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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

The last few days, we have all been shocked and concerned about the many people and families affected by the fires in Southern California. I would like to ask for your support in a couple of ways. Please keep the victims of the fires and the firefighters who are helping them in your prayers. Also, we are going to be designating our chapel offerings for at least the next few weeks to help those families who are part of Lutheran Schools in the areas affected. So, please send a little extra in the Wednesday chapel offerings in the coming weeks. Also, if you would like to make a donation by check, please make it out to St. John's Lutheran School. The funds will go to a Fire Fund that has been set up by the Pacific Southwest District (LCMS) for Lutheran Schools and their families.

I would like to ask all of our families to help support our upcoming Harvest Event. We still need some more donations and a few more people to attend to help us make this a successful event and give us the profit we need to meet our funding goals. APT is funding valuable enrichment programs, new computers, upkeep of our playground and fields, and the materials and equipment that will enhance your child's educational experience. This is an important event – please be a part of it. It is a big way you can support our school and our kids. A zoomerang survey was sent out this week to get your input and illicit your help as we make final plans and adjustments to the Harvest Event. Please take a moment to respond to this survey.

Congratulations to last year's 8th grade class at St. John's! The class of 2007 was honored with the *Group Volunteer Award for Youth* at the Volunteer Center of Napa Annual Luncheon on October 17. They were honored for their class service project of renovating and painting the children's waiting room at the County Courthouse. This is a waiting room for child victims of sexual and physical abuse. We are proud of our graduates (or alumni)!

In Christ,
Joel D. Wahlers
Principal

Lost and Found: Parents please be sure that your children have not lost any of their sweatshirts, jackets etc. Also please check and make sure that they have not picked up another student's clothing. It is very important to put your name in ALL outerwear. You may check for lost clothing in room 10.

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church and School Families,

Thank you so very much for the celebration, gifts and the many "congratulations"! Your words of encouragement and support were overwhelming and very much appreciated. I am blessed to be a part of this family and be in ministry with you.

In Christ's service,
Betsy Gewirz

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| 1. | Sat. | Oct. 27 | 5/6 Basketball-Girls Tournament at Our Savior, Livermore |
| | Sun. | Oct. 28 | Choraliers-10:45 service |
| | Mon. | Oct. 29 | 5/6 Basketball SJL White VS SJL Blue (Boys only) |
| | Wed. | Oct. 31 | Canned Food Drive |
| | Thurs. | Nov. 1 | 5/6 Basketball Blue-Away |
| | Thurs. | Nov. 1 | 5/6 Basketball White-Home |
| | Sat. | Nov. 3 | 5/6 Basketball Boys Tournament-Our Savior |
| | Sun. | Nov. 4 | Kindergarten choir-10:45 service |
| | Sat. | Nov. 10 | Harvest Event-Carneros Inn |
| | Mon. | Nov. 12 | Veteran's Day-No School or PALS |



