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School News

Chapel Offering Update

Our chapel offering total is at \$149.91. Please continue to bring your offerings on Thursdays. Thanks!

Basketball

Next week Tuesday (2/11), both A and B team have games at Palisades. On Thursday (2/13), A team has a game against Christian Heritage, while B team has no practice or game. See the google calendar for times. 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!

Love Grams

Once again we will be selling Love Grams this year! Parents, this is a fun way to show your child some love during the school day. Students can also make cards for their friends and classmates. Here's how it works: stop by the church February 10-14 from 8am-3:45pm, make a Love Gram (make sure to include who it's for!) and drop it in the box with your child's grade level. The cards will be delivered each day at 10:30 to am preschool and 12:30 to the grade school and pm preschool. All money raised will go toward our technology fund. We would like to update many of our Chromebooks.

Lutheranism Intro Class

This class begins next week! Speak with Pastor West to find a time that works for you! (509)217-9617

Junior Choir

Junior Choir will meet on February 10 @ 3:45 pm in Mrs. Most's classroom. We will be singing for Ash Wednesday Service @ 3:45 pm on Wednesday, March 5.

Early Release Tomorrow!

Class will be dismissed at noon tomorrow, and there is no AM3 preschool.

Call Updates

No new updates — the Metzger's and the Biebert's are still holding calls and could use your continued prayers!

Pokemon Club

The Pokemon club will be meeting on Friday, February 21 @ 3:45 in the church's basement.

Used Book Sale

We will be having our annual used book sale March 3-7. Please donate your gently used books February 7-21! You can drop books off in your child's classroom. We need books for all ages! Books will be sold for \$0.50 each and the money raised will go toward updating novels, picture books, and purchasing audio versions of some of our books.

Lost and Found

Please take one last look at the lost and found — located outside Miss Taa-saas' room. The items left will be donated tomorrow after school. Thank you!

Snow Clothes

With the recent snow and cold weather coming up, now is a good time to remind everyone to bring your winter gear! Stay warm out there, people!

Re-Enrollment

If you have been reading Jacob's principal section, you may be somewhat aware, but we are officially planning to switch to JupiterEd for our tuition management platform. This will not be without some kinks, so please bear with us as we make this transition. Our plan is to begin re-enrolling on February 10th. Please stay posted, and reach out if you have any questions at all!

Just a reminder that re-enrollment will be discounted for the first two weeks, so until February 24th.

Upcoming Dates

February

- 6 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM
- 6 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 7 Early Release/NO AM3 Preschool
- 10-14 Love Grams Fundraiser!
- 10 Junior Choir — Mrs. Most's Room 3:45-4:30PM
- 11 Basketball Games — B Team @ Palisades 3:00PM / A Team @ Palisades 4:30PM
- 12 Lutheranism Intro Class 2:30-3:30PM / 3:40-4:40PM
- 12 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 13 Basketball Game — A Team vs. Christian Heritage 4:00PM
- 13 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 15 A & B Teams — Basketball Games @ Whitworth
- 17 No School — President's Day
- 18 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 19 Lutheranism Intro Class 2:30-3:30PM / 3:40-4:40PM
- 19 Drama Club 3:30-5:30PM — Church Basement
- 20 Basketball Practice — A Team 4-5:30PM / B Team 4-5:10PM
- 20 Adult Basketball 5:30-6:30PM
- 21 DC Hot Lunch
- 21 Pokemon Club 3:45-5:00PM — Church Basement
- 23 Grades 2-3 Sing in Church — 10AM

Early Release Tomorrow

NO AM PRESCHOOL

Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

WHAT?? Another great week in preschool!! We had the time of our life!!

Monday and Tuesday were focused on our "P" Party Day!! We wore pajamas, brought in pillows, stuffies and blankets, ate pancakes and even had a parade!! What an amazing "P" Day we had!! SO much FUN!!

The rest of the week was focused on our 5 Senses and Valentine's Day. We had fun creating our Valentine boxes by decorating them with stickers. Can't wait until our Valentine's Party!! Some of the classes had fun with their 5 senses. They can share with you the joy we had with some special treasures under the tables. They got to feel things with only their toes. One of our senses - touch!! They had fun guessing what they felt with these toes!! Great Fun!!

