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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

A very merry Christmas to you all! I pray that all of you are able to celebrate in the incredible gift of God in Jesus Christ in this coming week!!!

I want to say a special thank you to all of our students and teachers for leading us in praise and worship at our Children's Advent Services last Sunday. They did a tremendous job! It was a great way to share the love of Christ in that worship setting.

In Christ,
Joel D. Wahlers
Principal

PALS phone: 738-7901

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| 1 | Dec.22-Jan 2 | Christmas Vacation-No School or PALS |
| | Mon. Jan. 5 | Semester and Monthly tuition due |
| | Th-Sun. Jan 15-18 | Napa Invitational Basketball Tournament-N.I.T. -Times TBA |
| | Mon. Jan. 19 | Martin Luther King Day-No School or PALS |
| | Sat. Feb. 7 | Crab Feed-see item #7-This is a change from the school calendar |

2. God's Blessings to the students celebrating *Baptismal Birthday thru January 4th, 2009*:
Abigail Sneed Michael Francke Brendan Peterson Nick Politz Wyatt Amaral McKenzie Amaral
Sam Craft Sofia Quinones

3. Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week for the week of January 5, 2009**:
Julia Best Sophia Guastucci Brett Carey Ashley Griffin Elise Semple Anavon Kennedy Kyle Vanderschoot
Victoria Christie Garrett Mort

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF OF
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

5. **Do You Have a Plan for Saving for Your Child's College Expenses?**
The average graduate of a four-year college has \$20,000 in student loan debt. Graduate students have debt ranging from \$27,000 to \$114,000. What's an Education Savings Account? What's a 529 plan? Dave Ramsey explains these as well as other options in Financial Peace University. St. John's will be hosting Financial Peace University on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 – 2:30 pm beginning January 11th. The classes are taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD. Free previews will be held January 4th at 12:30 pm and January 6th at 7:00. Contact Pastor Mark to register for the preview or for more information. pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net
6. **N.I.T. Ads:** If you are interested in placing an advertisement (for your business or just a personal message of support) in the St. John's Napa Invitational Tournament program, please do so by January 5th. You can mail your ad to the school office or give to Bob Hauch or Penni Cremen. Feel free to email bhauch@stjohnsnapa.org if you have any questions or for practice times over the holidays when you could drop your ad off at the gym.
7. **Crab Feed:** This year's crab feed will be held on Saturday, February 7th in the parish hall. ~~The theme for this year will be the 1980's.~~ Tickets are will remain at \$45.00 per person. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. This will give you crab, pasta and salad, bread and wine as well as a great time! We will be having the **Family Wine Lot** as well as a **50/50 raffle**. Contact Michele Channels at 265.6535 for more information.
8. **PALS:** Parents please pack extra food for your children if they will be coming to PALS for an extended period of time. We only provide one small snack. Thank you!
9. **Chapel Offerings:** The chapel monies for this year are being devoted to LCMS World Mission to spread the Gospel around the world. The first half of the year, through Dec. 17th we will be using the monies for children's materials in Russia (**\$836.25**). Beginning in January we will be concentrating on supplying materials to those in Cambodia and Thailand. Please help your children to understand the need of getting God's word out to those who have yet to hear His word.
10. **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**
11. **Napa High School Cheer and Dance Youth Clinic:** Napa High's Youth cheer and dance clinic will be held on Friday, January 23rd. This year's theme is High School Musical 3. Registration forms are available in SJL school office.
12. **Napa Valley Savings Book:** The Bank of Napa is selling Napa Valley Savings Book at their office near Vallergas. 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!**
13. **The Scoop From Scrip:** Thank you to everyone who helped support APT by purchasing Scrip! We sold \$45,000 worth of Scrip during this past month!! Wishing you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year!!!
14. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
7th and 8th Grade Ministry...If you are involved in the Confirmation Ministry this year, just a reminder that our next Learning Event happens on Wednesday, January 7th. We meet in the gym from 7-8:30 pm. Don't forget your Journals and Bibles. And for 8th Graders only, don't forget to save Saturday, February 28th for our Mini-Retreat. You won't want to miss this special event. More information to come, but save the date!
Have a wonderful time celebrating the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ!
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. Jan. 5th	Beef Tacos/Cole Slaw/Brownie or Chicken Caesar Salad	
Tues. Jan. 6th	NO HOT LUNCH TODAY!!!!!!!	
Wed. Dec. 7th	Chicken Sandwich/Tater Tots/Fruit Cup or Chef Salad	
Thurs. Dec. 8th	Cheese Pizza	\$3.00
	Extra Slice	\$1.50
	Ice Cream	\$.50
Fri. Dec. 9th	Mac & Cheese/Green Salad/Cookie or Chicken Caesar Salad	

