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The Timber Times  
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## School News

### Dads and Donuts

Don't forget — Dads & Donuts starts tomorrow at 7:45AM (earlier than the normal start time for the day). We can't wait to have some fun with everyone!



### Singing in Church

This Sunday all kids in Grades K-8 will be singing in our 10AM church service. Please plan to attend! The song that the kids have been practicing is absolutely beautiful! Junior Choir will also be beautifying worship with a song as well. We look forward to having you join us!

### Panda Express Fundraiser

Tomorrow is the big day, and final push for advertising — please share, share, share [this page](#) with all the details! Don't forget that orders must be placed online using the code! All orders can be picked up or delivered. We hope you all enjoy the delicious food!



### Junior Choir

No rehearsal next Monday, due to a soccer game. Our next rehearsal will be Monday, September 30 from 3:45-4:30.

### MAP Testing

MAP testing seems to be going well this week. If you have any questions about your child's tests, please speak with his/her teacher — they would be happy to share what they know :)

### Early Release

This Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, will be early release. The students will be done with school at noon. No after-care is available that day. Kids should bring a snack to school, but will eat lunch at home. If you have further questions, please speak with a teacher.

### Van Gogh Field Trip

Thank you all for getting those field trip forms handed in in a timely manner. We are looking forward to this trip! Details to come surrounding rides and such.

Please note that school rules apply, and cell phones will not be allowed on this field trip. We will be talking with students about this, but will need chaperone help to enforce. Thank you!

### K-4 Soccer

Details about the mini scrimmages are still to come. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum via remind.

### 5-8 Soccer

First game today at Andrew Rypien Field at 4:15 vs. Summit. Next week is a busy week. There is a game on Monday 9/23 at 4:00 at Palisades. The kids are dismissed at 3:15. They have another game on Tuesday 9/24 at 4:30 at Spokane Co-Op. The kids are dismissed at 3:20. Then, practice on Thursday 9/26 is at Andrew Rypien Field from 4:00-5:30. Everything is updated on the school google calendar. Please note the league tournament was moved to October 23-24, so there will be practice on October 21 at Linwood Park. If you have 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 next meeting will be Friday, October 4 from 3:45-5:00 in the church basement. Please pick your child up using the entrance to the basement on the basketball court.

## Upcoming Dates

### September

- 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 — 4:00-5:30PM Andrew Rypien
- 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 — Church Basement 3:45-5:00PM

### No School Next Friday

In order to accommodate the retreat, we are off school next Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We pray many of you are able to join us for the retreat!!!

### Picture Day

Don't forget — 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 just celebrated week #2 of our Apple Theme. We had SO much fun easel painting some apples and a few of our classes had a great time making Apple shakers. Come and check out our classroom - it just screams APPLES!! We all had fun tasting our favorite apples this week, too!! What was your child's favorite apple? Red, Green, Yellow??? Come and see our amazing apple graphs!!!!!!!!!!!!

Four year old parents, when I finish evaluating your children, I would LOVE to sit down with you and have a brief 10-minute parent/teacher conference. Please look for a sign-up sheet for this conference time. It's coming out soon!!

Today, we had a great Dads 'n' Donuts Day!! Thank you for joining us!! What a beautiful time we shared with our dads!!!! We all had SO much fun making a fantastic craft and eating lots of donuts and then . . . we worshipped our Lord during chapel!!!! What a GREAT Thursday we had!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### NEXT WEEK'S INFORMATION:

- \* **Christ Light Bible Story** - "Adam and Eve Disobey God."
- \* **Bible Memory Verse** - Romans 3:23 "All have sinned."
- \* **Theme** - Fall
- \* **Letter of the Week** - C
- \* **Snack Person** - 3's AM Gio 3's PM Damian 4's AM Grayson 4's PM Eli
- \* **Upcoming Events** - Sept. 23, 26 - RED Day  
Sept. 27 - NO SCHOOL  
Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - Picture Day  
Oct. 7, 8 - Hidden Acres Field Trip (Green Bluff)  
Oct. 16-18 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Conference

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

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

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

**Classwork-** If I am sending classwork home that was not finished in class it needs to be done in pencil unless indicated in the instructions. I do not want students getting in the habit of doing their school work in crayon at home when the expectation at school is that it is done in pencil.

**Calendar-** Please make sure you are checking our Google calendar as well as the yearly calendar so that you are up to date on half days and no school days.

