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## On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Mari Buss, our second grade teacher, who was engaged over Christmas! Her fiancé is a teacher at a Lutheran school in Denver, Colorado. While we are happy for Miss Buss, we are saddened by the news that she will not be returning as second grade teacher at St. John's next year. She will be moving to Colorado. Miss Buss has been a tremendous blessing to our school in the short time she has been here, and we shall miss her. However, we have a great God and we know that He will lead us to another good teacher. We have a committee put together to work on finding a second grade teacher and will keep you informed of our progress.

Next week is the Napa Invitational Tournament, which is a basketball tournament that we host each year. We have schools coming from around the area and also a school from Anaheim, CA. The games begin on Thursday and run through Sunday. Please come and watch some good basketball and enjoy great food at our concession stand.

In Christ,  
Joel D. Wahlers  
Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

I would first like to thank all of you for the wonderful blessing you have been to me since the moment I arrived in Napa. I feel so lucky to be a part of the St. John's family, and I thank God for all of the love, support, and help that I have received over the past five months. As some of you might have heard, I did get engaged over the Christmas break, which I believe is very exciting news. However, with it I bring some sad news. Unfortunately, I will not be returning to St. John's next school year. This was a very hard decision for me to make because I have grown so attached to you and this place. But my fiancé and I talked about this quite a bit, and for a number of different reasons, decided that it would be best if I moved to Denver. I cannot tell you enough what a blessing everyone at St. John's is to me, and it is going to be very hard to leave, but I hope you understand why I need to do this. I love you all and pray that our heavenly Father would continue to bless you and your ministry here in Napa.

In Christ,  
Miss Buss

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| <b>Th-Sun. Jan 15-18</b> | <b>Napa Invitational Basketball Tournament-N.I.T. -Times TBA</b>       |
| <b>Mon. Jan. 19</b>      | <b>Martin Luther King Day-No School or PALS</b>                        |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 25</b>      | <b>Tone Chimes- 8:00 a.m. service</b>                                  |
| <b>Sat. Feb. 7</b>       | <b>Crab Feed-see item #6-This is a change from the school calendar</b> |
- God's Blessings to the students celebrating *Baptismal Birthday*  
Victoria Politz
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:  
Kelli Anderson Sydney Guastucci Shannon Dempsey Kishan Kumar James Semple Ryan Kaung  
Hayden Corley
- Basketball Tournament (NIT)**: The 20<sup>th</sup> annual St. John's Napa Invitational Tournament (NIT) begins this coming week. Games begin on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. and continue through Sunday. St. John's girls play their first game at 6:15 on Thursday; the boys play at 7:30 p.m.  
Please join us for fun, fellowship, and good basketball (and the best snack bar around). Daily admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. Weekend passes are available. **GO EAGLES!!**
- Uniforms**: Any 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball players who did not turn in their uniforms to their coach should bring them to school and give them to Mr. Hauch. **Please do so no later than Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- Crab Feed**: This year's crab feed will be held on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. **The theme for this year will be the 1980's.** Tickets will remain the same price as last year at \$45.00 per person. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. The dinner will be crab, pasta and salad, bread and wine. Be sure to save this date and sign up in the school office to reserve your spots! As always, this is sure to be 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.

7. **Thank you** to Steve's Trees. We received a check for \$110.00 which represents a percentage of trees sold on his lot to people who mentioned St. John's Lutheran. Thank you to everyone who shopped at Steve's!
8. **Need to Chill Out?** Spots are still available for "Ladies Night Out" which was offered at the Harvest Event. The cost is \$50.00 per person and the night will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If interested please contact the school office.
9. **Healthquest:** Are you looking for a way to get fit? Are you looking for a way to get healthy? Are you looking for a way to get rid of some of your excess energy? Healthquest Fitness Center might be the way. If you are a member of St. John's Lutheran Church or St. John's Lutheran School you qualify for Healthquest's Corporate Membership Pricing. Stop by the school office for pricing information. Also, you will need a verification form signed by Cindy Zeller which confirms your involvement with the Church/School. Stop by anytime during normal office hours.
10. **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 11<sup>th</sup>. The classes are taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD. Free previews will be held January 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm and January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Contact Pastor Mark to register for the preview or for more information. [pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net](mailto:pastormark@stjohnslutheran.net)
11. **PALS:** Billing went out for Nov and Dec. hours. Payment in full is due no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>. If not received a \$25.00 late fee will be imposed.
12. **Chapel Offerings:** 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. Chapel offerings are collected every Wednesday morning during chapel.
13. **Napa High School Cheer and Dance Youth Clinic:** Napa High's Youth cheer and dance clinic will be held on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's theme is High School Musical 3. Registration forms are available in SJL school office.
14. **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!**
15. **The Scoop From Scrip:** Since the last Blue Note was released we sold another \$15,000 in Scrip to have our total holiday sales at \$61,450.00. We had a profit of \$2,630 which is about 4.25% of sales.

**New to our vendor list is** Downtown Joe's Restaurant and Microbrewery. They are located at 902 Main Street in Napa and you may reach them at 258-2337. Scrip will be available in \$20.00 denomination and they will be giving us a 15% return. Please support those who support us. Welcome Downtown Joe's!!

16. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**  
The Souper Bowl of Caring is coming back to St. John's Lutheran School on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. That is the day we ask you to bring just \$1 to put in the Soup Bowl at Chapel. All the money collected that day and then again at the worship services on Super Bowl Sunday, will be given to the Napa Food Bank to help feed the poor in Napa. So plan to bring your extra dollar on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>!

**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry...**The next time we meet is Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm to watch a video. We'll meet in Room 8 to watch a video, eat some snacks and enjoy the afternoon. The video we will watch is called, "Friendship's Field" and is produced by Feature Films For Families. So be sure to join us and bring your friends!

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry...**If you are part of the Confirmation Ministry, don't forget that our next Learning Event is Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30 pm in the gym. And 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, don't forget about the special "Mini Retreat" on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>!

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

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| <b>Mon. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>                               | <b>Hot Dogs/Chili Beans/Carrot Sticks/Pudding Cup or Chicken Caesar Salad</b> |               |
| <b>Tues. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>(Girls Basketball)</b> | <b>Grilled Cheese/Salad/Dessert</b>   | <b>\$4.00</b> |
|  | <b>Extra Sandwich</b>   | <b>\$1.00</b> |
| <b>Wed. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>                               | <b>Hoagie Sandwich/French Fries/Fresh Fruit Cup or Chef Salad</b>             |               |
| <b>Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>                             | <b>Pepperoni Pizza</b>  | <b>\$3.00</b> |
|  | <b>Extra Slice</b>  | <b>\$1.50</b> |
|  | <b>Ice Cream</b>  | <b>\$ .50</b> |
| <b>Fri. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>                               | <b>Chicken Nuggets/Green Salad/Chocolate Brownie or Chicken Caesar Salad</b>  |               |