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## On Eagles' Wings

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. John's as we begin the 2009-10 school year! We are excited to start another year of adventure and learning as we begin with the theme "RUN", based on Hebrews 12:1-2: "let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith". May God bless the partnership of us all as we work to lead our children to greater knowledge and skills, but also a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Over the next few weeks, I will give you some updates on changes in procedures and important goals that we have for this school year. First of all, I want to make you aware of our efforts to keep our students and staff healthy this year. This past week, I was a part of a special meeting of school officials from across Napa County that dealt with the challenges of the Pandemic, H1N1 (also known as the Swine Flu). The latest information we received was that the virus is a pandemic and is spreading quickly in other parts of the world that are currently in their flu season. We are addressing the threat by encouraging students and staff to practice good hygiene (hand washing, coughing in their sleeve, etc.) Also, should any child or staff member shows any symptoms of the flu, they will need to be sent home and not return to school until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever (without the aid of any medication). The symptoms are 1) a fever 100 or above; and 2) either a persistent cough or a sore throat. More information on dealing with this pandemic will be sent out next week. For information about the H1N1 virus, you can go to [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu).

Please be sure to read through your Parent Handbook carefully this year. There are two important changes. One is a policy on Late Homework (p.3), and the other deals with some changes in our Discipline Procedures. We have a new format for our behavioral expectations. Page 5-6 delineates our new Behavioral Standards for students in the school. These standards will form the framework for teachers and staff to set up their behavioral expectations throughout the school. These clear, yet comprehensive guidelines are intended to help students learn in a positive way their responsibilities as students of St. John's Lutheran School.

Please keep members of our staff in your prayers. Our seventh grade teacher, Bob Hauch, had two surgeries this summer and although he is back teaching, he is still recovering and getting his strength back. Our Preschool Director, Janis King, is still out on disability for eye surgery this summer, but should be back very soon. Our PALS Director, Nancy Draeger, and our Kindergarten teacher, Jennie Lovie, have both been undergoing chemotherapy this summer. They both have strong prognoses, but are still recovering from the effects of their treatments.

In Christ,  
Joel D. Wahlers  
Principal

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| 1. | Tues.  | Sept. 1     | Tuition Due   |
|    | Thurs. | Sept. 3     | Back to School Night-7:00 pm (parents only)             |
|    | Mon.   | Sept. 7     | Labor Day-No School or PALS                             |
|    | F-Sun. | Sept. 18-20 | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat              |
|    | Fri.   | Sept. 25    | Get on Track-See item #4                                |
|    | Wed.   | Oct. 7      | School Picture Day-PS, K-4 <sup>th</sup>                |
|    | Thurs. | Oct. 8      | School Picture Day-PS, 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> |
|    | Fri.   | Oct. 9      | Columbus Day-No School or PALS                          |
|    | M-F    | Oct. 12-16  | ITBS Achievement Testing                                |
|    | Fri.   | Oct. 30     | In Service Day-No School or PALS                        |

2. **GET ON TRACK 2009:** This year's event will be held on Friday, September 25. We'd like to offer some great prizes as incentives to motivate the students to collect pledges. If you or your employer are able to donate tickets to sporting or other events, any type of gift certificate or anything else you can think of, please contact Kristin Goller at 226-7743 or Shelly Van Zandt at 738-4508. Also, if your business would like to be a sponsor for this worthwhile event, you can support the school by advertising your business on the event t-shirt. Sponsorship details will be available soon.

**The first planning meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27 after drop off.**

Thanks for your support!

3. **Lunch Duty Supervisors:** Thank you to all those who signed up for Lunch Duty Supervisors for this year. By giving of your time the teachers are able to take a much needed break. We are still in need of a couple more people to help out on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please stop by the school office or call 226.7970 ext 101 and ask for Cindy if you are able to help out.
4. **Kinyon Lunch Servers:** We need one more person to serve lunch on Fridays. The hours are 11:30-1:00. If you are able to help, please either contact the school office or talk with Mrs. Ramona Kaufmann.
5. **The Scoop From Scrip:** Long's Drugs has changed to CVS Pharmacy. Scrip is available in \$25 and \$100 denominations with a return of 6%. Also, don't forget our newest vendors, Target -\$100, \$50, \$25 (1%), Trader Joes -\$25 & \$100 (1%), Whole Foods-\$25, \$100 (3%), Raley's/Nob Hill-\$25, \$100 (4%) and Nordstroms-\$50 (3%). Much, much more available. Stop by the school office to pick up a Scrip List and to buy Scrip. All families are encouraged to purchase Scrip. Scrip is sold in the school office all day long! All proceeds go to A.P.T. which benefits your children. Visa/Mastercard accepted.
6. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:**  
**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders...** We meet **tonight**, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-9 pm in the gym for "50's Flashback Night"! Join us as we play some fun games wrapped around the theme of the 1950's. Come dressed up in 50's attire to earn extra points for your team. Don't forget to invite your friends!

Don't forget to tell your parents about the Confirmation Information meeting that happens next Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We meet from 7-8:30 pm in the gym and you and your parents need to be there to hear all about the Confirmation program this year. If you can't make it or have any questions, contact Pastor Mike or Steve.

7. **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>Thurs. Aug. 27</b>	<b>Cheese Pizza</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
	<b>Extra Slice</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
	<b>Ice Cream</b>	<b>\$ .50</b>

