



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
The Eagle Express
September 11 - 17, 2008
'Led by God's Grace'



LED BY GOD'S GRACE ...

The children have arrived, the desks are full, and the sounds of laughter and learning fill our classrooms. Ahhh... the start of a new year. I would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year that is full of excitement, changes, and a solid Christian focus. Our theme for this year is "Led By God's Grace", as we celebrate our churches 150th year of ministry in the Plymouth community. We have found in this first week that our kids are truly Led by God's Grace, and through His help they can truly accomplish great things. I am looking forward to working with all of you-- the parents of these great children, in a Christian partnership to truly help all of our children be the best that they can be, and to be living disciples of Christ. May God Bless this partnership as we journey through this school year together!



COMPUTER LAB – A BIG THANKS!

St. John Lutheran School would like to express a BIG Thank You to everyone that helped to update our technology lab. We have been blessed with many generous hearts, that without their financial support, the computer lab would not be a reality for our students. A BIG Thank You to the anonymous gift of \$2500 that was used to purchase a new server for both church and school. A big Thank You to Donn Davis who secured a grant to purchase five computers for the lab. Also, a HUGE Thank You to the many families and individuals that worked the last GIFT pizza sale; the GIFT committee used the \$6000 that was raised from the 2008 pizza sales to help fund some additional computers. Lastly, Thank You to everyone that attended and gave to the 2008 St. John Auction. The balance of the cost for the lab was financed through the 2008 auction. God has truly blessed our school with many generous people that give of their time and talents! We are truly blessed!



CPR TRAINING...

In light of our whole body wellness focus, and in keeping our children safe, the St. John School faculty and some staff had the opportunity before the start of the school year to receive CPR training. We would like to thank the Plymouth Ambulance for the instructional training. Currently, most of our classroom teachers, administration, food service, and daycare staff are trained in the lifesaving skill of CPR, and the rest will be receiving the training very shortly. It is a training we are grateful to have, but hope to never have to use.



THANKS!

St. John Lutheran School would like to thank Mrs. Nikki Steinhardt, Mrs. Lori Schmitt, Mrs. Deb Gierach, and Mrs. Kim Tauscheck, for all their help and assistance the last week for our school-wide lice check. We are happy to report that our school is free from lice, and that we are maintaining a no-nit policy. With the help of these wonderful ladies, we were able to check our students quickly and efficiently. God has truly blessed our school with many servant-hearted people, and we appreciate all that you have done! Thanks!



ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

All families of St. John School are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship, and time with family. We are having our first ever Family Movie Night, complete with drinks and popcorn for all our families. This activity is sponsored by our parent organization – GIFT “Growing in Faith Together”. We will begin with a short GIFT meeting followed by a movie and refreshments. This fun-filled evening will be Friday, September 12th starting at 6 pm. Please join in the fun and enjoy a family movie with your St. John friends!



INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PLYMOUTH BUS SERVICES:

On Monday, September 15th, beginning at 5 p.m., there is a Board Policy Committee Meeting for Plymouth Public Schools. The Committee will be giving information about the changes in the bus services, and the plans that are in place sometime during their committee meeting. It is a public meeting, so any parent, public, private, or parochial, can attend. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth High School District Office.

Thursday, September 11	- Patriot Day (wear red, white & blue)	
	- A-Volleyball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	- B-Volleyball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	- Safety Patrol Meeting & Start of Pizza Sale @ PPD	6:30 PM
Friday, September 12	- Pajama Day	
	- GIFT Family Movie Night	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 13	-	
Sunday, September 14	- Grades 3, 4 Sing	8:00 AM
	- Adult Choir Sings	10:30 AM
Monday, September 15	- 3K Bus Safety Tour from Johnson Bus Co.	9:15-9:45 AM
	- B-Volleyball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	- 7 th Grade Outdoor Ed @ Camp Anokijig	
Tuesday, September 16	- 3K Bus Safety Tour from Johnson Bus Co.	9:15-9:45 AM
	- Cheerleading Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	- 7 th Grade Outdoor Ed @ Camp Anokijig	
Wednesday, September 17	- Chapel - Pastor Knippa	9:00 AM
	- Early Release	12:35 PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated birthdays recently and will be celebrating birthdays this coming week. God’s Blessings on your special day!

- Sawyer Hering – Grade 2 – September 3
- Tyler Moegenburg – Grade 5 – September 3
- Lucia Blad – Junior Kindergarten – September 14

PICTURE / NAME RELEASE – Occasionally the local newspaper or other media wish to come in to the school and photograph / record activities that our students are participating in. Please note that if you **DO NOT** want us to let your child be photographed or name released, you need to notify the office **IN WRITING** that this is your wish. No written notification is our assumption that it is then permissible. This needs to be done on a yearly basis to be kept on file.

The church and school offices will be closed from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 for a mandatory in-service meeting. The church office will again be open from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

Plymouth School District calendars are available in the school office. If you would like one, please contact the school office for one to be sent home to you.

SJL FAN WEAR: Orders are due by Friday, Sept. 19th. Order forms are available from Mrs. Truttschel or the school office. Checks need to accompany the order and can be made out to SJL Athletics. Any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Truttschel. It takes about 2 weeks for the items to be delivered. There will be 2 other opportunities during the year to purchase fan wear again.

