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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

This next week (October 13-17), we will be giving our annual ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) achievement tests. These tests are designed to give us an assessment of your child's progress each year. We have made a change this year to a Fall testing time. We are doing this so that we can better use the results to help your child. This way, at our Parent Teacher Conferences later this Fall, we will be able to have more current data to look at. Please help your child do well by giving them plenty of sleep and avoid scheduling any appointments during this coming week.

I want to again Wish List items for which we still need funding. We have already had a couple of items covered by school families, and we are adding one new item this week – and AED (Automated External Defibrillator). An AED is used for those suffering from a heart attack or other life threatening heart problem. It electronically diagnoses the problem, and if needed, gives an electrical shock to put the heart back in rhythm. We recently had one of our students have such an event happen while playing soccer (not as part of a school activity), and it is a reminder that life threatening heart problems do happen to children. All of our staff are trained in using this device and it would give us a valuable tool to save lives. The cost of this item is around \$1500. The other items needed are: 1) Circle time Rug (\$400) for Kindergarten, 2) "Smartboard" technology equipment for second grade (\$2500), 3) Assorted History DVDs (\$200) for fourth grade, 4) Handbell mallets (\$550), 5) Handbell Choir table (\$1000).

In Christ,
Joel D. Wahlers
Principal

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| Fri. | Oct. 10 | Columbus Day-No School or PALS |
| Sun. | Oct. 12 | 2nd/3rd grade choir-8:00 am service |
| M-Fri. | Oct. 13-17 | ITBS Achievement Testing-Please no appointments during this week |
| Mon. | Oct. 13 | 7/8 Volleyball-Away |
| Sat. | Oct. 18 | 7/8 Girls Volleyball -Fremont |
| Wed. | Oct. 22 | Used Uniform Sale-2:45-3:30-Outside Gym |
| Sat. | Nov. 1 | Harvest Event #8-See attached flyers |
| Fri. | Nov. 14 | The Squid are Coming-item #10 |
- God's Blessings to the students celebrating **Baptismal Birthdays**:
Ian Lederer Andrew Cardoso Nicco Cardoso Sam Baty
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:
Raymond Matulich Andrew Cardoso Christian Best Matthew Heathcote A.J. King Katelyn Young
Sam Hoff Jennifer Hard
- Smencils**: The 8th grade class is selling **Smencils** before and after school. **Smencils** are Gourmet Scented Pencils made from 100% recycled newspapers. They come in regular pencils and new this year is the colored pencils. They come in various scents such as Grape, Cinnamon, Root beer, chocolate, bubble gum and many more. 100% of the profits will be donated to charity. Support our 8th grade's vision to "grow" within the world.
- Gift Wrap Sale**: Our annual 8th grade fundraiser of gift wrap, supplies and other goodies kicked off last Friday. The sale will go thru Friday October 17th. Turn in your orders to your classroom and delivery should be before the Thanksgiving break. Many great ideas for hostess gifts and plenty of gift wrap to get you ready for the holidays. More catalogs available in the school office.
- 7/8 Volleyball**: The St. John's 7-8 Boys Volleyball Team took 1st place at the ten team Lutheran schools tournament hosted by Prince of Peace, Fremont, last weekend. After a 7-1 record in morning pool play, the Eagles defeated Prince of Peace in two straight games to advance to the finals. In the championship match, St. John's defeated Zion, Piedmont. Congratulations on a fine effort! You represented your school well.
- MARY'S FUNDRAISER –JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION** Thomas Fox, a 3rd grade student at St. John's, is having a **Dine & Donate** at Mary's on **Monday, October 13th**. Flyers were sent home this week. A flyer must be handed to the waitress. It is to benefit his team, "**TEAM TOMMY**" in his quest for a cure for diabetes. Thomas has had Type 1 Diabetes since he was 15 mos. old. He has had to endure countless finger pricks and many injection needles. With modern technology and advancements towards a cure, he is now on an insulin pump. Insulin is not a cure, so every year we do the "Walk to Cure Diabetes" it is very special to Tom, he feels that this day is dedicated to finding a cure for him and the millions of other children like him. This year's walk is on Saturday, October 25th at St. Supery and Peju wineries. This will be our 8th walk! Come join us if you can! You can log onto www.walk.jdrf.org. to register or donate online. If you would like more info on the Mary's fundraiser or the "Walk to Cure Diabetes" please call Betina Fox @ 290-4766.