Now that we are talking about our 5 senses, our centers have changed!! Our Drama Center has an eye doctor station. Our sense of sight!! The children can try on new glasses, have an eye check up by a "doctor" and even see if they like their new glasses. Our Art Center isn't really demonstrating art, but has a Mystery Box. The children can use their sense of touch to feel what is hidden in the box. Without looking, they get to feel what is in this Mystery Box. Can they guess correctly?? A bear, a block, a marble, what is in this box?? We now have gel beads (or orb beads as some call them) in our Sensory Center. The children are able to scoop them out of the water and place them in a bowl. We literally have bouncing orb beads everywhere!! What a job to pick them up!!

We are having a great time in preschool with all of the fun activities around us!! More fun next week with our senses of taste and smell!! Wait and see!!

NEXT WEEK IN PRESCHOOL:

Christ Light Bible Study: "Jesus Calms the Storm"

Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble."

Theme: Five Senses

Letter of the Week: "Qq"

Snack Person: 3's AM Jonas 3's PM Penelope 4's AM Westley 4's PM Hallie

Upcoming Events: Feb. 7 No AM 3's Class - Teacher Work Day
Feb 10 Pink/Red Day
Feb 11 Pink/Red Day
Feb 13 Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
Feb. 18 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In Service Day
Feb. 19 Kindergarten Visit Day
Feb. 26 Career Day
Mar. 3, 4 Fire Station Field Trip

Have an amazing weekend with your family. Can't wait to see you next week!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Literature Bags- Please make sure you are doing an inventory of the bags when you bring them home on Thursdays. Notify me if you notice anything is missing.

Report cards- I still have not received all of the report card envelopes. Please return them ASAP.

XtraMath- I sent home your child's login information on Tuesday. Please have your child work on their math facts a minimum of 3 days a week. This is going to increase their fact fluency.

Class donations- Our prize box is running low on items. If you are able to donate anything the kids would appreciate it.

Nightly homework:

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

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Happy 100th Day of School!

Today we took a break from some of our regular classes to do activities for the 100th day of school, such as putting together puzzles of hundred charts, finding 100 pennies mixed in rice, and building towers with 100 plastic cups.

Next week Friday is Valentine's Day! In the afternoon, Grayson's mom will help us do a craft, and we will exchange Valentine's cards

and treats. There are 12 students in our class: Hannah, Josey, Joseph, Nate, Grayson, Ellany, Norman, Jamison, Allie, Brandon, Ava, and Paul. We do have one gluten free student, so if you're able to bring any gluten free candy for that person, that would be appreciated. Thank you!

In ChristLight we learned the story of how God made the sun stand still so the Israelites could defeat their enemies. In Reading we are learning how ai and ay make the long a sound, as in main and play. In Math we are finishing up our chapter on place value and will start a new chapter on expanding our addition facts. In Science we finished up our unit on our five senses, and in Social Studies we learned about transportation.

Our Memory Work for next week is The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. (Don't worry, I will keep the explanation kid-friendly.:)

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

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 2/11 - Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2/13 - Luke 18:27
- Please read the Bible story from this week (The Fall of Jericho; Achan's Sin) with your child during the weekend.

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day. Add your minutes to your February Book-It Calendar.
- Spelling: next week we will focus on "er". Here are the words for next week: father, over, under, herd, water, verb, paper, cracker, offer, cover, germ, master, fern, ever, remember, feather. The spelling test will be next week Friday, February 14.

