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## School News

### Running Club Reminder

A reminder that we have running club at school on Tuesdays and Fridays during lunch recess, so much of the parking lot will be filled with cones and kiddos trying to get their laps in. Please be mindful and if you need to park in the lot, try to stay as close to the preschool as possible during those times. Thank you!

### Dads and Donuts

If you haven't yet signed up for Dads & Donuts yet to please do so using [this link](#) by tomorrow! Thanks!



### Annual Church Campout

Don't forget — our annual retreat is September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We HIGHLY recommend attending this fun weekend — it truly is such a relaxing time! Your kids will get to spend time outside of school with friends, you will get to know other, and DRUMROLL PLEASE — all the meals are cooked for you!!!! Please consider joining us, whether it's for the full weekend or just a portion. Pastor West can answer any questions you have (509)217-9617. **Please return your form and payment by September 17<sup>th</sup>.** Need a new form? Talk to your child's teacher:)

### Panda Express Fundraiser

Thank you for all of you who shared our fundraiser on your social media with friends and family! Please continue to do so over the next week — share [this page](#) with all the details! If you have any delicious recommendations for food, send them my way!!!



### Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal will be Monday,

September 16 from 3:45-4:30. Our first scheduled date for singing will be Sunday, September 22, the same day that K-8 sings for the church service. We will be aiding the congregation in singing a new psalm.

### Music Lessons

Please be on the lookout today or tomorrow for an email from Holly regarding your child's specific day/time, as well as some more detailed information regarding music lessons. Thank you!

### MAP Testing

We will have our first round of MAP testing next week. If you are not familiar with MAP testing, please reach out to your child's teacher. We kindly ask that your child comes to school well rested and with full bellies next week :) Thank you!

### Reserved Parking Reminder

Please make sure that the reserved parking spaces are staying open during drop off and pick up times. If you have family or anyone picking kids up that may be unfamiliar with the reserved spaces, please let them know! Thanks for your cooperation!

### Van Gogh Field Trip

The elementary school is planning a field trip to the Van Gogh Exhibit on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the form sent home with your child today for specific information. Please note that tickets for kids are \$14, and adults who plan to attend are \$20.

### K-4 Soccer

The second practice took place yesterday. Details about the mini scrimmages are still to come. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

### 5-8 Soccer

Next week, the practice on Tuesday 9/17 is now at Andrew Rypien Field 12 from 4:00-5:30. The team's first game is 9/19 at Andrew Rypien Field against Summit at 4:15. The kids are dismissed right at 3:30 for the game. Please note the league tournament was moved to October 23-24, so there will be practice on October 21 at Linwood park. Everything is updated on the school google calendar. If you have

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 12 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:15PM  
Linwood Park
- 12 Fall Walk — Preschool 4's Classes
- 13 Fall Walk — Preschool 3's Classes
- 13 Pokemon Club — Church Basement  
3:45-5:00PM
- 16-20 MAP Testing
- 17 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:30PM  
Andrew Rypien Field
- 17 DUE DATE — Camping Retreat Form
- 18 K-4 Soccer Practice — 3:45-4:45PM  
Linwood Park
- 19 PANDA EXPRESS Fundraiser — All  
Day! (Online Orders w/ code 925853)
- 19 Dads & Donuts — 7:45AM
- 19 5-8 Soccer Game vs. Summit 4:15PM
- 20 Early Release—Noon
- 22 Grades K-8 Sing in Church 10AM
- 23 3's Classes — RED Day
- 23 Soccer Game @ PCA 4:00PM
- 24 Soccer Game @ Spokane Co-Op  
4:30PM
- 25 K-4 Soccer Practice — 3:45-4:45PM  
Linwood Park
- 26 4's Classes — RED Day
- 26 5-8 Soccer Practice — 4:00-5:15PM  
Linwood Park
- 27 No School — St. Matthew Retreat
- 27-29 St. Matthew Retreat!!!
- 30 Picture Day — 3's Classes & Grades  
1-4

### October

- 1 Picture Day — 4's Classes, K, Grades  
5-8
- 1 Soccer Game @ Southside 3:45PM
- 2 K-4 Soccer Practice — 3:45-4:45PM  
Linwood Park
- 3 Soccer Game vs. Lake City 4:15PM
- 4 Pokemon Club — Mrs. Most's Room  
3:45-5:00PM

any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

### Yearlong Apparel Store

We are trying a different approach to apparel this year, and we are partnering with BSN Sports to offer a yearlong apparel store! [Please find all information here.](#) As an added bonus, until the end of October, all orders are 20% off with the code

SPRIT20. Get all your fun merch online!