8. **Harvest Event:** We will be having a meeting for the Harvest Volunteers on Thursday, Oct. 9th right after drop off in the gym. We are in need of carpenters to build crosses for class art projects, one for each class K-8th. **We encourage at least one representative from each class be present.** The 2008 St. John's Lutheran School annual Harvest Event is being held on November 1st from 6:00 pm-11:00 pm. The event will be a sit down dinner with a live and silent auction/orchestra and dancing at the Meritage Resort and Spa in Napa. The price per ticket is \$75.00 and may be purchased by contacting Vickie Nethercott at vickieg7@sbcglobal.net, going to the school office or mailing a check to SJLS at 3521 Linda Vista Avenue. The theme for this year is "*the USO revisited*". Raffle tickets for a trip to Walt Disney World will be available in the school office or by contacting Vickie Nethercott. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$20.00, 5 for \$50.00 and 15 for \$100.00. Drawing for the raffle will be on November 1st but you do not need to be present to win. We are also in need of donations and volunteers to help with this event. Go to our website at www.stjohnsnapa.org/harvest.htm for more information.
9. **Love Talk: Speak Each Other's Language Like You Never Have Before:** Designed by relationship experts Les and Leslie Parrott, this six-session DVD curriculum helps you improve the single most important factor for a successful marriage – communication! Pastor Mark will facilitate this small group style class on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Parish Hall (Gym), October 19 thru November 23. Cost for all materials is \$25 per couple (payable at first class or scholarships are available). To register, send an email to pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net
10. **Family Event:** Scott Cassell, CEO and founder of the Undersea Voyager Project (a non-profit organization that advances scientific knowledge and understanding of the Oceans), will be making a special presentation at St. John's on Friday evening, Nov. 14th. A world leader in the study of squid, particularly the Giant Humboldt Squid, Scott and his team were the first to film a giant squid in predatory, free swimming behavior. Scott's work has been featured on the Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, the History Channel, the BBC, and on Disney's *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* DVD. Mark the date on your calendar now so that you and your family can be a part of this special event.
11. **Optimist Basketball:** 2008-2009 Season-Sign ups will be held at Napa Valley College Gym-7/8 grade Boys & 7-12 Grade Girls may sign up on Oct. 15 & 21st from 6-8 pm & Oct. 18 & 25th from 9 am-12 noon. For all registration and schedule information, go to www.napaoyb.com.
12. **Free:** Used pair of matching twin bed frames made of unfinished pine wood. They can be made back into bunk beds with a little work. Call Elaine Hoff @ 256-0702 for details.
13. **The Scoop From Scrip:** We are approaching the half way mark for the 2008-2009 Scrip commitment year. Check with the school office to see where you stand in your commitment.
14. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
For all ages...Don't miss the musical group, "Lost and Found"! They are coming to Santa Rosa this Saturday, October 11th and tickets are just \$10 per person. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the warm up band begins at 6:30 pm. The concert happens at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses located at 2500 Patio Court in Santa Rosa. It is recommended to buy your tickets ahead of time as they usually sell out. So call 542-4272 for ticket information or go to: www.speedwood.com
4th, 5th and 6th Grade Ministry...We meet this coming Sunday, October 12th for our monthly meeting of "Thank God It's Sunday" (TGIS). We meet from 1-3 pm in the gym to play some fun games. Hope you will be able to join us!
7th and 8th Grade Ministry...If you are participating in Confirmation this year, don't forget that we have our Learning Event on Wednesday, October 15th. We will be in the gym from 7-8:30 pm. Please make sure you bring your Living Lutheran Journal, your Bible and something to write with. Any questions, contact your adult guide.
 Don't forget to join us on Friday, October 24th for "Sports Spectacular" Night! We will meet from 7-9 pm to play a bunch of "sporting games" that you might not have ever thought to play. If you want, you can dress up in your favorite sporting teams color or even wear their jersey, if you have one. Plan to join us on the 24th as we are sure to have a great time!

15. **Hot Lunches: Monday/Wednesday/Friday lunches need to be preordered the week before.**
Please do not use the Lunch Coupons for Tues. & Thurs. Lunches.

Mon. Oct. 13th	Burgers/Fries/Cookie or Chicken Caesar Salad	
Tues. Oct. 14th	Grilled Cheese and Caesar Salad	\$3.50
(Dance Team)	Extra Sandwich	\$1.00
	Candy	\$.50
Wed. Oct. 15th	Mac & Cheese/Garlic Bread/Fruit Cup or Chef Salad	
Thurs. Oct. 16th	Cheese Pizza	\$3.00
	Extra Slice	\$1.50
	Ice Cream	\$.50
Fri. Oct. 17th	Crispy Chicken Sandwich/Green Salad/Brownie or Chicken Caesar Salad	

*Remember to preorder your lunch when buying Kinyon (M,W,F) Payment is by checks or coupons only...No cash.
 \$40.00 per 10 coupon book-Preschool
 \$45.00 per 10 coupon book-K-8
 Coupons available in the school office.*

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He works miracles.