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## School News

### Mission Offering

Every Thursday at chapel, we collect an offering which is given to a cause the teachers pick. Our first quarter offerings are going to be used to create “blessing bags”—kits for homeless. Our goal is to raise \$500! You will see goal thermometers around the school—these will help you keep track of where we are with our goal. Chapel offering envelopes will go home with the children on Wednesdays. With today’s chapel offerings, our total amount is at \$185.06! Thank you for your giving hearts!

### School Cleaning

Our school cleaning videos are available, so if you haven’t checked them out yet you can do so [here](#). Hopefully these videos will clear up any confusion you may have during your cleaning weekend. A quick reminder to please sign up for cleaning by **TOMORROW, September 3** if you have not already done so. Thank you!

### Background Checks & Car Insurance

Please email Mr. Biebert at [principal@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:principal@stmatthewspokane.org) if you would like a background check. These background checks must be completed prior to any chaperoning or volunteering with students. Additionally, if you would like to be a driver for field trips, bring in a copy of your car insurance so we can have that on file. Thank you for your help!

### Speaking of Volunteers...

Our initial planning meeting for this year’s Silent Auction will be taking place next Thursday, September 9, after school in the church. Please consider attending this meeting—many volunteers will help this event run smoothly! Thanks!

### Summer Triathlon

All summer triathlon forms should have been turned in to Mrs. Most yesterday. If you still have yours, please talk with Mrs. Most! We are glad to see so many of you kept up with your goals throughout summer!

### St. Matthew Camping Outing

Please remember to fill out and return your half sheet for the camping weekend by **next Friday, September 10**. The camping weekend is being held at Riverview Bible Camp on October 8-10. If you have questions, please speak with Mrs. Biebert (715)402-0114.

### Bible Class with Pastor West

Pastor West has two upcoming Bible Studies on the calendar: a bible information class (Fridays, 8:45AM) and a faith foundations class (Mondays 6:30PM). These classes are set to begin the week of September 13. If you have any questions please speak with him (509)217-9617.

### Parking Issues

Next week our preschool classes will be resuming. Please consider parking closer to the basketball courts and church to save space for our preschool families to park down by the preschool. With many new students this year, parking is limited!

### Social Media

We are asking that you please be extra cautious about what you share on your social media platforms. While we at St. Matthew agree in your freedom to do what is best for your child and family regarding masks and Covid, not everybody else does. Unfortunately, posting pictures on social media of students inside the buildings without masks on may cause us to be forced to change our policy. We would hate for that to be the case—we desire to respect your wishes and do our best to keep your kids safe, happy, and healthy, and create a learning environment that encourages growth in all aspects of life.

Due to the fact that we have already received a complaint regarding this matter, we feel it is pertinent to address this difficult subject. It is truly heartbreaking to see Covid divide people so substantially, but we continue to pray every day that we are making the best choices for our students, families, and our faculty. Please feel free to

### 9/3 Cleaning

Upstairs: Hohenthal

Downstairs: Lyle

reach out to Mr. Biebert (715)402-0094 if you have any concerns.

### Teacher Sections

Beginning this week, each teacher will be adding a section highlighting important things they did in class this week, and other information specific to their classroom. Please take a look on pages 2-3 for teacher sections!

### September Calendar

Our September calendar is available to view [here](#). Please take a look—as we get back into the swing, it can be very easy to miss things!

### 3-8 Soccer

Soccer is just right around the corner. Practices will start on Thursday, September 9th for those in grades 3-8. A form will be sent out on Friday and will need to be returned by September 7th. Please also sign up for soccer notifications in the remind app. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Rosenbaum.

### K-2 Soccer

We received enough interest for getting something together for those in grades K-2. Practices will start Tuesday, September 14th. A form will be sent out on Friday and will need to be returned by September 10th. If anyone would be interested in helping out with the K-2 practices once a week, please contact Miss Rosenbaum.

### School Music

Prek-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be singing on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make it a point to join us for worship that day and to hear your child sing praises to their Lord and Savior! All the children’s voices help to make a joyful noise to the Lord, so it is noticeable when one or two voices are missing as we all practice together to be united in Christ.

### Junior Choir

Junior choir is set to begin Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. All students in grades 1-8 are allowed to participate in Junior Choir. Practices will be Mondays from 3:45-4:30 (unless notified of a change). The children will meet in

Mrs. Most's classroom for practices. Children will be working on fun songs, and songs to sing for church and chapel. Forms were sent home today with those that were interested at orientation. If your child is interested, but didn't get a form, please ask your child's teacher for

an extra or Mrs. Most and we will get one to you. Forms need to be returned by Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs. Most or email her at [michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org](mailto:michelle.most@stmatthewspokane.org)

## Classroom News

### Preschool News

Miss Donna Lindsay(509.638.5361)

Miss Lindsay will begin her section of the newsletter next week when preschool classes resume! We can't wait to see all you precious preschoolers here at St. Matthew!!!

### Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas(360.271.5201)

- This week I started assessments. If your child's binder has a gold star on it that just means they have been assessed. You are more than welcome to look at your child's binder. Please remember this is a starting point so I know where to help your child. We will see growth by the end of the quarter.
- Thank you for writing to me about your child! I have enjoyed reading them!
- Please check out our Growth Mindset bulletin board in the classroom. It is above the library. We have been talking about having a growth mindset vs. a fixed mindset. Ask your child what our Growth Mindset Affirmation is for this week. (My mistakes make me better!)
- Memory Work for September 9:
  - Lead us not into temptation. 6th Petition
- Please check to make sure you have signed up for Remind for our classroom as well as the school.

### 1st-2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum(269.326.5437)

Woohoo! We made it through a full week of school. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone in this first week. This past week, we have been working on setting procedures in the classroom and focusing on raising our hands when we have something to say.

#### Memory Work/Christlight

- September 8 - The Third Commandment
- September 10 - Isaiah 43:11
- A bright orange sheet will be sent home every Friday in the folder with the PINK label as well as the Christ Light stories from the week. Please help your child read the story to you, sign the orange sheet, and return it on Monday.

#### Reading

- Please work with your child to get them to read 20 minutes a day. This will help them to become the best readers I know they can be.

#### Extra Notes

- The folder with the YELLOW label will come home every day with your child that includes any homework that needs to be completed for the next day. Please get in the habit of checking the folder every day.
- The folder with the PINK label will come home only on Fridays. This folder will have any corrected work from me as well as any forms that need to be filled out.
- Please sign up for the Remind App if you haven't already.
- Book orders are due on September 8th. Please write a check to Scholastic for any books that you would like to order and return it to me. No cash. You can also order online at the website. Make sure to use our class code YFD4Z to earn points for our class.
- If someone would be willing to donate a box of Costco baby wipes, that would be greatly appreciated!

### 3rd-4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Welcome and Welcome back! It is so great to be back in the classroom and see everyone each day! Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child each day!

I have handed out a memory work calendar to your child with the due dates for the month of September. I also gave them an extra in their mailbox for at home. Please check the graded papers envelope. I have also put a questionnaire in there to learn a bit more about home life and your child. Please return to me at your earliest convenience. If your child has not yet returned the Learning Contract, I added one to the envelope also. Please return as soon as possible.

Please be sure to that your child has book covers to cover the schoolbooks that are being loaned to them for the year. This helps this last for years to come. I have seen some of the stretchy kind at Target, Staples, and on Amazon.

Third grade parents – your third grader will be bringing home their fact sheets most night to have time them and correct it with them. These do not need to be returned. It is for you to see how well they are learning the facts so that it is not a surprise for when it is fact assessment time.

Book orders went home today. Take time to go through the flyers with your child. If you wish to order books, fill out the form on the back of the flyer and return to school with either a check made out to Scholastic or cash, or save 50 cents per book and order online using our classroom code: RDHK6, plus you can choose to have them delivered right to your house! Book orders are due by Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a blessed week in the Lord!

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### 5th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

The kids are back at school the kids are back at school!!! Man does it feel good to be back at it again! Hopefully your year has been off to a good start.

Here is next week's memory work:

Tuesday: 9/7-Galatians 4:4,5;1 Peter 2:9; Wednesday: 9/8-John 5:23b; Thursday: 9/10-Hymn 2: vs.1-4; Friday: 9/11-Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 1:18

You got skills? The 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders have been reviewing and working on their map skills to start history class this year. We will be wrapping this up next week. We will then transition into looking at what it means to be an American.