### Pokemon Club

Our first meeting was a huge success! Thank you to Michael Morales and Tiffany Gaulke for helping to teach small groups how to battle and working with children to set up a battle deck. Our next meeting will be tomorrow, Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:45

-5:00 in the church basement. We will be working learning more battle tips and gearing up for tournament play. Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball court.

### Picture Day

We are working with a new photographer this year for school photos, and she has shared a couple of documents with us that may be helpful for you to prepare for school photos this year. I will attach them to the weekly newsletter email. These photos are taking place on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> (please see upcoming

dates to see which classes are on which day). In addition to that, she is also doing sibling portraits :) so if you'd like those, please RSVP for them with this [Sign Up Genius link](#) by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we will let you know if your kids will get their sibling photos on Monday or Tuesday. Any questions can be directed straight to the photographer, Britt Harvey (see contact info on attached sheet in email).



## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

We are already in week #2 at Preschool!!!! Woohoo!!!! Your children are getting SO comfortable in our classroom!! SO great to see!!

What a fantastic week we have had!! The kiddos were weighed and measured this week!! The fun thing is - we will weigh and measure them again in May. We will then get to see how much they have physically grown throughout the school year!!

We have started our Apple Theme this week. All of our Centers are focused on Apples. Our Listening Center has the book and CD, [Apple Trouble](#). Our Art Center has the Letter "Aa" that the children can dot with bingo dotters. Our Sensory Center has Apple cups that the children are able to sort the colored pom poms in the correct colored cups. What fun!!!!!!!

The four-year old classes had a fantastic time with Show 'n' Tell this week, too. Our letter of the week is "A". We have seen an apple, an airplane, an alligator, and even some Avengers for Show 'n' Tell!!!! What a great start for the letter "A"!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And, what a great experience for these little ones to do some public speaking!! SO COOL!!!!

This week, I have been evaluating your 4 year old kiddos - one on one. When I complete these evaluations, I would love to sit down with you parents to share what I am observing, so we can work together to create a beautiful learning environment for your child!!

Today and tomorrow we have a field trip to Linwood Park!! We are SO grateful for the wonderful parent support we have at St. Matthew!!!! Thank you parents for joining us on this beautiful field trip!!!! WHAT FUN!!!!!!

Parents, please have an extra pair of shorts/pants in your child's backpack. Accidents happen and we would love to have a change of clothes for emergencies.

### NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- \* **Christ Light Bible Story** - "God Creates Man and Woman"
- \* **Bible Memory Verse** - Psalm 139:14 "I am . . . wonderfully made."
- \* **Theme** - Apple Week
- \* **Letter of the Week** - B
- \* **Snack Person** - 3's AM Frankie 3's PM Wayne 4's AM Beverly 4's PM Ariel
- \* **Upcoming Events** - Today and tomorrow - Fall Walk - Linwood Park
  - Sept. 19 - Dads 'n' Donuts
  - Sept. 23, 26 - RED Day
  - Sept. 27 - No School
  - Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - Picture Day
  - Oct. 7, 8 - Hidden Acres Field Trip (Green Bluff)

Have a great weekend with your family!!!! See you next week!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

**Pick up/Drop off**- Please do not stand in the door way when you are picking up or dropping off your child. Come all the way into the classroom so that other parents can also enter the room.

**Scholastic Book Orders**- Last Friday I sent home book orders. If you would like to order please do so by September 19.

**Reading**- This week we have been picking books from our classroom library and discussing ways to read a book. At home, during your evening reading, please encourage your child to tell you a story with the pictures in any book they choose.

**Singing in church-** The students will be singing in church on Sunday, September 22 at the 10 am service. Please plan to be there. They have been working so hard to learn this song!

**Nightly homework:**

- Read with you for 20 minutes
- Practice Memory Work

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

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families,

I hope you are all having a nice week!

In ChristLight we learned about the Tower of Babel and how Abraham Trusted God.

In Reading we are focusing on the short a sound and how to read and spell words with that sound.

In Math we are reviewing numbers and their order.

In Writing we are working on putting things in alphabetical order and in Handwriting we are reviewing different lines and strokes.

This is a Special Classes Week, and I have this class for Music, where we learned about beat. I also have them for Spanish, where we learned about classroom objects.

Memory Work for next week is Isaiah 43:11 I am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior.

God's blessings to you and your family! Have an enjoyable weekend!

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

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

**Christlight/ Memory Work**

- 9/17 - The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- 9/19 - Proverbs 3:5
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Tower of Babel; Abraham Trusts God) with your child during the weekend.

**Homework**

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Next week, we will be working on the phonics skill of vowels o, u. These are the words for next week: doze, nose, use, rose, pole, close, cute, woke, mule, rode, role, tune, home, joke, wrote, ice cube. Test will be on Friday.