Extra Notes

- Math - we wrapped up chapter 7 - which focused on money and time. We got started on our next chapter focusing on place value.
- Reading - The kids got to read "Dex: A Heart of a Hero". We worked on the phonics skill of or/ore. We got to make a Venn diagram to help understand the characters in the story. Then, we talked about the meaning of the prefix over-.
- Writing - this week, we worked on writing letters. The kids got to write a letter to someone that could potentially turn into their pen pal at school.
- Science - we got to talk about how people can change the land on Earth and how we can protect Earth's land and water. The kids got to take a unit test to see what they learned. Then we began our next unit on talking about space and weather.
- Social Studies - we finished up our unit on our country this week. We introduced the next unit which is going to be discovering our past. We talked about America's first people.
- Valentine's Day is next Friday. See the remind that was sent out a few weeks ago for more details about it. If you are donating some prizes for the event, please make sure to bring those on Monday, February 10. Thank you!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Christlight/Memory Work

- 2/11 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 2/13 - Mark 16:15
- 2/14 - The First Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read the two bible stories with your child (God Gives Israel the Promised Land & The Israelites Turn Away From God)

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 started our new chapter on recording data. This chapter uses pictographs, mean and median, combinations, and probability.
- We will be starting our new book next week in reading class.
- In social studies we have been talking about the Midwest and its severe climates.
- In science we have been talking about forces and interactions. Students have been coming up with daily examples of objects that will stick to a magnet and will later do an experiment with different types of magnets.

Extra Notes

- Please continue to check with your child about any homework they have to complete.
- We will be doing a valentines exchange on February 14th. Please decorate a shoebox or a cereal box for your valentines. We have 16 kids in the class, so please make a valentine for everyone.
- Please turn in January reading calendars ASAP.
- Remember that we have a half day this Friday!

Blessings on your weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Happy 100th Day of School! I can't believe it's been that long already!

In the Classroom:

Word of God - Our lessons for this week are 10A - Peace and Prosperity in the Promised Land and 10B - Israel Loses God's Blessings.

Reading - Snow Treasure was such an enjoyable book! So much action and suspense!

All our books for the book report should be finished, if not I have reached out to you to make a plan to get it finished as soon as possible. The book report is due next Wednesday, February 12.

Math - Measurements is the topic of our newest chapter. We are working hard on converting customary measurements and then will work on metric conversions.

Extras

- Valentine's Day is approaching quickly, so I have sent home a note with a list of the children's names for filling out valentine's day cards. There is also a note about making a Valentine's day mailbox at home.
- Valentine's Day Party sign up list is just inside the door during drop off in the morning and will be outside the door at pickup time.
- **Snowy Weather & Recess** - Please remember to send gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants to school with your child if they want to play in the snow during recess. Your child may also bring a sled to use during recess. They need to sit on the sled and not sled head first. Please make sure your child's name is on the sled, and it must go home on Friday. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged sleds left overnight or over the weekend.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

This week's student message comes from Claire who says "Kids! Stop flirting!" Love is in the air with Valentine's Day around the corner.

In our classes this week, we are studying the Israelite conquest of Canaan and wrapping up the 6th Commandment in Religion class. In Math, the 5th graders are getting ready for a test on multiplying fractions, while the 6th graders are just diving into that same skill. In Science, we have reached the end of our "forces" unit with a lab building electromagnets (one of the groups made one so powerful they melted the plastic on their battery!) We will next be starting a unit on origins of life and an introduction to biology. In English class, we finished up our unit on nouns with an assessment, and will be learning about pronouns next. In Reading class, students read their monologues out loud to the class as a culminating activity, and will be starting a completely different model for class with our upcoming literature circle unit. Finally in Social Studies, we are looking at the civilizations of ancient India.

That literature circle unit is something that's pretty different, so I thought I'd explain a bit here. Students will let me know their preferences from a variety of novels that we have at school. Once I receive their preferences, I'll sort them into groups based on their interests, reading ability, and group compatibility. I'm hopeful that I will be able to let them know their assigned book by Thursday, or Friday at the latest. Then, with their group, they will create a reading schedule to plan out how much of the book they will read each day. They will also create an assignment schedule, sharing the academic duties on a rotating basis so each student gets to practice a different skill each day. After 15 school days, their books should be completed, and they will have a week to work on a presentation to the class. We will finish the unit with those presentations.

Thank you to those who have reached out regarding my call. I'm continuing to struggle with it. You've been a big part of creating an amazing work environment for me here, and I appreciate all of you more than you realize. Thank you for your continued partnership in the education of your children and your support of our Gospel-sharing ministry.

