

St. John's Journal

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There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord
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I Corinthians 12:5

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CHAPEL - Chapel is scheduled for every Wednesday morning at 8:30 at St. John's Lutheran Church during the school year. Everyone is invited to join us at this worship service. Our next chapel service is on Wednesday January 4th. Pastor Olson will lead us in our worship.

Upcoming Schedule:

December 20, 2011 – Boys BB home with Donovan 6 pm
December 21, 2011 – Chapel 8:30 am
December 21, 2011 – End of 2nd Quarter, EARLY DISMISSAL 1:35
December 22, 2011 - January 3, 2012 – CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO SCHOOL
December 24, 2011 – Children's Christmas Service 6:30 pm
January 3, 2012 – Boys BB home with St. Thomas Philo 6 pm
January 4, 2012 – School Resumes
January 4, 2012 – Girls VB home with St. Thomas Philo 6 pm
January 5, 2012 – Girls VB home with Cissna Park 6 pm
January 6-7, 2012 – Boys BB LIC Tournament at Donovan
January 9, 2012 – Girls VB at St. Thomas Philo
January 10, 2012 – Chapel 8:30
January 11, 2012 – PTL meeting 6:30 Pre-K & Kindergarten devotions
January 12, 2012 – 8th Gr Boys BB at Uni High
January 13-15, 2012 – 8th Gr Boys BB Tournament at St. Pauls/Bourbonnais
January 14, 2012 – Pre-K cleaning starts at 8:30 a.m.

Christmas Break: Remember it's a short week this week with early dismissal on Wednesday, December 21st at 1:35. School will resume on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012! We will all come back to school refreshed and ready to hit the books hard again. Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful break.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: The Kindergarten through 8th grade students will meet in the church basement at 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th. The Christmas angels (kindergarten class) should be there at 6:00. Please remember that your child is very excited for this service and will be in the front of the entire congregation. Work with them to alleviate their fear of that and remember to dress in Sunday best! If you arrive before the time the kids need to be in the church basement, please keep them with you until the time for them to go to the basement.

PARENTS: Because the weather is getting colder, remember how important it is to be prepared for your children to play outside here at school. **PLEASE send proper clothing for cold weather i.e. hats, mittens (gloves for older kids), heavy coat and boots.** Thanks for your cooperation.

Thrivent Families: Did you know that if you are a member of Thrivent Financial you can designate a portion of the distributions to go to our school? It is such a positive impact! Because we have quite a few members of Thrivent who have already become involved in the Choice Dollars program, we have received \$6,990.00 in 2011 alone! Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds through Choice Dollars, part of the organization's charitable grant program. Visit www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or contact: East-Central Illinois Group at 217-819-4646 and choose St. John's Lutheran School. Thanks for participating in this program; it truly makes a big difference to our school.

December Birthdays:

Bree Davis.....Gr 6....Dec 22
Austin Jones.....Gr 3....Dec 23
Shelby Scheurich....Gr 7....Dec 24
Katelyn Crabb.....Gr 5....Dec 28

January Birthdays:

Kenny Link.....Gr 5...Jan 2
Dawson Wepler....Gr 6...Jan 2
Kaydon Williams....PK....Jan 4
Jane Olson.....Gr 1...Jan 10
Luke Cowan.....Gr 4...Jan 14

Happy Birthday!

ANNUAL PLEA LETTERS: The students have received their packets of letters to be sent out to friends and relatives (or your dentist, grocer, florist, etc.). We have mailed out quite a few already, but it is **not too late** to address yours (if you haven't already done so) and get them into the office so we can mail them. A great big thanks goes out to the families who have already done their letters and have received replies back, too!

PLEASE NOTE: To make processing of all payments to our school go more efficiently, please send a separate check for tuition, registration and lunches. Thanks for your cooperation.

Menus

Menu items are subject to change without notice. We serve 1% milk with all meals.

PAINLESS GIVING: Thank you so much for clipping your Campbell's Soup labels and Box Tops! This is a big help for our school. For a list of eligible items check the website at www.labels4education.com or www.boxtops4education.com . The part you turn in to gain the "rebate" has to be the part with the UPC code (or bar code).

Some of them have the picture of the "Campbell boy" and some do not. The UPC code is the most important thing. If it doesn't have the UPC code, it isn't honored.

Please keep dropping off your IGA receipts as we will begin heading toward the \$200,000.00 goal once again! There are containers both at school, near the school office, and in the church basement. All these things make a big difference in our school and it is really appreciated. **REMINDER:** The cans we recycle help to keep our bus running. The cans can be placed in the garage on the east side of the school. There is a small service door on the south side to use. We are adding a drive to collect cardboard for recycling. You may bring your cardboard (flattened please) to the same staging area as the cans in the garage. Watch your mail for a letter from someone you may know as a student here at St. John's. The letters our kids send out asking for donations is our main fundraising drive. Every bit of your donation benefits all our students. Thanks in advance for your generosity! Again, thanks for all these things. They truly make a difference.