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# On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Happy Advent! This week begins the season of Advent. Advent is a time in the church year when we celebrate the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. Not only do we remember His coming long ago as a baby in a stable, but we look with HOPE to His coming again to share with us the promise of eternal life in heaven. May this season of hope be a blessing to your family.

Please remember that we have Parent Teacher Conferences this Thursday and Friday. Please be on time for your conference. We have a tight schedule with little room for error. Also, please remember there is no school on either day.

Please keep our seventh grade teacher and athletic director, Bob Hauch, in your prayers. Mr. Hauch will have surgery on Wednesday of this week. The surgery will help correct some complications he has been experiencing as the result of cancer treatment the past two and a half years. Mr. Hauch will be recovering over the next few weeks, and he will return on January 5.

If you are traveling to Portland for the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament on Presidents' Day Weekend, please remember to turn in your Flight Reservation Sheet and check by December 18 (unless you are making your own plane reservations). The fares on our flights have gone down and one of the return times has changed, so a new Flight Reservation Sheet is coming out today with the new fare and times. Also, please remember to make your hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn by January 21. The direct line to make those reservations is 503-914-5245. If you have any questions, please contact Kari Perna or me.

Please remember that all students attending basketball games and other school events must have a parent or designated adult supervision. If a child does not have adult supervision they will be checked into PALS.

In Christ,  
Joel D. Wahlers  
Principal

PALS phone: 738-7901

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| 1. Wed. Dec. 3 | Junior Bells-Midweek Service-7:00 pm                                  |
| Wed. Dec. 3    | Choraliers-Midweek Service-7:00 pm                                    |
| Thurs. Dec. 4  | 5/6 Basketball-Blue Team-Home   |
| Thurs. Dec. 4  | 5/6 Basketball-White Team-Away  |
| Thurs. Dec. 4  | Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School or PALS                          |
| Fri. Dec. 5    | Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School or PALS                          |
| Mon. Dec. 8    | 5/6 Basketball-Blue-Away  |
| Mon. Dec. 8    | 5/6 Basketball-White-Home   |
| Tues. Dec. 9   | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation meeting-7:00 pm room 8-Parents only  |
| Sat. Dec. 13   | Justin-Siena entrance exam-contact David Holquin 255-0950 to schedule |
| Sun. Dec. 14   | School Christmas Service-2:30 & 3:45-Schedule item #8                 |
- God's Blessings to the students celebrating *Baptismal Birthday*:  
Seth Ponciano Rachel Carey
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:  
Samantha Yoder Regan Butler Ben Franklin Sam Pfaff Ryan Imhoff MacKenzie Mills
- The Scoop From Scrip**: Gift Cards are still a great way to do your holiday shopping! **AMERICAN EXPRESS GIFT CARDS \$100'S** are here! If you shop at **COSTCO, TRADER JOES, TARGET** or any other store which accepts American Express, these cards are for you!! Those participating in the Scrip Tuition Program will receive only 50% of value toward their commitment. AmEx only gives us 1.25%. If we sale gift cards to Wal-Mart please purchase them, we get a higher return then from American Express. **Now there's no reason not to shop Scrip before you go shopping. Visa/Mastercard accepted.**  
Our holiday gift card holders are in, now in new designs. Purchase your gift; get your card all in one stop. What could be easier! Gift cards holders are \$.50 each.
- St. John's Lutheran Dance Team & Expressions Dance** will be having a dance exhibition on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in St. John's gym. Admission will be canned food and non-perishable food to be given to the Napa Food Bank.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation meeting**: The first graduation meeting will take place Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Please be sure that at least one parent for each child attends. We will discuss the many end of year activities for the graduating class. The meeting should last about an hour.
- Mission Project**: Nancy Zaia's small bible study group will be doing a mission project of collecting clean and gently used blankets and coats to be giving to the Salvation Army. We will be collecting them in the school office until December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please go through your closets and see if there is anything that that you would be able to donate to keep someone warm through this winter. Thank you.

8. **Children's Advent Services:**

***Sunday December 14, 2008***



**2:30 Service**  
 Preschool  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 Tone Chimes  
 Choraliers (w/Liturgical Dance)

**Fellowship-Please bring one dozen cookies**

**3:45 Service**  
 Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Handbell Choir



9. **Napa Food Bank:** As many of you know, the Napa Food Bank ran out of food this year for the first time. As part of our "Reaching Out", St. John's Lutheran will begin a new ministry to help the hungry in our community. Starting in December, after each Sunday service, we will be collecting a specific food item that the Food Bank needs and deliver it to them. This will be an ongoing ministry that everyone is invited to participate in. Please look for the food box/barrel in the narthex. Contact Cathy Bunnell if you have any questions or would like to help. **December's food items: Cereal and canned fruit**
10. **Support our Troops:** Queen of the Valley is sponsoring the collection of items for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are in need of healthy snacks and non perishables such as Tuna, lunch kits, beef jerky, canned fruit (with pop up lids), dried fruity and nuts. Coffee, cocoa, sugar & creamer packets are also great. Also needed are boot socks, boot liners, odor eaters, underwear and t-shirts. Stationary, AA & AAA batteries, zip lock baggies, lip balm baby wipes shampoo and deodorant. **Please bring your items by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to the Bank of Napa located in the Redwood Plaza next to Starbucks.**
11. **Napa Valley Savings Book:** The Bank of Napa is selling Napa Valley Savings Book at their office near Vallengas. This is a magazine that has a one year maturity with retail, restaurant etc savings with a card presented for 2009. The cost is \$30.00 and they will donate \$10.00 back to St. John's if you request them to. This is a great gift idea and one which will help St. John's also. **Remember to mention: Donate to St. John's Lutheran!**
12. **Cornerstone Equestrian Center** will be having a special fundraiser on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-3:00 pm at the Equestrian Center at Skyline Park. You will have a special opportunity to see Santa and have your photo taken with Santa and his horses! Cost is \$15-\$20. Cornerstone Equestrian Center is an all-volunteer, non-profit therapeutic horseback riding center in American Canyon. They help and support those who have been diagnosed with down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, brain injuries and much more. Help support Cornerstone help others during this Christmas season.
13. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**  
**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry...**Sorry that our Ice Skating trip was canceled last month; we will try to make that up in February. But save next Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for "The Christmas Party"! We will meet in the gym from 7-9 pm to play a bunch of fun games around the theme of Christmas. And you can bet that we will eat a bunch of fun food based on the theme. You can dress in your favorite Christmas colors or just come on down with your friends. We hope to see you next Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm!

If you are involved in Confirmation, just wanted to remind you that we do NOT meet in the month of December because we have Advent Worship Services. So bring your families on Wednesdays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Soup dinner starts at 6 pm and worship is at 7 pm.

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

<b>Mon. Dec. 8th</b>	<b>Penne Pasta w/meatballs/Green Salad/Cookie or Chicken Caesar Salad</b>	
<b>Tues. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito/Chips/Salsa/Salad/Dessert</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>(Boy Scouts)</b>	<b>Extra Burrito</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
	<b>Candy</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Wed. Dec. 10th</b>	<b>Corn Dog/Tater Tots/Fruit Cup or Chef Salad</b>	
<b>Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cheese Pizza</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
	<b>Extra Slice</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
	<b>Ice Cream</b>	<b>\$ .50</b>
<b>Fri. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Burgers/Fries/Green Peas/Cookie or Chicken Caesar Salad</b>	