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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. Many times teachers have tight schedules and we want to ensure enough time for each parent. Also, please remember there is no school on either day.

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 15 (unless you are making your own plane reservations). 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.

In Christ,
Joel D. Wahlers
Principal

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| 1. | Tues. | Dec. | 8 | A.P.T. meeting-6:00 pm in the library |
| | Wed. | Dec. | 9 | Handbells-Advent Midweek-7:00 pm |
| | Sun. | Dec. | 13 | School Christmas Service-"Chimes In The Night" see item #6 |
| | Fri. | Dec. | 18 | Minimum Day-Dismissal at 12 noon |
| | | Dec. 21-Jan 1 | | Christmas Vacation-No School or PALS |
- God's Blessings to the students celebrating *Baptismal Birthdays*:
Seth Ponciano Lottie Knippen
- Congratulations to our **S.N.A.P.SHOTS of the week**:
Katelynn Gibbs Samantha Yoder Gunnar DeYoung Elise Commander Maddie Huber Haley Cremen
- Angel Tree**: Angel Tree is a program where local churches buy gifts for prisoners' children at Christmas. St. Johns has been given the wonderful opportunity to sponsor 16 children this year. During these trying times, this year in particular, we have decided to also provide food baskets for each family. In order to do so, we need your help. There will be an Angel Tree envelope in each classroom if you would like to send a \$1-2 donation with your child. This money will go along way in feeding these seven families. Donation deadline is Dec. 11th. Thank you for your support.
- Flour & Sugar**: The school office will be collecting 5 lb four and sugar bags for the Salvation Army through Dec. 14th. They will be distributed to those in need throughout northern Napa County. This time of year these items go on sale often. Please consider picking up a couple of extra bags and bring them to Mrs. Zeller in the school office no later than Monday, December 14th. Thank you for helping those in need.
- School Christmas Musical**: This year's school Christmas Musical "*Chimes in the Night*" will be held on Sunday, December 13th. We are presenting a school-wide Christmas Musical with two performances, 2:30 to 3:00 and 3:30-4:00. In order to accommodate all our students and their families we will have all students perform twice on December 13th. The musical is estimated to last ½ an hour.
We ask parents to attend the 1st performance if you have a K-4th grader or the 2nd performance if you have a 5th-8th grader. Parents with children in both grade groupings may choose which performance to attend. The students need to stay and participate in both performances.
- Women's Church United** is an organization which, in part, helps clothe those in need. They are located on 2nd street behind Stork's garage. They are in desperate need of clothing for men, women and children. Please, when cleaning out your closets, consider bringing your items to this worthy charity. Right now they are in need of warm, clean and gently worn clothes. Please also bring any paper grocery bags you may have that you don't need. They use these to put the clothes in which they are handing out.
- Calendars**: There is a great need for calendars for prison inmates. This time of year we tend to get many free ones in the mail. There will be a box in the Narthex marked "Calendars." Please place your donation there or you may bring them to the school office. Thank you!
- Harvest Event**:

Ladies Bunco Night at Wendy Randolph's home on the evening of Friday, May 14th - we have **six (6) spots left for \$50 each**, if you would like to attend, please pay and sign up in the office. You may also contact the Auction Chair, Christine Matulich at (C) 225-5712 or at cbmatulich@earthlink.net to sign up as well.

Financial Planning Package with Jim Riley, CFP: Includes one (1) hour of retirement and planning advice with Jim Riley and one basic retirement plan (\$500 value). The opening bid on this is \$150 with \$10 incremental minimum raises. Please contact the Auction Chair, Christine Matulich at (C) 225-5712 or at cbmatulich@earthlink.net to bid on this item - bidding will close on Monday, 11/30.

Children's B&W Photographs: On sale for \$25 for a black and white 8X10 in a black matting. Remaining photos are in the school office.

We are already in the planning stages for Harvest Event 2010! Stay tuned!