- God's Blessings to the students celebrating **Baptismal Birthdays**:
Tyler Reeves Allyson Reeves Nic Reeves Mariah Braddock
Douglas Braddock Peyton Kusel
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:
Andrew Cardoso Sam Baty Eric Fitzgerald Jonathan Kinda T.J. Schrette Haley Cremen
Allyson Reeves David Hoff
- Harvest Event "Celebration Ball"**: There is a **very important Harvest Event Meeting** on Monday, October 29th right after drop-off in the gym. We are in need of all volunteers willing and able to give of their time at this meeting. It is crunch time and we need your support!
How does a get away trip to Hawaii sound? 7-10 days staying in a luxury condo on the beautiful island of Maui. Add a Sail & Snorkel trip on the beautiful Paragon and dinner at Tommy Bahama's with \$200.00 spending money (A \$3,000 value)!! This can all be yours if you purchase a ticket and enter the Celebration Ball raffle. Everyone involved with St. John's Church and School can participate whether you are going to the dinner or not. Stop by the school office and buy your tickets: \$20.00 for one or \$50.00 for three. Tickets will be available until November 10th and the drawing will be held the night of the Ball but you do not need to be present to win. Aloha!! (The flyers that went home last week in error said 5 of \$50.00. We apologize for the error.)
We are now collecting donations for the **Family Wine Lot**. Please bring in your wine to the school office with a donation form completed stating it is for the wine lot.
If you have yet to donate (large or small) to the auction please check out the lime green flyer attached to this week's Blue Note. There are many great ideas in many various price ranges. If you are waiting to purchase your tickets don't wait too long! **Tickets have been opened to the general public.** This is sure to be one of our best events ever and you don't want to be left out! Tickets are available in the school office. Tickets are \$150 per couple or \$100 for one. If you need more information please contact Vickie Nethercott at 251-9578 or at vickieg7@sbcglobal.net.
- 7/8 Volleyball pictures**: Volleyball team pictures will be taken during school next week. The boys' photos will be on Monday, Oct. 29 and the girls' will be on Tuesday, Oct. 30th. Mr. Hauch will have the boys' uniforms but girls need to remember to bring their uniforms on picture day. Order forms have also been sent home with the students and should be brought to the photo shoot. If you have any questions regarding the photos, please contact Melissa Peterson at 322.3224.

6. **Can Food Drive:** The Student Council will be holding a can food drive the last Wednesday of every month beginning October 31st. There will be boxes at the entrance of the church before and after chapel. We will be donating the food to the Napa Food Bank. Please help those less fortunate than yourself.
7. **7-8 Volleyball:** St. John's 7th & 8th grade boys and girls volleyball teams have wrapped up another successful season. Our girls team finished with a (6-2) record in league play, but came on like gangbusters in the league tournament, capturing 1st place and 4th place with a split squad.
The boys went undefeated in league play (8-0) and placed fourth in the league tournament. Congratulations to both teams!
8. **4/5/6 Basketball:** The 5th & 6th grade basketball season is underway. A big thank-you goes out to Steve Cardey, Pete Santora, Mike Randolph and Tim Malloy for stepping forward to coach teams this year. Thank you also to parents who have volunteered to drive to away games and help with snack bar and clean-up at home games. We couldn't do it without you!
9. **The Bible's Big Story:**
This class will focus on the time line of the Bible. This is not an in-depth study, but is an overview of the events that take place from Creation to Christ. Participants will receive a colorful time line and book that provide understanding of the order of events and stories of the Bible. The class will meet on Saturday, November 10, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in Room 8. Please register in advance to ensure that enough materials are ordered for all participants by sending an email to pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net or calling the church office 255-0119.

Parenting Workshop – Stress and Our Kids

Our bodies were designed with a need for relaxation and downtime. In the busyness of our lives we often don't realize the ways we add to our kids' stress levels and limit their downtime. The goal of this workshop is to identify the stressors kids face today, the effect these stressors have on them, and how to create a stress-resistant environment. The workshop meets on Thursday, November 8, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Room 10. Childcare will be available. Please register by sending an email to pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net in order to assist with preparation of materials and set-up. Please indicate when you register the number of children needing childcare and their ages.

Parenting Workshop – Effective Discipline Strategies

Items to be discussed in this workshop include: establishing a balance between being too authoritative and too lenient as a parent, recognizing the difference between discipline and punishment, effectively teaching and enforcing rules, and helping parents deal with emotions so that frustrations don't spill onto their children. The workshop meets on Thursday, November 15, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in Room 10. Childcare will be available. Please register by sending an email to pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net in order to assist with preparation of materials and set-up. Please indicate when you register the number of children needing childcare and their ages.

