



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



LED BY GOD'S GRACE ...

This first week of the NEW YEAR has been a week of **REFLECTION** and **ANTICIPATION**. It is reflected in our school, our student's schoolwork and all of our daily lives. As a school, we eagerly embrace another year given to us from Our Lord and Savior as a year full of opportunities to bring others to the saving knowledge of Christ. This anticipation can be seen and heard throughout the classrooms and in the voices of our children.

God teaches us about resolving issues in Romans 6:4. He says, "**Walk in the newness of life**". Some people stay up until midnight to welcome the New Year. Others stay up to make sure the old year leaves! Seriously, as we enter this New Year we can't afford to let our past infect our present, or sabotage our future. That's why certain things that we cannot resolve, must be given to the Lord in prayer and then trust in promise of His healing! Instead of struggling to change what can't be changed, we need to let God's transforming power sweep through our life and sever the ties between oneself and all those tormenting thoughts from our past. We need to let them go today! Our students are also learning these same life lessons in the light of this New Year – to let go and let God!! To trust in Him, and allow old hurts to heal, to forgive each other, and walk in the newness of life...

CELEBRATE CHILDREN!!

On the weekend of January 17, 18th, and in the months to follow, we here at St. John School will be celebrating all of our children by featuring their academic, musical and artistic talents in the fellowship hall of St. John Church. Please stop by the fellowship hall during the weekend of January 17th and January 18th, to see the wonderful works of art, and creative expressions our 3rd graders are doing in their classrooms! Our school is proud to recognize these young children and celebrate their God-given talents!! We are proud of where our students begin their journey with us, grow with us, and leave us to enter into the world of high school, with a firm foundation in Christ. We celebrate the journey of their lives through our "Celebrate Children" fair!!!

EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE COMING IN FEBRUARY!!!

All parents of 3, 4, 5 or 6 year-old children that would like to have their young children receive a daily Christian-based education; St. John School will be having their Early Childhood Open House on Sunday, February 15th from the end of second service till 2 p.m. The classrooms, and the teachers, will be available for your questions, and you can have your own personal tour of our facilities. You can also register your special child for the 2009–2010 school year. We welcome all new families, and existing school families, to this Open House. If you have any other questions, or concerns, please contact the school office. May God Bless the ministry provided for these special little ones!!

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| Thursday, January 8 | - | GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection | |
| | - | Ronald McDonald Show (Gr. 3K-Gr. 4) | 9:45 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 |
| Friday, January 9 | - | GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection | |
| | - | Grade 1 Frog Presentation from Camp Y-Koda/Here | 1:00-2:00 PM |
| | - | Geography Bee (Gr. 5-8) in Church | 1:15-3:30 PM |
| | - | A-Girls Bball Sherman Center Classic Tournament | |
| | - | A-Team Girls Basketball players dismissed | 3:00 PM |
| | - | A-Team Girls Basketball @ Sherman Cntr Tourney | 4:00 PM |
| Saturday, January 10 | - | B Boys Bball v. Trinity @ Home | 8:30 AM |
| | - | B Girls Bball v. Trinity @ Home | 9:30 AM |
| | - | A-Girls Bball Sherman Center Classic Tournament | |
| | - | Hot Shot Night @ LHS | |
| Sunday, January 11 | - | Christian Schools Week | |

- Adult Choir Sings 8:00 AM
 - Gospel Light Chorus Sings 10:30 AM
- Monday, January 12
- Christian Schools Week
 - GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection
 - A-Girls Bball Practice 3:50-5:15 PM
 - B-Boys Bball Practice 5:15-6:45 PM
 - GIFT: Fun Fair Planning Meeting/Schl. Lib. 6:00 PM
 - A-Boys Bball Practice 6:45-8:15 PM
 - Safety Patrol Raffle ends, essay letters due, and trip commitment due to PPD
- Tuesday, January 13
- Christian Schools Week
 - GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection
 - Cheerleading Practice 3:50-5:15 PM
 - B-Girls Bball Practice 5:15-6:45 PM
 - A Boys Bball v. FIL @ FIL 7:00 PM
 - Happy Birthday Mrs. Julie Konz
- Wednesday, January 14
- Christian Schools Week
 - GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection
 - Chapel – Pastor Knippa 9:00 AM
 - Middle School Spelling Bee in Church 1:20 PM
 - A-Girls Bball Practice 3:50-5:15 PM
 - B-Boys Bball Practice 5:15-6:45 PM
 - A-Boys Bball Practice 6:45-8:15 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.
 God's Blessings on your special day!
 Myles Lade – Grade 7 – January 9 Chandler Haun – Grade 7 – January 12

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS WEEK:

Within Sheboygan County, we have been working with other Christian Schools to help promote the great Christian education that abounds here. Below is a proclamation from Governor Doyle about Christian Schools. This is another piece of the incredible puzzle that God is working on for our schools to have a stronger presence in this community.

In the New Year we (meaning the Christian Schools in Sheboygan County) will be running a 4-part series of articles about Christian education; please watch for it in the upcoming Sheboygan Press.