THE HOSANNA! SINGERS will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 2 at 6:30 PM in the music room. This choir is open to all members of St. John church in grades three, four, and five. The choir rehearses weekly from October through April and sings about once a month. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mr. Huebschman through the church office or at 892-6780.

Chili Round up! Lutheran High School is "wrangling up" contestants (individual or team) to compete in its annual HarvestFest Chili Cook off, Sat., October 4th. Try out a spicy new recipe or simmer up a batch of your family's traditional favorite. This is an excellent and fun opportunity to help support the ministry of Christian education at Lutheran High. You don't need to be present to enter your chili donation. For details, please contact Jenni Monson 467-2626.

Refreshment for Moms...There's nothing quite like the sound of water trickling in a stream or flowing from a fountain. It is a sound that can relax, refresh and restore our spirits. All Moms are invited to be refreshed and restored by the Living Water of God's Word. Moms' Bible Study begins for this new school year on Thursday, September 11th. Our first study, entitled "A New Song...Springs of Living Water", will take us on a journey through Psalms of wisdom and introduce us to some women whose lives have been touched and changed by Jesus. We meet each Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the home of Paula Huebschman. Childcare is lovingly provided free of charge. For more information, please contact Paula at 892-6780.

Hey Kids! Looking for something fun to do on Early Release Afternoons? **Project Angel Hugs** will again be open for you to volunteer some time to help us minister to children with cancer. Your help is so appreciated to send smiles to these special children through the mail. Bring a friend, enjoy the afternoon, and leave with a feel good attitude because you helped someone! Snacks for that after school appetite. Located at 406 E. Mill Street, Next to Dear Old Books. Open to 5th grade and older with parent permission. Office Hours are Monday through Friday Noon till 4:30. Call Char at 892-9138 with questions.

EARLY RELEASE INFORMATION...

Information was sent home last week about organized activities for students in Plymouth on the Early Release Wednesdays of the month. At St. John School, we see this as a time that our students get extra time with parents and grandparents, and we encourage the use of this time for that family focus. However, if this is not possible for you or your child, you might want to consider this as a viable option for you and your family.

SCRIP Sales for the week of 09-05-08

Sales \$15,545.00; Special Orders \$1,025.00; Total Sales \$16,570.00;
Tuition Profit \$1,140.75; General Fund Profit \$432.40 (of which \$290.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales;
Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$7,276.50.)

WALGREEN'S is raising their profit to 6% indefinitely. You may purchase your gift cards out of the SCRIP inventory, no special order necessary! Walgreen's are now \$25 cards

KWIK TRIP is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards. This promotion is going through December 2008.

Ponderosa is still open in Sheboygan and is accepting the gift cards. We still have \$50 in stock. We received word that the Sheboygan store will remain open.

Special Order Options:

JCPenney is offering a 1% bonus profit from Saturday, August 30 through Friday, September 26, 2008. JCPenney gift cards will have a 6% profit instead of the normal 5% during that time period only.

T.G.I. Friday's® is offering a 1% profit from Saturday, September 6 through Friday, September 26, 2008. That means T.G.I. Fridays gift cards will have a 10% profit instead of the normal 9%.

Staples is offering a 5% bonus profit from Saturday, September 6 through Friday, September 19, 2008. That means Staples gift cards will have a 10% profit instead of the normal 5%.

Cabela's® is offering a 3% bonus profit from Saturday, September 6 through Friday, October 3, 2008. That means Cabela's gift cards will have a 14% profit instead of the normal 11%.

Barnes & Noble is offering a 1% back to school bonus profit from Saturday, August 30 through Friday, September 26. That means Barnes & Noble gift cards will have a 10% profit instead of the normal 9%.

CITGO will now be available by Special Order only. This vendor is not a fast moving vendor and due to tuition payouts it is not feasible to continue utilizing our limited funds to stock it.

What is SCRIP? Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

Lutheran High School has two coaching openings for Boys JV Basketball and Boys Freshman Basketball. If interested, call Todd Dekker (458-6964) or Chuck Benedum (452-3323).

MARKET DAY- Our first market day sale of the season is Saturday, September 20th. It's time to stock up on all your favorites! Order sheets can be found by the office or in the Fellowship Hall.

Lutheran High HarvestFest will be held on **Sat., October 4th from 5:00-10:00 PM**. Save the date and invite your friends to what promises to be an evening of fund-raising fun! Enjoy a wonderful buffet, hayrides, dancing, shopping for pies, preserves, and much more! Early registration date is September 19th - \$25 per person (after Sept. 19 \$30/person). If you need a registration form or more information, please contact the school office at 452-3323 or check out our website: www.lutheranhigh.com.

How can you help? You can also make a difference in supporting **HarvestFest** by donating preserves, baked goods (we will especially need cream, apple, cherry pies, etc.) or produce from your gardens/orchards or craft items. All proceeds support the LHS ministry/mission. If you need jars for your preserve donations, there are plenty available in the school office. We will again have a chili cook-off. So get your recipes ready. Please contact Jean Brauer (459-9835) or Margie Hasenstein (459-7921), today with your plans to donate!

*Providing a Christ-centered education focusing on academic, physical,
spiritual, emotional, and social growth;
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*