10. **Thrivent Members:** The Napa County Chapter is looking for members to fill positions that are opening up for next year's board. Thrivent meets 6 times a year and participates in the "Join Hands Day" project. This is a great way to serve the community. Elections are in November. If you or someone you know is interested and would like more information, please contact Teri Mitchell 224-3100, Cindy Sneed 252-7041 or Nancy Draeger 258-5599.
11. **Air Hockey:** Are you looking for an Air Hockey table? PALS has one in room 10 which they will give away FREE to any adult interested. Pick-up or if needed drop-off will be available. Please contact Nancy Draeger @258-5599.
12. **Christmas Drop and Shop Mission Outreach:** In realization of our new church vision of **Leading People Out** by serving the real needs of people in our community, St. Johns will be providing baby-sitting and Christmas wrapping services to those in the community who are lacking resources and/or struggling financially. If you are able to donate to this mission outreach it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at either the church or school offices. Contact Doug or Nancy Draeger with questions or ways you might help with babysitting, wrapping or donation. 258-5599
13. **Crafts for Kids:** Mrs. Kusel will be teaching craft classes on Wed. Nov. 14th (Turkey #2), Mon. Nov. 26th (Stocking) and Wed. Dec. 12th (Snowman) for kids in grades K-8 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the 8th grade classroom. The cost is \$20 per class. Checks are to be made **payable to Jill Kusel. The samples are now showing in the school office.**
14. **St. John's Pennants:** The 8th grade class continues to sell blue and white pennants with St. John's Eagles as a fundraiser for their class. They are \$5.00 each and are being sold in the school office. Stop by and purchase one or two and show your school colors while cheering on the 5/6 basketball teams.
15. **The Scoop From Scrip:** Lucky's has sent us some information regarding their S.H.A.R.E.S. program. If you shop at Lucky's please stop by the school office and give us your name. We will then complete the spread sheet and they will mail your cards to us. In the meantime remember to pick up Scrip for Lucky's in the school office.
Fall and winter are two popular seasons for crafts. Remember to pick up Scrip for Michaels (\$25) when you are ready to do your crafting.
Less than one week left before we are at our ½ way mark for the Scrip year. Be sure to stop by the office and check your numbers to make sure you are on track. Go to Great Lakes Scrip (retailers list) to see if there are any special orders you would like to place before the holiday season. *Honey Baked Ham, Harry & David, Hickory Farms and Cabela's to name a few.*
16. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
Save the date...Don't forget about the "Simple Grace" concert that will be coming to St. John's on Sunday, November 11th. This family of 8 children (the oldest is 24 and the youngest is 9 years old.) plays a variety of Christian music, including selections from bluegrass, traditional, gospel, folk and original pieces. The concert starts at 6 pm on Sunday, November 11th so bring the entire family! It is a FREE concert but there will be an offering collected to help offset their expenses. Don't forget to invite your friends!

7th and 8th Grade Ministry...Join us **tonight**, October 26th as we go bowling! We meet at 7 pm and then we will go over to Napa Bowl. The cost is \$10 per person and includes 2 games and shoe rental. We still have about 5 spaces left, so if you did not sign up to attend, there may still be room. Hope to see you tonight!

Just a reminder to those who are involved in Confirmation, that we do NOT meet this Wednesday, October 31st because it is Reformation Day. But we do meet the following Wednesday, November 7th for our Learning Event.

17. **Hot Lunches:** **Monday/Wednesday/Friday lunches need to be preordered the week before.**
Please **do not** use the Lunch Coupons for Tues. & Thurs. Lunches.
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| Monday | October 29th | Turkey/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/Brownie | | |
| Tuesday (Dance Team) | October 30th | Spaghetti/Salad/Garlic Bread/Cupcake Vegetarian Sauce available | \$4.00 | <u>Please note amount is \$4.00</u> |
| Wednesday | October 31st | Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup/Cupcake | | |
| Thursday | November 1st | Pepperoni Pizza | \$3.00 | |
| | | Extra Slice | \$1.00 | |
| | | Ice Cream | \$.50 | |
| Friday | November 2nd | Hamburger/French Fries/Pudding Cup | | |