



**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
**The Eagle Express**  
**September 18 - 24, 2008**  
**'Led by God's Grace'**



**LED BY GOD'S GRACE ...**

The children have arrived, the desks are full, and the sounds of laughter and learning fill our classrooms. Ahhh... the start of a new year. I would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year that is full of excitement, changes, and a solid Christian focus. Our theme for this year is "Led By God's Grace", as we celebrate our churches 150<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in the Plymouth community. We have found in this first week that our kids are truly Led By God's Grace, and through His help they can truly accomplish great things. I am looking forward to working with all of you - the parents of these great children, in a Christian partnership to truly help all of our children be the best that they can be, and to be living disciples of Christ. May God Bless this partnership as we journey through this school year together!

**COMPUTER LAB – A BIG THANKS!**

St. John Lutheran School would like to express a BIG Thank You to everyone that helped to update our technology lab. We have been blessed with many generous hearts, that without their financial support, the computer lab would not be a reality for our students. A BIG Thank You to the anonymous gift of \$2500 that was used to purchase a new server for both church and school. A big Thank You to Donn Davis who secured a grant to purchased five computers for the lab. Also, a HUGE Thank You to the many families and individuals that worked the last GIFT pizza sale; the GIFT committee used the \$6000 that was raised from the 2008 pizza sales to help fund some additional computers. Lastly, Thank You to everyone that attended and gave to the 2008 St. John Auction. The balance of the cost for the lab was financed through the 2008 auction. God has truly blessed our school with many generous people that give of their time and talents! We are truly blessed!

Thursday, September 18 AM	- Grade 1 to Kettle Moraine Veterinary Clinic	10:20-11:30
	- JK/AM to Plymouth Public Library	10:30-11:30 AM
	- A-Volleyball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	- B-Volleyball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
Friday, September 19	- SJL Fanwear Orders Due	
	- B-Volleyball FIL Cedarburg Tournament	
Saturday, September 20	- Market Day Pick-up (Volunteers @ 9 AM	9:30-10:15 AM
	- B-Volleyball FIL Cedarburg Tournament	
Sunday, September 21	- Adult Choir Sings	8:00 AM
	- Grades 5, 6 Sing	10:30 AM
	- Gospel Light Chorus Parent Meeting	11:30 AM
	- B-Volleyball FIL Cedarburg Tournament	
Monday, September 22	- School Pictures	7:45 AM
	- A-Volleyball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	- B-Volleyball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	- GIFT Meeting / School Library	6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 23	- Cheerleading Practice	3:50-5:15 PM

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| Wednesday, September 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapel – Pastor Knippa-Baptisms remembered</li> <li>- Visit from LHS (Grades 5-8) during Eagle Time</li> <li>- A-Volleyball Practice</li> <li>- B-Girls V. Trinity @ Plymouth</li> </ul> | <p>9:00 AM</p> <p>3:50-5:15 PM</p> <p>5:30 PM</p> |
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.**

**God's Blessings on your special day!**

- Nicolas Thomas – Grade 1 – September 18
- Patrick Lemkuil – Grade 6 – September 18
- Ashlyn Guse – Preschool – September 19
- Spencer Hanson – Grade 4 – September 20
- Jacob Flowers – Grade 6 – September 21

**SHORTS REMINDER** – Just a reminder that the last day to wear shorts is Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please review the Parent Handbook for further details regarding the dress code.

**PICTURE / NAME RELEASE** – Occasionally the local newspaper or other media wish to come in to the school and photograph / record activities that our students are participating in. Please note that if you **DO NOT** want us to let your child be photographed or name released, you need to notify the office **IN WRITING** that this is your wish. No written notification is our assumption that it is then permissible. This needs to be done on a yearly basis to be kept on file.

**Plymouth School District** calendars are still available in the school office. If you would like one, please contact the school office for one to be sent home to you.

**REFORMATION** – This year's Reformation Celebration Service will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Weill Center in downtown Sheboygan and will begin at 3:30 PM. The doors open at 2:45 PM. A children's choir from Bethlehem, Immanuel, and St. Paul's schools, an adult choir comprised of members from area churches and the LHS choir, a brass ensemble, and the Weill Center organ will provide music of the season. Rev. John Wille, president of the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is the guest speaker.

**SJL FAN WEAR:** Orders are due by Friday, Sept. 19th. Order forms are available from Mrs. Truttschel or the school office. Checks need to accompany the order and can be made out to SJL Athletics. Any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Truttschel. It takes about 2 weeks for the items to be delivered. There will be 2 other opportunities during the year to purchase fan wear again.

**THE HOSANNA! SINGERS** will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 PM in the music room. This choir is open to all members of St. John church in grades three, four, and five. The choir rehearses weekly from October through April and sings about once a month. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mr. Huebschman through the church office or at 892-6780.

**Chili Round up!** Lutheran High School is "wrangling up" contestants (individual or team) to compete in its annual HarvestFest Chili Cook off, Sat., October 4th. Try out a spicy new recipe or simmer up a batch of your family's traditional favorite. This is an excellent and fun opportunity to help support the ministry of Christian education at Lutheran High. You don't need to be present to enter your chili donation. For details, please contact Jenni Monson 467-2626.

**Refreshment for Moms...** There's nothing quite like the sound of water trickling in a stream or flowing from a fountain. It is a sound that can relax, refresh and restore our spirits. All Moms are invited to be refreshed and restored by the Living Water of God's Word. Moms' Bible Study begins for this new school year on Thursday, September 11th. Our first study, entitled "A New Song...Springs of Living Water", will take us on a journey through Psalms of wisdom and introduce us to some women whose lives have been touched and changed by Jesus. We meet each Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the home of Paula Huebschman. Childcare is lovingly provided free of charge. For more information, please contact Paula at 892-6780.