**Jackets-** It is sometimes cool in the morning. It might be a good idea to get in the habit of having your child bring a light jacket or sweatshirt to wear during first recess so they aren't cold.

**Lost and Found-** If your child is missing anything please check the Lost and Found located next to the water fountain.

#### Nightly homework:

- Read with you for 20 minutes
- Practice Memory Work
  - If you have lost your memory work sheet you can find it on our school website on my classroom page.

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

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hello, First Grade Families!

In ChristLight this week we learned about Abraham and the promises God gave him. In Reading we are working on reading and spelling short a words. We are also using the song "Today is Monday" to help us learn reading skills. We are near the end of chapter one in Math, which is about numbers and their order. In Writing we are starting to look at which letters need to be capitalized. In Science we are learning about teamwork and how to use a ruler to measure length, and in Social Studies we are learning about neighborhoods and communities.

On Sunday our class, as well as the whole school, is singing at St. Matthew church at 10:00 a.m.

Our chapel offering this quarter is going to some St. Matthew students' parents who have cancer. I'm sure prayers would be appreciated, too.

Next week Thursday we are going to the Van Gogh exhibit. That should be fun and educational!

Next week's Memory Work is Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.

Please remember this Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, is a half day. Kids can be picked up at noon.

God bless you and your families! Have a nice weekend!

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

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

### Christlight/ Memory Work

- 9/24 - Psalm 50:15
- 9/26 - Matthew 22:37
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Abraham and Lot; God Promises Abraham a Son) with your child during the weekend.

### Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Next week, we will be working on the phonics skill of blends with r, l, and s. These are the words for next week: spin, clap, grade, swim, place, last, test, skin, drag, glide, just, stage, slip, drive, climb, and price. There will be no test on Friday because we have no school, but we will still work on these words throughout the week.

### Extra Notes

- Math - we finished unit one working through addition and subtraction facts. We briefly started unit two which will be working through place value.
- Reading - we started a new unit focusing on the theme of social relationships. The students read the story "Diary of a Spider". We then worked through the phonics skill of long o, u, and e. This skill goes with our spelling words throughout the week.
- Science - we finished up unit 1 of learning about scientists and the scientific method. Our next unit is going to focus on investigating bones and muscles.
- Writing - we wrapped up talking about all the different uses of commas. We are now discussing how to identify the two words that make a contraction and how to form a contraction with the two words.
- Social Studies - this week, we talked about traditions and where relatives might have been born in the world. We finished unit one today.
- 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>
- Book it will start in October. An informational note will be sent with the October calendar next week in your child's orange folder. Be on the lookout for that.
- Our first life skill of cutting fruits and vegetables will be happening Friday!
- The whole school is singing in church this Sunday 9/22 at 10 am. Please plan to attend as your kids have been working hard on the song, "Speak, O Lord", in the classroom.

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

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

### Christlight/Memory Work

- 9/24 - Matthew 22:37
- 9/25 - Hebrews 11:1
- 9/26 - A Portion of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed
- Please read the two stories with your child (God Promises Abraham a Son & God Answers Abraham's Prayer)

### Homework

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

### What are we learning?

- In math we are learning about missing numbers with addition and subtraction.
- In social studies we are talking about different regions in the United States.
- We just finished our first novel as a class, and are now working on reading comprehension.
- In science we finished our life cycle posters, come in the classroom and see!
- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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** - Working on learning how similes and metaphors are the same and different, plus how they make reading and writing so much more exciting to read. We are also beginning our second novel of the year, In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, one of my favorites.

**Math** - Please encourage your child to work extra hard when completing Xtramath. 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** - Weathering and Erosion are our focus for the next two weeks as we are learning from experiments and how it all happens.

**Social Studies** - That's a wrap on chapter one on Washington's geography. Next up, learn about a few more national parks, then onto the Native People of Washington and how they lived.

**Extras.**

- 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. Come check it out this Sunday!
- **Mark your calendars** - We sing in church this 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 tomorrow, 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>
- Next Thursday we have our field trip to the Van Gogh Exhibition. We will be going to a park for lunch (weather permitting) so no heatable items that day in your child's lunch that day.
- 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. I try to at least update the missing or late work each day so you stay in the loop.

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

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Happy 4th week of school! Looking back at the last four weeks, it's strange how it seems like school just started and at the same time it feels like forever. In the first four weeks of school, your students have: written an essay; taken tests in Math, Christ Light and Reading; identified the atomic number of elements; compared Biblical and historical accounts of Jericho; shared artifacts and family histories, and so much more. It has been a great start to the school year and I'm excited for the things we have coming up.

