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On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Next week is Holy Week. Holy Week is a time that we as Christians remember the final events when our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, completed his act of salvation by suffering and dying on the cross for each one of us. Each morning next week, our students and teachers will have a special Holy Week Devotion time. Classes will rotate around to various stations on campus. Each station will commemorate an important event related to Holy Week. It will conclude with a special chapel service on Friday at 11:30 p.m. School will dismiss on Good Friday at 12:00 noon. There will be no PALS on Friday afternoon.

We also invite all of you to join us at St. John's for special services on Thursday (Maundy Thursday) at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Also on Sunday, you are invited to an Easter Breakfast at 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. with an Easter egg hunt at 9:45 a.m.

NO AFTERNOON PALS ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH. DIMISSAL AT 12 NOON.

In Christ,
 Joel D. Wahlers
 Principal

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| 1. Sun. | April 5 | 2 nd & 3 rd grade choir-10:45 service |
| | April 6-10 | Holy Week |
| Tues. | April 7 | A.P.T. meeting-6:30 pm-childcare provided |
| Fri. | April 10 | Good Friday-Minimum Day-Dismissal 12 noon- <u>NO AFTERNOON PALS</u> |
| M-F | April 13-17 | Easter Break-No School or PALS |
| Sun. | April 26 | 8 th grade-Confirmation-10:45 service |
| Sat. | May 2 | Country Fair-12 noon -4:00 pm |
| Sat. | May 9 | LSAA Track Meet-Fremont-see item # 4 |

2. God's Blessings to the students celebrating *Baptismal Birthday*:
 Nicholas Davino Ryan Imhoff Grace Bouchet Timothy Bouchet Anthony Politz

3. Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:
 Sophia Menzel Katie Smircich Rachel Carey Conley Capiaux Ryan Channels Trenton Nethercott

4. **LSAA Track Meet:**

This year's Lutheran Schools Athletic Association (LSAA) Track Meet is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, a 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 in 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 are 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.

5. **St. John's Summer Basketball Camps (Our 25th Year):**

Brochures and registration forms are now available for boys and girls who are entering grades 5 - 8 this fall. Both the girls' camp (June 29th – July 3rd) and the boys' camp (July 6th – 10th) are limited in number, so early registration is encouraged. While camp registration is initially open to St. John's students, individuals not attending St. John's are also welcome. If you have a friend who is interested in either camp, encourage them to register now.

6. **Junior High Writing Events:** Students in the seventh and eighth grades have the opportunity to participate in three writing contests in the third trimester. The contest will be held in our library and the compositions will be typed on the school's computers. Students can participate in as many of the contests as they wish. For each contest, students will compose their work from 6:00pm-7:15pm. The judges will then score the students' work from 7:15-8:15. From 8:15-8:30, all of the participants will be recognized for their work and a plaque will be awarded to the student receiving the highest score. Students should let Mr. Kusel know of their intent to participate as soon as possible.

Wednesday, April 29 th	Essay
Wednesday, May 6 th	Poetry
Wednesday, May 13 th	Creative Writing

