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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Although Parent-Teacher conferences are not until November 29-30, we are asking that parents come in to the school office to sign up for your time with your child's teacher. If you have more than one child in K-8, you may come in on Tuesday or Wednesday (November 13-14) to sign up. If you have one child enrolled in K-8, you may come in on Thursday or Friday (November 15-16). If you are unable to make it here in person, give Cindy Zeller a call in the office to check on a time. After Friday, meeting times for those who are not yet signed up will be assigned by the teacher.

For those fifth through eighth grade parents who are planning on, or interested in, going to Portland for the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament in February, there is an informational meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 10. Please join us to get more detailed information on this trip. November 26 is the deadline for signing up and turning in participation forms for this trip. If you need another letter or form, please come by the school office.

A member of St. John's Lutheran Church and senior at Napa, Dolores Morales is doing a senior project and has asked for our help. She is putting together care packages for our troops in Iraq. Attached is a letter from her identifying certain items she needs to put this together. Each class is asked to bring a certain item along with any shoe boxes sometime next week. Please help us with this project to support our troops!

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. 10 | Harvest Event-Carneros Inn |
| | Mon. | Nov. 12 | Veteran's Day-No School or PALS |
| | Tues. | Nov. 13 | Gesell Parent Meeting-7:00 pm-Preschool Room-Mandatory for incoming Kindergartners |
| | Tues. | Nov. 13 | 5/6 Basketball-Blue & White Away |
| | Wed. | Nov. 14 | L.E.S.T. parent meeting-6:30 pm Room 10 |
| | Thurs. | Nov. 15 | 5/6 Basketball Blue & White-Home |
| | M-T | Nov. 19-20 | CNH Lutheran Teacher Conference-No School or PALS |
| | W-Th. | Nov. 21-23 | Thanksgiving Vacation-No School or PALS |
| | Mon. | Nov. 26 | Picture Retake Day-PS-8 |
| | Tues. | Nov. 27 | APT Meeting-6:30-library |
| | Thurs. | Nov. 29 | Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School or PALS |
| | Fri. | Nov. 30 | Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School or PALS |
| | Thurs. | Nov. 29 | 5/6 Basketball White-Away |
| | Thurs. | Nov. 29 | 5/6 Basketball Blue-Home (end of season) |
| | Sun. | Dec. 16 | School Advent Service |



- God's Blessings to the students celebrating **Baptismal Birthdays**:
Sarah Ginn Megan Perna Madison Perna
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:
Regan Butler Jordan Petersen Abby Sneed Jacob Cremen Chris Bozzini Cearra Henn
- Harvest Event "Celebration Ball"**: Looking forward to seeing everybody at Saturday's *Celebration Ball*. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm and will continue until 11:00 pm at the beautiful Carneros Inn. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously with their time and energy to prepare for this event.
- Diaper Drive**: The Preschool is conducting a Diaper Drive to support COPE Family Center. Please bring packages of size 4 or 5 diapers to the preschool room during the month of November and December.
- Tutors Wanted**: Jill Kusel is currently putting together a list of tutors in the Napa area that will be handed out to the parents of St. John's that are looking for extra help for their children. If you, or someone you know would like to be added to our list, please contact Jill and she will have you fill out an informational sheet.
- 5-6 Basketball**: St. John's Blue & White boys' teams battled their way into the championship game of the Our Savior, Livermore tournament last Saturday. In a close game, the Blue team came away with the victory. Congratulations to both teams on their 1-2 finish! The 5-6 season wraps up the end of this month.
- Sportswear**: If you would like to place an order for delivery prior to the Christmas break, please do so next week. Forms are available in the school office and outside Room 7 (along with samples). If the item(s) are gifts, indicate that on the order form and those items will be placed in the office for pick-up when they arrive.

9. **7-8 Outdoor Ed:** Seventh & Eighth graders will be doing a week of Outdoor Education at Mt. Gilead in Sebastopol beginning on Monday, April 28th. 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. 9th, the end of the first trimester. Checks should be made out to the school and given to the classroom teacher.
10. **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.
11. **Free Piano:** Mark and Jill Kusel have a piano which they no longer have room for. If you are interested the cost is FREE! You will simply need to have a truck to move it. Please contact them at 265-0236.
12. **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 – 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.

13. **Crafts for Kids:** Mrs. Kusel will be teaching craft classes on Wed. Nov. 14th, one spot available (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. **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 17th. 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 to make reservations.
15. **The Scoop From Scrip:** With the holiday season brings new holiday movies to the theaters. If you are planning on taking the kids to the Cinedome Theater, stop by and pick up some Scrip to Cinemark (\$25). Scrip is good for admission and food.
An order will be placed next week. If you are going to Disneyland over the holidays, we can provide you with Scrip for your travel or shopping needs. If you are planning on doing some Scrip buying for the holidays whether it be for gifts or holiday supplies take a look at the retailers list on Great Lakes Scrip.com. If there is something you would like to order give me a call or stop by the school office by Wednesday the 14th. I will be placing more orders but if you need it before Thanksgiving or just want to plan ahead now is the time to order.

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.

16. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
For all Families...Make sure you join us this Sunday, November 11th for the "Simple Grace" concert! 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 this Sunday, 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 neighbors and friends!

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Ministry...We meet next Sunday, November 18th for "T.G.I.S" our monthly gathering. We will go from 1-3 pm in the gym and play a bunch of fun games. So make sure to invite your friends and join us for a great afternoon.

7th and 8th Grade Ministry...We meet next Friday, November 16th for "Nerd Night". We'll be in the gym from 7-9 pm to play all sorts of games related to the theme. You can come dressed in your most nerdy way or just come dressed as you are, just make sure you join us for this fun and crazy night. Any questions, contact Steve Dierker.

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

Monday	November 12th	Veteran's Day-No School or PALS	
Tuesday (Dance Team)	November 13th	Pasta/Garlic Bread/Salad/Dessert	\$4.00
Wednesday	November 14th	Hamburgers/French Fries/Cookie	
Thursday	November 15th	Pepperoni Pizza	\$3.00
		Extra Slice	\$1.00
		Ice Cream	\$.50
Friday	November 16th	Macaroni & Cheese/Garlic Bread/Fruit Cup	