A Proclamation by Governor Doyle:

WHEREAS, the Christian schools in Sheboygan County are celebrating Christian Schools Week; and
WHEREAS, the 16 Christian schools located in Sheboygan County are being recognized for the work they do in helping to educate the youth of Sheboygan County, offering a religious and values based education to nearly 2400 student from early childhood through high school; and
WHEREAS, the core value of Christian education is to educate the whole person; mind, body and soul; and
WHEREAS, Christian schools recognize and support parents as partners in the education of their children and are committed to engaging families and congregations in the life of schools to enhance student learning; and
WHEREAS, a strong, well rounded education is vital to the development and growth of the children of our state, as well as the future of our state as a whole; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 11-17, 2009 as **Christian Schools Week** in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

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Lutherans and two of its subsidiaries will add \$1 to every \$2 contributed to enrolled Lutheran organizations by benefits members and those who own Thrivent Mutual Funds and Thrivent Life Insurance Company products.

If you wish to participate in Thrivent GivingPlus this calendar year (2009), you may start marking "Thrivent" on your envelope and making your checks payable to St. John Lutheran School. Please complete the Gift Form (which needs to be completed annually) and submit to the office. Forms may be found in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex or in the Church/School Office. Forms may be completed at any time and will be kept on file until you've reached the \$600 maximum.

Any questions, please contact Jerry Thompson (892-6921), Dennis Haasl (451-1775) or Diane Adams in the School Office (893-5114).

Lutheran High's Open House for prospective families will be Thurs., January 15th, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. If you would like a tour of Lutheran High, please attend by 6:30 p.m. Visit with LHS teachers and students to discover what the 'real experience' is all about. Find out what classes, sports, music, drama and other co-curriculars experiences are offered. Everyone attending the Open House will receive free admission to the Lutheran High boys basketball game vs. Kohler. There will also be registration for 2009-10 freshmen on Jan. 15th, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to register one-on-one with a Lutheran High faculty member and learn what classes are available for your son/daughter. Call the office at 452-3323 to set your appointment to register!

January 19-23 Penny Wars: Start saving your loose change because Student Council will again be sponsoring Penny Wars. Last year our students raised \$2,025—incredible!! The money went to Project Angel Hugs and the Olivia McTrusty family. This year, Student Council has decided that all funds raised will be split between Project Angel Hugs and Military Families Connect which is an organization that sends care packages to our troops overseas. Please watch future newsletters for detailed information on how Penny Wars works. Thanks, SJL Student Council

HAT WEEK: During the week of January 19-23, Student Council will be sponsoring "Hat Week" in conjunction with Penny Wars. At a cost of 50 cents **per day**, students may wear a hat to school. They may pay for each day individually, or they may pay for the entire week all at once. On that Friday, total "hat money" will be calculated and each class's total will be added to their penny total for Penny Wars. All funds raised from Penny Wars and Hat Week will be given to Project Angel Hugs and Military Families Connect (to help with postage when sending care packages to our troops). Thanks for your support – SJL Student Council

Pack the Gym Night will be Friday, January 30th. Girls "A" Team plays at 6:00 p.m. and Boys "A" Team plays at 7:00 p.m. Students will be asked to sign in upon their arrival to know that they were there and the highest class percentage will get a treat. School Spirit Dress-Up day will also take place on that day. Pep Rally will run from 3:10-3:25 also on that Friday.

2009 SJL PIZZA SALE is scheduled for February 21, 2009. (set up on February 20th) The order sheets will be sent home the first week of school after the Christmas break. Please mark your calendars for February 20th and 21st to help out. Every SJL School family's help is needed. We will also need additional helpers from the congregation, so please consider helping at this very large fundraiser. Thank you, the pizza committee.

The fourth grade class of St. John's once again made fire posters for the Plymouth Fire Department. The posters were judged by the Department and returned to us with these awards and gifts. 1st place - Tristan Schneider - \$7.00 with "Life of a Fireman", 2nd place - Kalei Hering - \$5.00 with "Firemen Are Our Heroes!", 3rd place - Dacota Anton - \$3.00 with "Stop , Drop , and Roll.

SCRIP Sales for the week of 12-19-08

Total Sales \$20,385.00; Tuition Profit \$1,349.10; General Fund Profit \$505.95 (of which \$254.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$11,772.00.)

SCRIP Sales for the week of 12-26-08

Total Sales \$12,955.00; Special Orders \$55.00; Tuition Profit \$929.61; General Fund Profit \$317.49 (of which \$156.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$11,928.00.)

SCRIP Sales for the week of 01-02-09

Total Sales \$9,355.00; Special Orders \$0; Tuition Profit \$651.60; General Fund Profit \$184.15 (of which \$70.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$11,998.00.)

NEW POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE IN 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.

SHOPKO: Effective Thursday, January 1, 2009, the profit for Shopko \$25 and \$50 gift cards will decrease from 4% to 2%.

KWIK TRIP is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards. This promotion is going through **JANUARY, 2009!!** Orders of more than \$500.00 will need to be placed by special order only.

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.

Rhonda and Mary wish you all a Happy New Year!

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