**Extra Notes**

- Math - we have been working through unit one of addition and subtraction facts.
- Reading - this week we focused on the lesson about pets. We worked through the long vowels a and i. We also talked about the author's purpose for writing a piece of text.
- Science - we are still talking about scientists and the scientific method. The kids got to practice being scientists with a few experiments/investigations. They got to collaborate with each other and work through the scientific method in each investigation.
- Writing - commas have so many different uses in writing. We have been learning about all the different ways commas are used - to set off a speaker's words, between city and states, between day and year, in letters, in compound sentences, and between words in series.
- Social Studies - we are continuing through unit one. This week, we learned about the different types of communities and what it means to be a citizen.
- If you would like to order something from scholastic, please let me know by September 30. When you order, our classroom earns points that we can use to get some new books for our library. You can order online with this link: <https://orders.scholastic.com/YFD4Z>
- Continue to ask your child if they have homework and check your child's backpack for any important notes throughout the week.
- Life skill #1 - we will be doing 4 life skills throughout the year. Our first one will be cutting fruits and vegetables on September 20. If you would like to help out by either donating some fruits and vegetables or by helping assist in the classroom, please reach out to me or speak to me at pick-up or drop-off. Thanks in advance for your help!
- Next week is our first round of MAP testing. This is a great tool for me to be able to see how much they know and what they need a little more review on. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast.

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

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

**Christlight/Memory Work**

- 9/17- Proverbs 3:5
- 9/19 - Psalm 50:15 & NT Books of the Bible
- 9/20 - The Second Commandment & The Address of the Lord's Prayer
- Please read the two stories with your child (Abraham Trusts in God & Abraham and Lot)

**Homework**

- Read 20 minutes a day
- Work on spelling words
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- Xtramath practice

What are we learning?

- In math we are learning about rounding whole numbers as well as money. The first math test will be next Monday.
- In social studies we have been learning about different resources in the United states. We also learned more about what happened during 9/11.
- In science the students have gotten to put together a butterfly life cycle book. They also get to create their own posters in their groups.
- In reading we have been reading Sarah Plain and Tall. The students then have to answer comprehension questions after reading the chapter. We have been talking about using complete sentences and capitalizing our letters. They really have been doing well with that.

Extra Notes

- This week's spelling words all have either /le/ endings or are compound words.
- Please be working on spelling words with your child, their spelling words are in their assignment notebook.
- As the weather is getting a little colder in the mornings, please send a light jacket with your child.
- If you would like to order something from Scholastic, please let me know by September 30. When you order, our classroom earns points towards books we can use in our library. You can order online by using this link: [Scholastic Book Clubs](#)
- K-8 is singing in church on September 22nd at 10am, please plan on attending.
- Please check with your child daily if they have their assignment notebook and their homework folder.

Have a great weekend!

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

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

**In the Classroom:**

**Reading** - We are wrapping up our first novel, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. This is one of many novels we will use to answer our Essential Question for the year, "What life lessons can we learn from literature?"

**Math** - Chapter 1 assessment will be next Thursday. Please encourage your child to work extra hard when completing Xtra-math. 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** - We are wrapping up our unit on rocks and minerals tomorrow with our first test. We have been doing lots of review in class too. If you would like to help your child review for the test, they can access google classroom and play the review game there.

**Social Studies** - Our focus for this first chapter is, "How does geography shape the way we live?" and working on finding important details and the main idea of each section as we read through the chapter to be better nonfiction readers. Our first assessment will be next week Wednesday or Thursday.

**Extras**

- Thank you to those of you who joined the question & answer session and for the great input. I pray it was a blessing for each of you also.
- September is Fourth Grade feature month. That means we have work on display over in the church basement to share with you and the congregation.
- Mark your calendars - We sing in church on Sunday, September 22 @ 10 AM. Please make plans to bring your child and join us for worship and fellowship.
- **Book Orders** - If you would like to order something from Scholastic, please let me know by September 20. When you order, our classroom earns points that we can use to get some new books for our library. You can order online with this link: <https://orders.scholastic.com/RDHK6>
- 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. Missing and late work is up to date every day, please keep an eye on this. Most of the late and missing work is due to them not taking the time to double check if their name is on the paper before handing it in.
- Just a reminder, Running Club is on Tuesday and Fridays. It is optional, but I do encourage them to go out and give it a go, especially during weeks when we don't have PE class.

