us to see that the Golden Rule is not a response to what others have done for us, but rather an opportunity to show love to others as you have done to us. Amen.

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[Jesus said] "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31