10. **Mom's in Touch:** Calling All Moms!! Come join us in prayer for your children and our school. We will begin meeting on Monday mornings, 8:30-9:30, in the Sacristy room (across from Pastor Mike's office). Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 21st. For more information please call Penni Cremen-483-9321 or Wendy Randolph 815-0754 or 255-8669.

11. **The Scoop From Scrip:** New to Scrip: American Express \$25's Crate & Barrel \$25's and Hallmark \$25's. Also new info regarding Kohl's. The Scrip we carry for Kohl's is the Kohl's Cares for Kids gift cards. These are the only cards you are able to use to pay your Kohl's charge account. So go ahead and use your Kohl's charge card, get your discounts and pay with Scrip. It is a win-win for everyone.

When purchasing Scrip with your Visa or Mastercard, please be aware of the discount we receive from our various vendors. Some of our vendors only give us 1% to 1.5%. When you put your purchases on your charge card we are charged approximately 3%. With some purchases we are actually losing money. So we are asking whenever possible please use check or cash. Every dollar we lose is a loss to special funding by APT.

If you need to special order Scrip, please do not wait until the last minute. Plan on ordering a week ahead of schedule to ensure prompt delivery.

12. **From the Minister of Youth and Children:** 7th and 8th Grade Ministry... We meet next Friday, December 11th to enjoy "The Christmas Party". We meet from 7-9 pm in the gym to celebrate Jesus Christ's Birthday in a fun and wacky way. So come dressed in your favorite Christmas colors and be sure to bring your friends. Any questions, contact Steve at 290-7980.

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

Monday, Dec. 7	Mac & Cheese/Salad/Cookie or Chef Salad	
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Grilled Cheese/Tator Tots or Salad/Dessert	\$4.00
(Dance Team)	Additional Sandwich	\$1.00
	Additional Dessert	\$.50
Wednesday, Dec. 9	Hot Dogs/Chili Beans/Pudding or Chicken Caesar Salad	
Thursday Dec. 10	Cheese Pizza	\$3.00
	Extra Slice	\$1.50
	Ice Cream	\$.50
Friday, Dec.11	Hoagie Sandwich/Fries/Fruit or Chef Salad	
Friday, Dec. 11	Dessert Fundraiser after school on Fridays	\$1.00
(Dance Team)	In front of gym	

14. **Congratulations to our 5th-8th grade honor roll students for the first trimester:**

"A" Honor Roll

*McKenzie Amaral Amelia Arnold Nik Best Justin Bueno Brendan Cardey Rachel Carey
Isabella Corley Aaron Craft Christian Craft Haley Cremen Landen Douglas Gillian Draeger
Erik Fitzgerald Kendyl Fleury William Francis Brandon Griffin Gabriel Gutierrez Finn Heidenreich
Sam Hoff Taylor Hollabaugh Maddie Huber Ryan Imhoff Ryan Kaung A.J. King Elizabeth Lydon
Morgan Malloy Sophia Marseilles Devon Mason Dustin Messner Cullen Mooers Trenton Nethercott
Dilan Patel Madison Perna Megan Perna Brendan Peterson Samantha Pfaff Nick Politz
Sofia Quinones Andrew Randolph Hannah Randolph Nolan Rubin T.J. Schrette Kylie Schulz-Ponciano
James Semple Joshua Semple Abby Sneed Morgan Snow Claudia Torkelson Kyle Vanderschoot
Madison VanZandt Cameron Vaziri Courtney Wright Alicia Young Katelyn Young Sami Zaia*

"B" Honor Roll

*Ashley Amundson Tim Bouchet Cate Bozzini Chris Bozzini Doug Braddock Conley Capiaux
Ryan Channels Victoria Christie Samuel Craft Jacob Cremen Eleanor Crudginton Nick Davino
Madison Edmeyer Connor Fleury Michael Francke Marc Galles Tyler Heathcote Sophia Johnson
Sophia Kampton Nathan Kaufmann Jonathan Kinda Lottie Knippen Peyton Kusel Ian Lederer
Bailey Maher William Miller Sandy Morneault Triston Nethercott Anthony Politz Hailey Regan
Catherine Richardson Stephen Santora Elise Semple Jon Semple*

