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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the Easter Break! I hope everyone had a fun and restful week. I also pray that you all had a chance to celebrate the Easter message of a God who came to earth, suffered and died, and rose again to give us eternal life. It is a Gospel message to CELEBRATE!

Tonight is the culmination of our week-long drama program of the Missoula Children's Theater "Robinson Crusoe". Fifty four students have worked long and hard to prepare for this performance. I want to say a special thank you to Ellen Politz for her hard work and organization to help make this experience for our kids possible.

Please keep our school in your prayers as we extend a Divine Call on Sunday to Ms. Mari Buss to serve as our new second grade teacher. In our church practice, the Divine Call is one whereby we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to pick the person that will serve as a quality teacher, but also assist our students in their spiritual development.

It saddens me to inform you that Joan Perez, our Kindergarten Aide, will not be returning next year. Joan wants to spend more time with family. Joan has been an aide and preschool teacher for a number of years. She also has had three children attend and graduate from St. John's. We thank God for Joan's service and partnership in ministry. She has truly been a blessing to many!

Enrollment for next year continues here at St. John's, and for the first time in a long time, we actually have some openings in our Kindergarten class. So, if you know of anyone interested in Kindergarten please let them know.

There is no school on Monday, April 7, so that our teachers can attend a district in-service in Livermore on Brain Research.

In Christ,
Joel D. Wahlers
Principal

PALS phone number: 738-7901

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| Sun. | April 6 | Preschool Choir-10:45 service |
| Mon. | April 7 | In Service-No School or PALS |
| Tues. | April 8 | APT meeting-6:30 pm |
| Wed. | April 9 | Kindergarten Spring Ducks & Chicks pictures |
| Th-Fri | April 10-11 | PS Spring Ducks & chicks pictures |
| Sun. | April 13 | Choraliers and Liturgical Dance at 8:00 am service |
| M-F | April 14-18 | ITBS Achievement Tests-Please do not schedule appointment this week |
| Sat. | May 10 | LSAA Track Meet-Newark High School-See item #7 |
| Fri. | May 30 | Box Tops For Education Baggies Due-Winners announced Monday, June 2nd |
- God's Blessings to the students celebrating **Baptismal Birthdays**:
Nic Davino Ryan Imhoff Grace Bouchet Tim Bouchet Anthony Politz Devon Mason
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:
Cierra Yeager Ally Burnham Jessica Lovie Kyle Vanderschoot Savanna Scherner
- APT Meeting**: There will be an APT meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm in the library. Child care will be provided. If you would like to add any items to the agenda, please email Amy Heathcote at amy@heritageolivetrees.com
- Country Fair**: Envelopes are being sent home today with the Blue Note for the pre-sale tickets for the Country Fair being held on April 26th. New this year is the **All Inclusive Wrist Band** for \$40.00 (\$50.00 the day of the fair). This band will pay for all games, rides, 5 times around the cake walk and lunch. It will also give your child (5) children's raffle tickets. You may also purchase the game only wrist band or individual tickets. Complete the envelope, enclose your check and return to the school office no later the Friday, April 18th. Please contact Anita Regan (257-2929) or Danielle Irwin (259-6186) for more information.
- PALS**: PALS payment for January & February were due no later than today. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged to those who have yet to pay.
- St. John's Summer Basketball Camps (Our 24th year)**: Brochures and registration forms are now available for boys and girls who are entering grades 5-8 this fall. The girls' camp (June 16th-20th) and the boys' camp (June 23rd-June 27th) is limited in number, so early registration is encouraged.

8. **LSAA Track Meet:** This year's Lutheran Schools Athletic Association (LSAA) Track Meet is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th, at Newark Memorial High School. This annual day-long Meet brings together the best athletes from Lutheran Schools throughout the Bay Area. Here at St. John's, we're just beginning the process of determining which students in grades K-8 will have an opportunity to represent our school at this event. Students in all grades will be timed and tested in the events their specific age group is eligible for and parents will be notified if their child qualifies for a given event(s). If your child is invited to participate, please return the form promptly so that our roster can be set. If you already know that your child cannot participate in the Meet due to a prior conflict, a note to Mr. Hauch or your child's teacher will enable us to more efficiently determine qualifiers.

While we generally test our students in grade groups to lessen the impact on classroom schedules, please be aware that track meet classification is determined by age as of March 1st and is set up in 6 month increments. As such, your child may be competing against students in other grades, not just classmates.