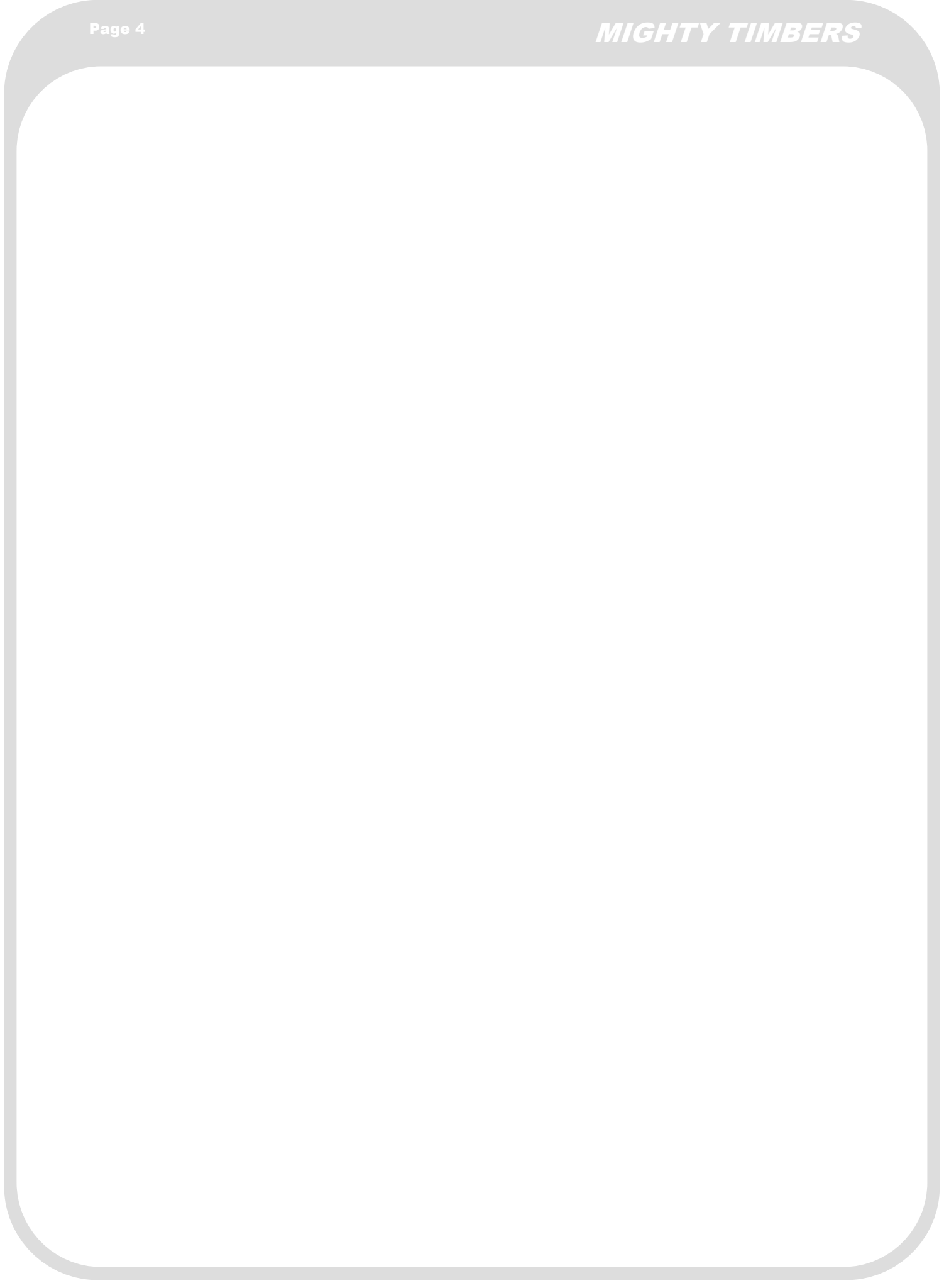
The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders have been looking at lots and lots of maps. We have been focusing on how physical geography can affect the people who live in a certain area. This helped us identify why early Native American tribes selected the locations they did in Washington State. However, physical geography was all changed as tribes were relocated as a part of many treaties like the "Point No Point" treaty and many others. The Doctrine of Discovery was another idea that changed the physical geography and livelihood for the Natives.

Fly like an eagle, or a squirrel, or seed, or an insect. We have spent science class identifying what flight is and what allows these things to fly. This has lead us into discussing how flight technology has been created in order to try and duplicate those things that God has allowed to fly naturally.

I have been very impressed with the fifth graders and the responsibility they have displayed to start the year. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work!

God's Blessings on your longer weekend! Hopefully you can get one more chance at some summer fun.

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## Weekly Message

### Suffering for the Sake of Christ

In the Old Testament hall of fame, Moses is second to none. He led God's people out of Egypt, shepherded them through the wilderness, and brought them to the border of the Promised Land. It was a tremendous amount of work that involved an astronomical amount of hardship.

Of course, his life could have been much easier. He had been adopted by Pharaoh's daughter as a baby and educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. Moses possessed the knowledge, resources, and connections to do anything he wanted.

But instead, he made a conscious decision to live with the Israelites and spent the last forty years of his life leading stubborn people through a barren wasteland. Why did Moses do it? Because he trusted God's prom-

ises about the coming Savior and knew that suffering along with the people of God had a better outcome than living in Egyptian luxury.

That's how valuable it is to follow Jesus. Because only Jesus can provide us with forgiveness for our sins and eternal life. Every pleasure this world offers will come to an end. The eternal pleasures of heaven will not.

Like Moses, remember how valuable Jesus is and ask God for the strength to suffer anything rather than lose him.

#### Prayer:

Dear Lord, strengthen me for when I must suffer for your sake. Amen.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

**Hebrews 11:24-26**