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# On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade math students who participated in the Justin Siena Math Competition this past Saturday, October 27. Our math team came in First Place among seven other private junior high school teams. Congratulations to Danika Schmid, Caleb Heine, Meghan Gallagher, Lexie Martin, Kelsey Vanderschoot, and David Hoff for their accomplishment!

Thank you to all who responded to our recent request for involvement in this year's Harvest Event. We had a number of people come forward with additional donations for the auction as well as additional people who are planning to attend this fun and important fundraising event. Tickets are still available, and we want as many of you to attend as possible.

Thank you to all who attended the Dyslexia Workshop last Thursday. I also thank Jill Kusel for her leadership in organizing this event and arranging for Susan Barton to attend. This is an important topic, and we have been intentionally integrating screening and accommodations for dyslexia. We hope to have more workshops related to various learning differences.

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.

**PALS phone number: 738-7901**

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| 1. | Sat. Nov. 3  | 5/6 Basketball Boys Tournament-Our Savior                                    |
|    | Sat. Nov. 3  | *****Pacific Standard Time Returns-Set clock back one hour Sat. evening***** |
|    | Sun. Nov. 4  | Kindergarten choir-10:45 service   |
|    | Mon. Nov. 5  | 5/6 Basketball White-Away  |
|    | Mon. Nov. 5  | 5/6 Basketball Blue-TBA  |
|    | Wed. Nov. 7  | 5/6 Basketball White-Home**Note this is a change                             |
|    | Sat. Nov. 10 | Harvest Event-Carneros Inn   |
|    | Mon. Nov. 12 | Veteran's Day-No School or PALS  |
|    | Wed. Nov. 14 | L.E.S.T. parent meeting-6:30 pm Room 10                                      |



- God's Blessings to the students celebrating **Baptismal Birthdays**:  
Gabriel Gutierrez
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:  
Rhys Irwin Amanda Taylor Cheyanne Garcia Ryan Channels Philip Bartelt Carly Russell
- Harvest Event "Celebration Ball"**: Tickets are still available for the Harvest Event on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We accept Visa and MasterCard as well as checks and cash. And while you are purchasing your tickets don't forget to buy a few raffle tickets for our fabulous vacation in Hawaii. Details below.  
*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 10<sup>th</sup> and the drawing will be held the night of the Ball but you do not need to be present to win. Aloha!!*  
If you need more information please contact Vickie Nethercott at 251-9578 or at [vickieg7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vickieg7@sbcglobal.net).
- Thank You!** I want to say thank you to all the parents who came to the Susan Barton presentation on Dyslexia. We had about 140 people in attendance. I have heard a lot of good feedback and please let me know if I can be assistance to anyone. If you did not have a chance to attend, you can view most of her presentation on her website at [www.BrightSolutions.US](http://www.BrightSolutions.US). On her website you will find a lot of useful information including warning signs of Dyslexia and ADD. – Jill Kusel
- 5-6 Basketball**: Congratulations to our girls' team on a solid performance this past Saturday at the Our Savior, Livermore tournament. After dropping their first game, the girls went on to win the next two to capture the consolation championship. Way to go, girls!
- 7-8 Outdoor Ed**: Seventh & Eighth graders will be doing a week of Outdoor Education at Mt. Gilead in Sebastopol beginning on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$240.00 per student. Parents who would like to pay in installments are reminded that a first payment of \$80.00 is due Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, the end of the first trimester. Checks should be made out to the school and given to the classroom teacher.

8. **Boy Scouts:** The boy scouts are currently selling See's Candy for the holidays. There are 4 choices; 2 different boxes of mixed chocolates in holiday boxes, Christmas chocolate balls and peanut brittle. They are only \$5.00 per box. They make great gifts! Please ask a boy scout if you're interest or contact Suzzette Heathcote or Jill Kusel.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. **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.

11. **Crafts for Kids:** Mrs. Kusel will be teaching craft classes on Wed. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, one spot available (Turkey #2), Mon. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> (Stocking) and Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (Snowman) for kids in grades K-8 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

12. **White House Etiquette, LLC:** Mary White (963-1538) will be offering a class at Silverado Brewing Company in St. Helena on Dining Etiquette on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes are available for ages 5-17 followed by a holiday luncheon. Students will learn how to introduce themselves, proper table manners, polite conversation and appropriate dress. The price for the class and luncheon is \$50 for ages 5-7 and \$65 for ages 8-17. Please contact Mary at the above number or you may email her at [mary@whitehouseetiquette.com](mailto:mary@whitehouseetiquette.com) to make reservations.

13. **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.

We have hit our half way point for the Scrip year. Most of you are doing great, but there are a few who need a little encouragement.

Buying Scrip is a matter of habit. Plan ahead, review our Scrip form and go to Great Lakes Scrip.com to see if there are vendors you use. In addition to cash/check we also accept Visa/MasterCard for payment. This is the easiest fundraiser that St. John's has to offer

14. **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 11<sup>th</sup>. This family of 8 children 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 11<sup>th</sup> so bring the entire family! It is a FREE concert but there will be an offering collected to help off set their expenses. Don't forget to invite your friends!

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry...**If you are going on the Youth Quake, don't forget that we meet **today, Friday** at 3:30 pm in the big parking lot. Don't forget your breakfast food, money and your Bible. Any questions, contact Steve on his cell phone at 290-7980.

Just a reminder to those who are involved in Confirmation, we meet this coming Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm. We meet in the gym for our Learning Event so don't forget to bring your Living Faith Journal, your Bible and something to write with. See you on Wednesday.

15. **Hot Lunches:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday lunches need to be preordered the week before.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 5th</b>	<b>Chicken Nuggets/French Fries/Brownie</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b> (Dance Team)	<b>November 6th</b>	<b>Pasta/Garlic Bread/Salad/Dessert</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b><u>Please note amount is \$4.00</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 7th</b>	<b>Turkey &amp; Cheese Wrap/Green Salad/Fruit Cup</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cheese Pizza</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	
		<b>Extra Slice</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	
		<b>Ice Cream</b>	<b>\$ .50</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Penne Pasta w/meatballs/Cookie</b>		