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

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Maybe snappy introductions aren't my thing this year. I'll have to come up with something, but for today you just get my thoughts about my thoughts. Onto the news:

In Religion classes, we took our first test on Genesis 1-9. The format for this test is the one I will use consistently throughout the Old Testament, with matching people to descriptions, some short answer questions, and then some questions looking for patterns of events in the Bible. In Math classes, students again had a test this week, and have moved from chapter 1 to chapter 2 in our classes. We skipped Science this week due to the special classes at the end of the day, but will be picking up our activity with the periodic table next week. In English class, students are working to type up an outline for their practice essays. In Reading class, we did an assessment evaluating students' abilities to connect different texts through a well-constructed paragraph. Finally in Social Studies, we are learning about artifacts, oral tradition, and primary and secondary sources.

I have scheduled the first 12 students to help in preschool based on those who have responded to the survey I emailed out. If you did not get that survey, please send me an email with the email address you'd like me to send it to, and I'll make sure I have your correct contact information saved.

Another small interaction we are going to try adding to our routine is sending a few students from our classroom to the 1st grade room, just to hang out and get to know each other better. If all goes well, we will send four students on Wednesdays to enjoy lunch with 1st grade.

A few parents and students have asked me about getting Spelling words before the weekend so that students can study before the pretest. That is fine with me, just please have your student come ask me for them, and I'm happy to share them on a Thursday or Friday.

Our classroom has been asked to sponsor a tent for the Tent or Treat event our school hosts in October. I am looking for any parents who are willing to help coordinate this project for the 5th and 6th grade classroom. Please (please!) let me know if you'd like to be involved.

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

Things have been going well in the classroom. I have had a discussion with the class about proofreading their material because their answers are not making any sense. They must also write their answers in complete sentences which isn't always happening. This is a work in progress.

This week we took a test in Science and History. Everyone did really well on them. I am glad to see that they are putting the effort into studying for their tests.

Several students are coming to school with their work not done. When I question them as to why the work is not done, I have gotten – I had to go to a movie, spent time on the boat, I was really busy last night / weekend, etc. I have reminded them several times that homework is their responsibility and they must find the time to complete it.

Next week we will have MAP TESTING. So, some subjects will be skipped because they took a test on it.

Have a great weekend in the Lord,

Mr. Z

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

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

Over the last few weeks I have had students and parents asking about the grass in the back. While I would love to say that I get to make that final decision on its use, I don't. However, St. Matthew's Board of Education is actively working to try and get approval for its use soon. We have many different committees and boards as a part of our ministry that are all overseen by our church council. The committee that is in charge in this particular scenario is our building and grounds.

Our building and grounds committee has been in contact with the company that seeded our grass to make sure that the grass is ready for heavy use again, so that we don't end up needing to reseed it all again next year. I apologize for the extra cautiousness, but we will do our best to get the kids on there again soon.

Thank you for the extra level of patience that you and your children have had throughout this whole process over the last few years. Due to the landscaping, playground installation, multiple seedings, etc. it has seemed like we have had lots of hiccups in the normalcy the last few years. God-willing, we can get back to some normalcy soon!

God's blessings on all of your weekends. Hopefully you get a chance to get to the fair and grab yourself a nice cob of fair corn.....nothing better! In the words of Nacho Libre: "Save me a piece of that corn!"



## More than a Miracle Worker

It sounds odd that Jesus instructed people not to spread news of the miracle he had just performed. It seems like the type of thing he would want people to know about. He had made a deaf and mute man hear and speak! Bring your sick, blind, deaf, and lame. Jesus can heal them. Like a doctor with a miracle cure, didn't Jesus want to help all those people?

The people would have been perfectly happy with Jesus as their miracle worker, the one who could make their lives better right now. Jesus performed many miracles. They transformed the lives of the people he helped. But everyone Jesus healed had a much bigger problem, a sin problem. Those sins separated them from God.

The people wanted a miracle worker, but Jesus came to give them something much better. His work as the Messiah, the anointed and chosen one of God, was not to make life on earth paradise. Rather, he was preparing people for paradise by pardoning their sins.

His goal wasn't to be popular; his goal was the cross.

He planned to lay aside his power and submit to death, separation from God, the punishment all sinners deserve. Jesus did this so that all who believe in him as their Savior would be rescued from death and experience ultimate healing and restoration in eternity.

Maybe you've prayed to Jesus, asking for a miracle. And perhaps you haven't gotten the answer you wanted. You wonder why he lets you suffer. But you don't ever have to wonder about his love for you. Jesus' willingness to suffer and die for your sins shows his love for you. And his suffering demonstrates that God brings incredible good from suffering.

Jesus healed many, but he didn't heal all. However, Jesus did suffer for all, dying for the sins of the world so that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. Earthly suffering is temporary, but the peace, joy, and restoration Jesus promises is for eternity.

### Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for taking care of my biggest problem, my sins. Help me always put my faith in you as my Savior. Amen.

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Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**Mark 7:36,37**