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>

In Bible study this week we discussed what to say when people don't trust in Jesus as their Savior. The students learned that it isn't easy to talk to someone who doesn't trust that Jesus did everything God demands of us for us. They learned that the first thing they must tell a person is they are a sinner just like themselves and they need a Savior too. Once a person acknowledges their sin then you can tell them the Gospel message that Jesus took all of their sins away on the cross. He took on the punishment that God demanded of them because he loves them. The memory work they had this week gives the students the tools to tell others of their sin and the good news of the Savior – Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, 1 John 2:2.

This week the seventh-grade math class continued their study of ratios and proportions. During the week they covered such topics as – indirect measurements, inverse proportions and dimensional analysis to convert measurements. They also began reviewing the concepts taught in this unit to prepare them for a test next week.

The students had completed chapter eight in History class last week and were given a study guide earlier this week to prepare them for the test they took on Thursday. They have started the next chapter that covers such topics as the "The Age of Absolutism" under the rule of King Louis XIV and the "The Age of Revolution which will be covered next week.

The students began a chapter on invertebrates last week. Earlier this week they have learned about cnidarians, sponges, worms, mollusks and echinoderms. By the end of the week, they will begin to review the material taught in this chapter to ready themselves for a test next week.

This week the students continued to write their personal narratives. They will use some of the skills they learned in English class – quotation marks, the usage of commas, etc.

Mr. Z

Principal Thought you Probably Didn't Want :)

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Re-enrollment Time and Taco Time

The plan is to open up re-enrollment next Monday the 10th. Keep your eyes peeled for the link in your email, and we will also notify via Remind, when things are up and running. The re-enrollment fee will be at a discounted rate till the 24th, which is when the rate will go back to normal. We will also open up enrollment to the community on the 24th as well, so if you have friends who are interested, let them know to try and get in a tour before then, so that they also can have a spot at St. Matthew.

What will you do with all the re-enrollment savings? Easy, take your sweetie out on a date! Well, anything of equal or higher class to that of McDonald's is out, because it requires a minimum of \$60 to get a few McChickens these days, but that leaves Taco Time as a viable option. Think of it, you and your sweetie eating some extra mushy bean burritos while you stare into each other's eyes all on St. Matthew's dime. You probably will even end up with a little change, which you can use to stop at Walmart and pick up some extra toilet paper on your way home. Not only does that sound like fun.....it sounds enrollment worthy.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend as you plan your awesome date for the upcoming weeks ahead. Don't forget to tell Taco Time that I sent you for a 0% discount. Just use the code #reenroll.

The One Thing That Works

Are you a pragmatic person? Pragmatists want to find effective solutions to life's problems. They deal with challenges based on what works, not on what they wish worked. And that sounds great because if there's one thing we want, it's things that work.

Does that attitude apply to religion? There are thousands of religions, and all claim to have an effective solution to one of life's great problems: How do people get right with God?

On the surface, all these religions seem incomprehensibly diverse, but all of them—except one—boil down to essentially the same solution: You need to do enough good in life to stand before the holy God.

But does that work? Can you have confidence that you and God are good because you've done enough good? Not if you're honest with yourself. Your conscience is a constant reminder that the solution of doing enough good doesn't work because no one can ever be sure they have done enough.

But there is another plan, the one in today's Bible

reading. In fact, what works is the Bible. Those Holy Scriptures "are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (v. 15).

Other religions may be popular, but that doesn't mean they're successful. Unlike them, Christianity isn't about trying to be good enough. It's about God making you wise for salvation. His Word gives you wisdom that leads to salvation because it tells you all about Jesus.

Jesus is God's plan to save you. You can't do enough good for God, so Jesus came and did enough good for you. You can't pay for your sins, so Jesus went to the cross to

pay for them. You can't conquer death, so Jesus rose from the dead to conquer it for you. That's a different solution! Not trusting in yourself but trusting in Jesus. That works!

Prayer:

Christ Jesus, through your powerful Word continue to make me wise for salvation through faith in you. Amen.

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But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14,15