**Lutheran High School has two coaching openings** for Boys JV Basketball and Boys Freshman Basketball. If interested, call Todd Dekker (458-6964) or Chuck Benedum (452-3323).

**MARKET DAY-** Our first market day sale of the season is Saturday, September 20th. It's time to stock up on all your favorites! Order sheets can be found by the office or in the Fellowship Hall.

**Lutheran High HarvestFest** will be held on **Sat., October 4th from 5:00-10:00 PM**. Save the date and invite your friends to what promises to be an evening of fund-raising fun! Enjoy a wonderful buffet, hayrides, dancing, shopping for pies, preserves, and much more! Early registration date is September 19th - \$25 per person (after Sept. 19 \$30/person). If you need a registration form or more information, please contact the school office at 452-3323 or check out our website: [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com).

**How can you help?** You can also make a difference in supporting **HarvestFest** by donating preserves, baked goods (we will especially need cream, apple, cherry pies, etc.) or produce from your gardens/orchards or craft items. All proceeds support the LHS ministry/mission. If you need jars for your preserve donations, there are plenty available in the school office. We will again have a chili cook-off. So get your recipes ready. Please contact Jean Brauer (459-9835) or Margie Hasenstein (459-7921), today with your plans to donate!  
Announcement for grade schools and churches:

**Lutheran High School's** Student Council kicks off **homecoming week** with a free showing of "The Incredibles." The movie begins at 6:00 PM and is open to students and families from our area grade schools. Join us for A Hero's Homecoming; 25¢ Popcorn will available. Feel free to bring pillows, blankets or beanbag chairs. This event will be held in the gym September 21<sup>st</sup>, so join us as we begin "A Hero's Homecoming."

**Aluminum/Metal Drive:** Our Fall Aluminum/Metal Drive will be at LHS Saturday, Sept. 25-27. Be sure to start saving your cans and metal items. Metal items wanted: aluminum doors and gutters, asst. aluminum, brass doorknobs, car parts, copper tubing, electric motors and cable, hardware, iron, nuts and bolts, stainless steel, steel and wiring. Call about larger items such as implements, cars, boats or large amounts. Any questions, call Tim Allman at 920-838-4501. (Reminder: absolutely NO - air conditioners, appliances, car batteries, items with oil, items with gas, refrigerators or tires.) Thank you.

**“Parenting with Patience (...and Prayer!)”:** A seven-week Christian parenting class to help parents create a more loving and positive home begins Monday, September 29, 2008 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. The class will focus on using positive praise and reinforcement to encourage compliance and build self-esteem in children. Other skills taught include ignoring, time-out, sticker charts, communication, allowances, household chores and many others, all from a Christian perspective. The class is led by Dr. Darlene Mech, psychologist and pastor's wife. Please call her at Nett-Work Family Counseling for more information and to register: 451-3141.

**A BIG THANK YOU!** To all who attended our “Friday Movie Night” event. It was a great success, with close to 100 kids and parents in attendance. We enjoyed the movies, the popcorn and the fellowship as we snuggled up with our pillows and blankets to watch “The Water Horse” and “The Bee Movie”. Watch for our next scheduled event – Oktoberfest on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.  
The GIFT Committee

**REMINDER:** Our next GIFT meeting for planning Oktoberfest is on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM in the school library. We'd love to see you there! Any questions, call Kim Jones: 893-5650.

**SCRIP Update for September 12, 2008**

**Total Sales: \$22,055.00      Tuition profit: \$2,051.00      General Fund Profit: \$405.58**

**General Fund Kwik Trip Profit: \$900.00      General Fund Kwik Trip Profit to date: \$8,176.50**

Please be aware that the payouts for tuition have been made and our "cushion" for ordering stock to have on hand has been reduced. Please consider special ordering if you need large amounts of stock that we would normally have available for purchase. This will insure that you will have what you need when you need it, and it will not deplete our stock for those that need a smaller amount.

**Walgreen's** is still offering a 6% profit instead of the regular 2% profit. Take advantage of this good deal and stock up! We stock Walgreen's gift cards in the \$25 denomination, you may Special Order \$100 gift cards anytime.

We have \$50 of Ponderosa Gift Cards available for purchase. There is also \$25 of Pier 1 available.

**Special order options from Great Lakes Scrip Center:**

**Citgo** is available by Special Order only.

**Barnes & Noble** is offering a 1% back to school bonus profit through Friday, September 26. That means Barnes & Noble gift cards will have a 10% bonus instead of the normal 9% bonus. Everyone knows Barnes & Noble offers a huge selection of books and music. But maybe you didn't know Barnes & Noble also sells textbooks for popular college courses. In fact, Barnes & Noble buys and sells used textbooks, too.

**Cabela's®** is offering a 3% bonus profit through Friday, October 3, 2008. That means Cabela's gift cards will have a 14% profit instead of the normal 11% profit during that time period only.

**JCPenney** is offering a 1% bonus profit through Friday, September 26, 2008. That means JCPenney gift cards will have a 6% profit instead of the normal 5%.

**Special orders** that are placed by Wednesday at 4:00 pm will be available for pick up the following Thursday. Rhonda or Mary will call when your order arrives.

**What is SCRIP?** Gift certificates and cards purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For example, if you purchase a \$25 gift card, you pay \$25 and the difference in what we purchased it for become the profit. The profit earned can be applied to the General Fund of our church or for student tuition at St. John Lutheran, Lutheran High or Concordia University

If you have any questions or would like to help us sell between the church services, please call Mary Rank at 207-4655 or Rhonda Bohrmueller at 528-7774.

SCRIP is available for sale at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and after the church service on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and between services on Sunday at 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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