



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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'Led by God's Grace'



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As next week is Lutheran Schools Week, here are a few pieces of information that you might find interesting about Lutheran Schools:

- Lutheran schools and education were a priority for Lutherans who emigrated to the United States and Australia from Germany and Scandinavia.
- One of the first things they did was to create schools for their children. This strong educational tradition was handed down from Martin Luther himself.
- The oldest continuously operating school in the United States is St. Matthew Lutheran School in Manhattan. It was started in 1752 and still operates preschool through eighth grades.
- When the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS) was founded in 1847, this tradition of Lutheran education was continued. The synod was started by twelve churches that operated a total of nineteen schools. Several of the churches operated a number of schools in the rural countryside so that students would not have to walk too far to school each day.
- The LCMS operates the largest Protestant school system in the United States.
- Currently the LCMS operates 1,361 Early Childhood Centers, 1,028 elementary schools, 92 high schools, ten universities and two seminaries for a total of 2493 schools in the United States.
- These schools educate more than 300,000 students and are taught by almost 18,000 teachers.
- The only state without a Lutheran school is Maine.
- Lutheran schools operated by the LCMS also exist in Hong Kong and mainland China

My prayer is that you will continue to pray for the ministry of our school, our faculty, our staff, our students, myself and Lutheran Schools nationwide. As we are celebrating Lutheran Schools Week next week, please keep our ministry in your daily prayers and in your daily walk with our Lord. God is alive in our halls, classrooms and in our school. We celebrate the power of Christ working through our school to develop the next generation of Christian leaders!!

STAFF CONGRATULATIONS:



Romans 12:6-8: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his^(a) faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

This upcoming Sunday, March 1st, at the 10:30 church service, we will be recognizing a few Christian educators that have reached "milestone" anniversaries in their education career --- their years of service are in recognition of teaching in any school – public, private, or parochial. Congratulations to the following Christian servants – we are happy to have you as part of the St. John School ministry:

LINDA STELTENPOHL --- 30 Years

SHARON FORST – 25 Years

Thursday, February 26	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 4	11:10 AM
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	Hosanna! Singers – MMR	6:30 PM
	-	Safety Patrol Pizza sale ends, slips due at PPD	
Friday, February 27	-	Lifetouch School Portraits/MMR	8:30 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 1	8:55 AM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	A-Boys Janesville Tournament	
	-	A-Girls BB Bethlehem Tournament	
Saturday, February 28	-	B-Boys v. St. Paul/Immanuel @ Home	8:30 AM
	-	B-Girls v. St. Paul/Immanuel @ Home	9:30 AM
	-	A-Boys Janesville Tournament	
	-	A-Girls Bball Bethlehem Tournament	
Sunday, March 1	-	National Lutheran Schools Week	

	-	Day School Sings	8:00 AM
	-	Day School Sings	10:30 AM
	-	A-Boys Janesville Tournament	
Monday, March 2	-	National Lutheran Schools Week	
	-	SALSA Music Competition (Gr. 5-8) @ St. Mark Lutheran Church, Sheboygan	8:45 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 6	1:25 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM
Tuesday, March 3	-	National Lutheran Schools Week	
	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	Play Practice – Period 1	8:55 AM
	-	Cheerleading Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	Plymouth Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
Wednesday, March 4	-	National Lutheran Schools Week	
	-	Play Practice – Period 2	9:40 AM
	-	Lenten Service	4:00 PM
	-	Soup Supper/Cafeteria	4:30-6:30 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM
	-	Lenten Service	7:00 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.
God's Blessings on your special day!*

Dillon Nemitz – Grade 3 – February 27

Kiersten Larkin – Kindergarten – March 3

THE ALL SCHOOL SING for Lutheran Schools Week is this Sunday, March 1 at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. We encourage you to attend ONE of the Sunday services. Students should sit with their families and will be called to the front when it is time to sing.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING – Achievement Testing for **grades 1-8** will take place during the week of **March 9th-13th**. Please avoid scheduling doctor appointments, etc. during this week. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION: *Please note that you should not park in the Post Office parking lot when dropping off or picking up your student or at any time. This is reserved for post office employees only. If you would park in their lot, your car is subject to a parking ticket.*

RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS – Just a reminder that re-enrollment forms for the 2009-2010 school year were due in the office **TWO WEEKS AGO, FEBRUARY 13**. To guarantee your child's spot for next year, please return this form as soon as possible. Thank you to those that have already returned their forms.

REMINDER – If your financial circumstances change during this school term, just a reminder that you can still apply for Free/Reduced Lunches at any time during the year. Application forms are available in the office.