In class this week, we are starting to learn about Abram(not yet Abraham) and the 2nd Commandment. Both Math classes are working through multiplication, with 5th grade focusing on the basics while 6th grade moves into multiplying decimals and using scientific notation. In Science class, students are working to make their own Period Table of (Insert-Topic-Here), utilizing at least two forms of organization. In Social Studies, students are learning about one of the earliest mummified humans that has been found: Otzi. In English, we are starting some basic grammar exercises with parts of sentences. Finally, in Reading we are learning about allusions and how we can learn from them, even if we aren't familiar with the story being alluded to.

Next week marks the first week of volunteering in the preschool. Ava, Jack, Emilee, Camrynn, Freddy, and Claire will all be spending some time with our 4-year-old friends across the creek. Conrad, Marie, Prescott, Kate, and Charlie are scheduled to visit later. If you haven't received the email with the sign up or have lost track of it, please let me know and I'll try again to get it to you.

My last note is once again about Tent-or-Treat in October. Our classroom has been asked to host a tent with a book theme, and I am looking for a parent or two to lead that project for us. If you have a love for Halloween or decorating or helping your child's teacher, please let me know and I'd love to work with you on that project.

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

Mr. David Zabel (941.201.7896)

The classroom is in need of napkins for lunch and hand wipes to clean the desks after lunch. If you are willing to donate one or two of these items to the classroom it would really be appreciated.

This is a reminder that all students have access to my planbook to retrieve homework if they miss school various reasons. All textbooks have been scanned into the website. Here is the link if you need it again.

<https://app.planbook.com?t=2011934&k1234&v=W&y=92524834>

The students will have a test in their history and science class next week. They will continue their study of world religions in religion class. This week they looked at Judaism and next week it will be Catholicism.

We are looking forward to next week's field trip. It should be a good experience for everyone.

If you have any question about the classroom please ask. I am available before school and definitely after school. Text messages are a great way to keep in touch also.

Have a great weekend in the Lord,

Mr. Z

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

A note from Jacob (715.402.0094)

#### Accreditation

I can picture my high school football coach telling us after practice "The eye in the sky don't lie". What I think he meant by that was: We are filming everything in practice, and if you are being a scared little boy and don't want to tackle anyone.....we'll know.....there isn't any hiding. That is kind of what accreditation is like, a process that we will be starting to undertake this Friday.

Accreditation takes a look at 15 different standards with a huge amount of subpoints that forces you to take an honest look at what good schools do and compare your school to those standards. No more just saying you are a good school.....you have to prove it!

I am very excited for this process. This was a task that I got to take on while serving in Florida, as our school sought accreditation, and most recently I got to serve on the accreditation visitation team for Evergreen Lutheran High School a few years ago. The excitement comes from knowing that our school, our procedures, and our faculty will all leave this process better for you and your family.

If any of you want to take a look at the standards that will be asked of us to analyze, or better yet, if any of you would like to be part of this process and help to serve on a committee for even one of the standards, that would be a huge help. Please let me know if you are interested, and I will let you look at the standards to see which standard would be a good fit for you. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on this long process.

I pray God blesses all your weekends. Continue to enjoy the nice fall weather we have been having.

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## Stand Firm with Fitted Feet

“There’s nothing more important than a good pair of shoe” That’s what the chiropractor told his patient, who was getting his back treated again. Yet, no matter how often the chiropractor offered that free advice, his patient was too cheap to invest in a good pair of shoes. As a result, he retained the title “patient” for many more years and had to keep returning for treatment.

Many know from experience the importance of a good pair of shoes. So does our Savior. No, I’m not suggesting that Jesus insisted on Birkenstocks for his disciples. Rather, I’m talking about how he equips his people to serve in his kingdom. Our heavenly Father can bless us with our minds and abilities, but to serve the Lord, our feet also need to be “fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.”

If you consider that the feet are the body’s shock absorbers, there is nothing better than to have the gospel of peace provide the cushion for our souls (pun intended). The good news that Jesus lived and died in our place, assures us that we have peace with God. But this peace isn’t just an internal sense of calm, it’s a dynamic force that equips and motivates us to share that same gospel with others. With feet fitted with the gospel of peace, you, too, will be ready to serve others with the life-saving message of Jesus.

**Prayer:** (Christian Worship: Hymnal – 695)  
Lord, take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Amen.

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Stand firm then . . . with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

**Ephesians 6:14,15**