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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and a great Break! This is not only a time to spend together with family and friends, but more importantly a chance to praise and thank our gracious and loving God for all he has done in our lives. I am thankful for the community here at St. John's. The Lord has put us together here at this time in this place to learn and serve Him. May God continue to bless your family as you continue to bless the larger St. John's family.

I want to say a big thank you to Vickie Nethercott and all those who worked so hard to put together this year's Harvest Event. It was a great event and a nice evening to spend in fellowship and raise money for our kids! Thank you also to all who participated through their attendance or donations to this effort! It was a true blessing as we raised over $42,000 for Apt funding projects this year.

For those who are planning to participate in the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament (LEST), please remember that your participation forms and any music forms need to be turned in on Monday, November 26 (The Monday we get back from Thanksgiving Break). We have to turn in our school registration by the end of that week. More specific information about flights and hotel will be sent out that week as well.

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.

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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**

2. God's Blessings to the students celebrating ***Baptismal Birthdays from Nov. 17-25***:
CJ Meissenhalter Danielle Pedrelli Victoria Christie Sami Zaia Marc Galles Hayden Corley
Isabella Corley Catherine Richardson

3. Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week for November 26th**:
Logan Van Zandt Ben Sange William Francis Maddie Lederer Madison Scherner

4. **Harvest Event "*Celebration Ball*":** A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers of the Celebration Ball. Because of your generous donation of time as well as the donors and attendees this year's Harvest Event was a success. Thank you to everyone for supporting our school.
We are still taking order for note cards for the classroom artwork-$15 per package. There are also openings available for:
    1. Ladies Night Out at Monticello Winery with the Napa High Chamber choir singing on Dec. 5th.
    2. Need to Chill Out with our wonderful Preschool teachers-January
    3. Ladies Bunco Night-May 16th

    All events at $50.00 per event. If interested please call or email Vickie Nethercott at vickieg7@sbcglobal.net or 251-9578. Hurry before they fill up!

5. **Black & White Children Pictures:** If you would like reprints or Christmas cards with the black & white children Harvest Event Pictures, please go to Photopro in Napa and ask for Raj. Bring in your photos and Raj has all proofs. Photopro is located at 1258 Trancas Street in Napa and their phone number is 255-0772.

6. **Picture Retake:** For those who did not have their pictures taken on Picture Day or if you would like them re-done we will be having one retake day on Monday, November 26th. This is the day we return from Thanksgiving break. For those who need retakes please bring with you to the photo shoot your envelope with the pictures you will be returning. If you haven't taken your picture yet, please stop by the school office and pick up an order form.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **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 would be able to donate your time with this outreach program please put Saturday, December 15th aside. More information will follow.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **Crafts for Kids:** Mrs. Kusel will be teaching craft classes on 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.**

13. **The Scoop From Scrip:** Thursday, December 6th the **Learning Faire** will be having their annual 12 hour Christmas sale. 20% off everything in the store from 9:00 am-9:00 pm. Please stop by the school office and pick up Scrip for the Learning Faire before you shop.
    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.
    Remember if you shop at Lucky's give me your name, family and friends names who shop there and I will order you the new S.H.A.R.E.S. card. For those who have given me your names already your cards should be here after the Thanksgiving break.

14. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
    4th, 5th and 6th Grade Ministry…We meet this 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. See you on Sunday!

    7th and 8th Grade Ministry…We meet **today**, 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.

    And if you are involved in Confirmation, just a reminder that there is NO meeting this Wednesday, because of Thanksgiving Break. But join us the following Wednesday, November 28th for our Learning Event. Please make every effort to be at this event as it will be the last meeting till January 2008! See you on the 28th!

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

Monday	**November 26th**	**Hoagie Sandwich/French Fries/Cookie**	
Tuesday (Dance Team)	**November 27th**	**Pasta/Garlic Bread/Salad/Dessert**	**$4.00**
Wednesday	**November 28th**	**Baked Ham/Mashed Potatoes/Fruit Cup**	
Thursday	**November 29th**	**No School Parent/Teacher Conferences**	
Friday	**November 30th**	**No School Parent/Teacher Conferences**	

HAPPY THANKSGIVING