WOW! \$234.80 was our profit from February's **MARKET DAY** sale. Thank you, once again, to our faithful volunteers - Marian, Pam, Linda, Samantha and Jeff. Also thanks to those who jumped in and boxed their own orders as well as those of you who support Market Day through your purchases. We have raised \$1,375.20 so far this school year. Watch for the new items in the March flyer. Remember to order your Easter ham and desserts! ???'s Lori Schmitt 893-9876

Track Coaches Needed: This year's 5th-8th grade track team at SJL is in need of some help. We are looking for a new head track coach. The duties of the head track coach include running practices and being a representative for athletes at track meets. Practices are right after school, but the days of practice can be arranged around your schedule. Practices are usually two to three times per week. Track meets will already be set up for you by the athletic director. Also needed are parents or adults to help the head coach run and supervise practice and meets. We are looking for adults to run with the athletes, do time trials, and help with field events. Even if you have never run before or have never been on the track team, we still would love to have your help! If you are willing to give of your time or talents to help out the team in any capacity, please contact Libby MacGillis at 893-5114 ext. 251. Practices will begin immediately after spring break. Track season runs through mid-May. Thank you for your consideration!

The St John Lutheran School Food Service will be serving **Soup and Sandwich's** for Lent, along with a Bake Sale of their school-made rolls, breads and desserts. We will be serving Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Bakery will be priced accordingly. Any questions, please contact: Francha Dallman at 893-5114 x 230 or email @ francha.dallman@stjohnplymouth.org

Bethlehem Lutheran School's 8th Grade Class Brat Fry (Eat in or take out): Please come and enjoy a time of fellowship Sunday March 1st from 9AM-1PM and support a local group of students working to raise funds for their class trip in May to Chicago. Advance tickets will be available before and after weekend services from 8th grade students at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The menu will include brats, hamburgers, beans, potato salad, Gibbsville cheese and baked goods. The 8th grade class will be taking on their parents, other classes, and possibly other challengers (teachers, other schools?!) in a tournament of volleyball or dodge ball! Don't miss it! You can contact Roni Anderson with questions 698-1477.

Trinity Showcase: Please join us for the 2nd Annual Trinity Showcase, "It's a Celebration", on Sunday, March 8th from 12-3 p.m. This special event features a brat-fry, bake sale, talent showcase and silent and live auctions. The Showcase will once again be featuring The Lutheran Lawn Chair Rangers, a precision drill team. They will be returning to perform a routine choreographed by Darlene Mech. This is one act you won't want to miss! We invite you to share with us in a day of Christian fellowship!

Sheboygan Lutheran High School will be hosting a **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, March 11th from 9:00a -2:00p. Walk-in or sign-up to help Lutheran High support the Red Cross.

Benefit for Jason Downing, A young man from St. Paul's, severely injured trying to be a good Samaritan. Sunday, March 15, 2009 - 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. All-You-Can-Eat Chili Dinner* and Bake Sale - Dine in or carry out at Sheboygan Lutheran High School, 3323 University Drive. Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Sheboygan & Thrivent. Advance Ticket Prices: Age 13-Adult - \$7; Ages 5-12 years - \$4; Tickets after March 8: Age 13-Adult - \$8; Ages 5-12 years - \$5. Under 5 years-FREE. Advance tickets available at St. Paul's Church Office (1810 N. 13 St.) or call Earl Mehre at 457-5640. *Children may have hot dogs as a substitute for chili.

Calling all Sweet Treat Bakers!! The LHS Dinner Auction is just around the corner which brings the ever fabulous desserts!! Will you put on your apron and bake one of your delicious, hand-crafted cakes, tortes or cheesecakes for a great cause? Please help us by volunteering to donate a dessert for the auction! We know there are bakers of fancy desserts out there – so pick up the phone or send an email and let us know you'll bake a sweet treat!! Please contact Sheri Griesbach at (920) 287-1365 / Shelynn96@gmail.com or Kris Wheeler at (920) 208-3746 / kristinewheeler@sbcglobal.net. Desserts should be delivered on April 24th or 25th. Your Sweetness Is Appreciated!!!

Sheboygan Lutheran High School has an opening for a full time Spanish teaching position beginning with the 2009-10 school year. If you know someone that may be interested in this position please have them contact Principal Al Holzheimer at Sheboygan Lutheran High School. 920.452.3323.

The **Scholastic book fair committee** would like to thank everyone who helped with the book fair and everyone who purchased books and other fun items from the book fair! The book fair was a great success because of you! Thank you!

The 2009 Pizza Sale was a huge success even despite our snow storm! We made 2,751 pizzas and any extras that were made were sold that day! Thank you to everyone that rolled up their sleeves and pitched in either to weigh and measure on Friday, assemble on Saturday, assist with child care or shovel snow. Without everyone's help, we would not be able to do this fund raiser. Thank you also to Thrivent for its contribution of \$300 towards the proceeds this year. The Pizza Committee

SCRIP Sales for the week of 02-20-09

Total Sales \$13,935.00; Special Orders \$3,600.00; Tuition Profit \$1,064.56; General Fund Profit \$393.93 (of which \$230.00.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$13,428.00)

CHECK POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE FOR EXACT AMOUNT OF ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO CASH RETURNED FOR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOUR ORDER IS IN STOCK.

KWIK TRIP is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards while supplies in stock last!! The discount will then go from 20% to 10% until February, 2010, after that date it will go to the regular 5% discount.

Hallmark Gift Cards are now available by **Special Order** in \$25 denominations with a 4% profit. Hallmark Gift Cards may be used for making purchases at any participating Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

What is SCRIP? Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

*Providing a Christ-centered education focusing on academic,
physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth;
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*