7. **Lost & Found:** Please be sure to check out Lost and Found next to room 10. LOTS of coats, sweaters etc. All items will be given to charity during Easter break.
8. **Smencils:** Smencils are still available in the school office for \$1.00 each. They come in an assortment of great scents and you may purchase regular lead or color lead. Great idea for Easter treats.
9. **Free Safety Program:** The DNA LifePrint Child Safety Event, endorsed by John Walsh, will be held this Saturday, April 4th at Jenson Motors on Soscol Avenue from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm. Flyers went home a couple of weeks ago. You will receive an FBI Certified Biometric 10 digit fingerprint profile, Digital photograph of your child, a child safety journal and a home DNA Identification kit-all free. For more information please contact Patrick Madrazo at 253.9100.
10. **Basketball Jones Hoop Camps:** Basketball Jones Hoop Camps are basketball day camps for boys and girls ages 7-15. They will be in Napa at St. Apollinaris July 6-10 and at Napa Valley College August 10-14. Flyers were sent home but if more are needed stop by the school office.
11. **Napa High School Spiritleader:** Interested in trying out for the National Champion NHS Spiritleaders for next year's team? If you are currently in 8th grade, you are eligible to try-out. The clinic will be on Saturday, April 11th and continue on the 13th-15th. No cheer or dance experience requirement, just a positive attitude and a GPA of 2.5 and above. If you are a current 7th grader, you may also participate in the try-out clinic. Please pick up the Napa High School Spiritleader information try-out packets in your school office for more information.
12. **Spring Break Sports & Fitness Camp:** Synergy, A Medical Fitness Center, will be holding a Sports & Fitness Camp the week of April 13th-17th. The camp is for children 6yrs -12 years of age, and will be held from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Fun games, physical fitness activities and swimming will be the activities. Campers will need to bring their own lunch and water bottles. A morning snack will be provided. For more information, pick up a flyer in the school office or contact Scott Blunt, at 252-4411 ext. 3888.
13. **The Scoop From Scrip:** Easter Baskets, Spring delights. Plenty of Scrip to help out with everything you might need. See's Candy, American Express, Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Peets, Home Depot or Orchard Supply/Sears. Looking for that cute spring outfit? Try Gap, Macy's, Kohls. Stop by the school office and see how much there is to offer. **April 30th ends the 2008.2009 Scrip Year. May 1st begins the 2009.2010 year. Visa/Mastercard accepted!**
14. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**
Parents of 7th and 8th Grade Students...Lutherans for Life proudly presents a free seminar titled, "Sex: What's the Big Deal?" This free seminar is for parents and students in the 7th-12th Grades. It takes place on Saturday, April 18th from 4-6 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Rocklin. Dinner will be provided. For more information, please contact Steve Dierker at 255-7451.

Sunday School News...Next Sunday is Easter and all the Sunday School children will be meeting at a special time of **9:45 am**. We will gather together at the cross, which will be located outside the church, next to the Bell. Please bring an Easter basket and some cut flowers to help decorate the cross. After this, the children will partake in an Easter Egg Hunt, directed by the Sunday School teachers and will be finished by 10:30 am. We hope you will be able to join us next Sunday. Any questions, please contact Steve Dierker at 255-7451.

7th and 8th Grade Ministry...Don't forget to talk to your parents about the Jr. High District Youth Gathering (DYG) that happens this July 5-9, 2009 at Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp. The total cost is \$215 and includes everything. Discuss this with your parents and then let Steve know that you can attend. Spaces are limited.

We need your help in serving the Easter breakfast here at St. John's. If you would like to help and earn money for your account, please talk to Steve.

Just a reminder to start getting your Car Wash pledges from all your friends and neighbors. If you forgot about the meeting and would like to participate, just let Steve know and he'll fill you in. The Car Wash takes place on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9 am till 3 pm.

If you are involved in Confirmation, don't forget that our "1-Day Retreat" takes place **tomorrow**, Saturday, April 4th. We meet at the Blue Van at 8:30 am and will be back by 8:30 pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided free of charge but please bring your Journal, Bible, Catechism and something to write with. Any questions, contact your adult guide.

8th Graders...Don't forget to talk to your parents about the Houseboat trip that happens this summer, July 6-11. We'll be on Lake Shasta enjoying 5 nights and 5 days with knee boarding, wake boarding, water skiing and riding the banana boat! The total cost is \$375 which includes everything! So talk to your parents and get their permission and then let Steve know you want to go! Spaces are going fast so talk to your parents today! Questions, contact Steve at 255-7451 or check out www.SonshineMinistries.com for information about the company we use.

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. April 6	Spaghetti & Meatballs/Green Salad/Cookie or Chicken Caesar Salad	
Tues. April 7 (8th grade)	Hebrew National All Beef Hot Dog/Chips/Fruit/Dessert	\$4.00
	Extra Regular Hot Dog	\$1.00
	Extra Jumbo Hot Dog	\$1.50
	Extra Dessert	\$.50
Wed. April 8th	Burgers/French Fries/Pudding or Chef Salad	
Thurs. April 9th	Pepperoni Pizza	\$3.00
	Extra Slice	\$1.50
	Ice Cream	\$.50
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