9. **7-8 Outdoor Education:** The forms sent home this week, as well as final payment (\$240 total), are due by next **Friday, April 11th**. Outdoor Ed. Begins on Monday, April 28th and runs through Thursday, May 1st, at Mt. Gilead, Sebastopol.
10. **Justin-Siena-Win \$10,000 or 1 year Tuition Free:** Buy a \$100 (tax deductible) raffle ticket and you could win \$10,000 or 1 year **FREE TUITION** at Justin-Siena High School. Only 250 tickets will be sold so don't miss out! Tickets are available in the Development office or Main Office at Justin Siena or by contacting Viki Wangeman at 253-7749. Winning ticket will be drawn at the Wine Auction on April 26th. Need not be present to win. Tuition must be used for the 2008/2009 school year.
11. **Vintage High School Cheer & Dance:** Come be a part of the 2008-2009 VHS National Championship Cheer and Dance Team. Vintage's talented Cheer and Dance Program offers excitement in stunting, tumbling, pom, jazz, lyrical and hip-hop. If you are interested in auditioning for the team, the Tryout Clinic starts April 18th. Tryouts are held on the 25th of April. Clinic is open to 6th grade and up. Tryout packets are available at your school office and at Vintage High School. For more information contact Lisa Sullivan at 253-3601 ext. 209 or by email at lsullivan@nvusd.k12.ca.us.
12. **The Scoop From Scrip:** April 30th will complete the end of the scrip year for 2007-2008. We will begin our new year on May 1st. Plenty of Scrip available to take care of your *home improvements, grocery, and gasoline needs*. If you're beginning to think of new clothes for the spring, we have plenty of *Macy's, JC Penny's, Mervyn's, Ross, Old Navy/Banana Republic/Gap, American Eagle, Land's End and Dennis Scrip*. Remember to tell your family and friends that they are welcome to purchase their gift cards in the school office. You do not need to be a participant in the Scrip program or even belong to St. John's. *Everyone is welcome to support SJL APT.*
13. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
Cell Phone Roundup...This will be the last week that we will be collecting old cell phones so please bring all your old phones in by **Friday, April 11th**. And don't forget to collect the used phones from your friends and neighbors. Thank you for all your help!

For all Mothers and Daughters (6th Graders and older)...Saturday, May 10th is a special "Mother Daughter Health Fair" at St. Apollinaris Church in Napa. Amy Roloff, the mother from the Reality TV Show, "Little People, Big World", will be one of the guest speakers along with Doris and Tom Smeltzer of Napa. This event will go from 10 am until 3:30 pm and will include snacks, lunch, lots of free give-aways, and two great presentations. After the presentations, there will be a Health Fair set up in the St. A's Hall with great information for female teens and their mothers. The cost for each mother/daughter pair is \$40. Additional daughters can be added on for \$10 per teen! For more information, contact the St. A's Youth Ministry Department at 251-0392 or email Megan at stasyouth@aol.com.

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Ministry (TGIS)...We meet next Sunday, April 13th for our monthly meeting. We will be in the gym from 1-3 pm to play some fun games, eat some snacks and hear some of God's Words. Bring your friends and join us on the 13th!

6th, 7th and 8th Graders... The California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is having its 3rd Annual Jr. High Youth Gathering at Mt. Cross on June 22-25, 2008. The theme this year is, "Wild Kingdom" and will feature Micah Parker as the main speaker. There will be camp wide games, campfires, a low ropes course, worship, and lots of fun. The cost is \$160 for everything if you register and pay by **Friday, April 25th**. Any questions, contact Steve at 255-7451.

7th and 8th Grade Ministry...Keep Friday, April 18th open as you will NOT want to miss, "The Jell-O Bowl"! That's right; it's a night full of your favorite wiggly, wobbly, J-E-L-L-O stuff! Come dressed in the color of your favorite flavor and score some extra points for your team. We'll meet from 7-9 pm in the gym on the 18th of April. So make sure you bring your friends!

And for those of you that are involved in Confirmation, this is the last month of Confirmation so please try to be at all the last events. Our next Learning Event happens on Wednesday, April 16th from 7-8:30 pm. If you have any questions, contact your adult guide.

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

Monday	April 7th	No School-In Service Day	
Tuesday	April 8th	Grilled Cheese/Fruit/Dessert	\$4.00
(Yosemite-5th grade)		Extra Sandwich	\$1.00
Wednesday	April 9th	Penne Pasta & Meatballs/Garlic Bread/Cookie or Chef Salad	
Thursday	April 10th	Pepperoni Pizza	\$3.00
		Extra Slice	\$1.00
		Ice Cream	\$.50
Friday	April 11th	Corn Dog/Tater Tots/Fruit Cup or Chicken Caesar Salad	