

Bluejay Bulletin

December 11, 2009

Calendar Updates for Next Week

December Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 Christmas Practice 11-12 KFC/ Youth Group 12-2 in School Commons	14 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30- 5 Boys Basketball Practice 6- 7:30	15	16 Advent Worship 6:30 Girls Basketball Practice 3:30- 5	17 Boys Basketball Practice 6- 7:30	18	19 Boys & Girls Basketball @ Brownsville 1:00- 4:00

From the Faculty's Desk

Making A Good Memory

I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3

In the movie screen of your mind, picture this: You see a pair of sandaled feet walking inside of a house. The kind of walking that you see is a restless pacing. The feet stand at one window. They cross the floor to another window. The owner of the feet sighs. Then the feet cross the floor again. These feet belong to the Apostle Paul. He's in Rome. He's living in a rented house. But here's the problem: He can't leave. There's a Roman guard in the room there with him. Paul is under house arrest, awaiting trial to face accusations from people who do not like what he's preaching. And he's not simply stuck there for a week or two. He's there for years.

But the Lord sustains him. And one of the ways the Lord sustains him is through the happy memories Paul has of his fellow believers. Paul cherishes these memories so much that he even tells the Christian congregation in Philippi, "I thank my God every time I remember you."

On the basis of what Jesus Christ has done on your behalf at the cross, God has purged from his mind every memory of your sin. Instead there are only happy memories of your fruits of faith; fruits of faith that are big or small, carefully planned or impulsive, long or short, complex or simple.

One of those fruits of faith can be this: Making a good memory for someone else.

In these weeks leading up to Christmas, give some thought to doing that. Maybe you could pick up the phone and thank someone for a kindness that really made an impression on you. Maybe you could tell a fellow Christian with chronic pain how their patient example inspires you. Or perhaps you're just the person to give someone a hearty, much-needed laugh.

Whatever you do, do it to God's glory. And don't underestimate the power of a good memory. Look what it did for Paul.

School News

Sports News

Thank you concession helpers! Our next "home" game is on Jan. 16th at St. John's, Princeton. **We are asking everyone to pitch in and help for basketball concessions.** The dollars from concessions have helped pay for referees, uniforms, tournament entry fees, and equipment over the years - and we need your help to serve our guests this year. I have assigned games to families not knowing your schedule, but I ask that you would either serve on that day or find another parent to take your spot. If you would like to watch your child's games, please find a parent to switch with you for a bit on that day. We really need your help! Mr. Bain will be purchasing and loading and unloading food, drinks, and equipment for the year. We will also keep the menu simple and we will need everyone for some part of the day on January 30th for the Montello Invitational this year as well. More information on donated items and such will be given later. Please let Mr. Bain know if you are missed on the list of helpers as I will add you where you are able to help.

Basketball concession helpers for home games:

Jan. 16th - Schilling, Mitchell, Bignell, Steger
Jan. 29th - Kendall, Dahlke, Sheuers, Madigan
Feb. 10th - Brien, Zietlow, Bornick, Klawitter
Feb. 12th - Glunn, Urban, Emond, Wegner

If anyone needs a sports schedule, please ask Mr. Bain! Anyone wanting to donate to the One Call Now program, please let Mr. Bain know! Anyone who missed awards on Saturday, please see Mr. Bain if you did not get your awards!

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Dec. 11th at St. Paul's, NFDL 5:00-GB, 6:00-BB, 7:00-GA, 8:00-BA

Dec. 12th at St. John's, Lomira 4:00-GB, 5:00-BB, 6:00-GA, 7:00-BA (NEW TIMES)

Dec. 19th at St. Paul's, Brownsville 1:00-GB, 2:00-BB, 3:00-GA, 4:00-BA

Jan. 6th B Teams at Green Lake – January 6th 3:30-GB, 4:30-BB

Jan. 8th-10th WASSAC B Tournament at WLA – hosted by Redeemer

Jan. 14th 4:30 Boys A at Randolph Christian School

Jan. 16th Waucousta at Princeton 1:00-GB, 2:00-BB, 3:00-GA, 4:00-BA

Jan. 23rd at Faith, FDL 11:00-GB, 12:00-BB, 1:00-GA, 2:00-BA

Jan. 29th St. Luke's, Oakfield at Montello 5:00-BB, 6:00-BA

Jan. 30th Montello Invitational – All four teams play all day!

Feb. 2nd at St. Peter's, FDL 5:00-GA, 6:00-BA

Feb. 5th-7th Grace, Oshkosh Invitational – Boys A and Girls A teams only

Feb. 10th A teams at Princeton vs. Green Lake 3:30-GA, 4:30-BA

Feb. 12th Fox Lake at Montello 5:00-GB, 6:00-BB, 7:00-GA, 8:00-BA

Feb. 19th-21st WASSAC A Team Tournament at WLA – Volunteers needed!

Classroom News

Notes from the 4K, 5K, Grade 1 Classroom

We have been busy, busy, busy, learning and practicing our parts for the Christmas Eve Service. At the time of this writing the children's seats are up on the altar level. We needed to put them up there in order for them to be seen during all school recitations. Continue to encourage your child about the exciting job they have on Christmas Eve. They get to share the message of the Savior's birth with lots of people! To do that well, we need to look at the teacher who is leading and pay attention to what's going on so we know when it's our turn. Moms of girl students, please start your conversations with your daughters on how to sit properly when you are wearing a dress. We've already had a bit of the "sit like a lady" discussion, but your reinforcement at home will be a big help.

Our class Christmas party will be on the last day of school, December 23rd. **All students will stay until noon that day.** We have a devotion and our last rehearsal first and then come back to our room for our party. Please plan on sending the following food/drink for our party...

4K—Some non-sweet type snack—crackers, sausage, pretzels etc.

Evan, Carson, Cael—a sweet treat

Amber, Emily, Jenna—juice of some kind or white soda

We are running low on snacks again. We don't need applesauce or fruit. We have lots of those two items. The children like cookies of course—Teddy grahams, Oreos, chocolate chip—surprisingly most of the store bought cookies don't have eggs in them. Crackers are also a good choice.

Show n' Tell

4K/5K/1—Bring a group of 4 things with three things that belong together (a doll, a baby blanket, a bottle) and one thing that doesn't belong. (tractor) The children will show their collection and ask which of these things doesn't belong? And...How are these three things the same?

News from grades 2-5 (Mrs. Krueger):

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" The children were excited about the possibility of a snow day, and we certainly got that! I always like those "snow days" before Christmas because I usually can't leave the house, and I finally get my Christmas preparations started. Hope you were able to enjoy yours a little.

The children have been doing very well on their Christmas Eve recitations. At first I thought they might need a mike in front of the 6 of them, but so far they are holding their own.

The cold virus has been attacking our classroom again so beware. We're trying to cover our coughs and wash our hands more.

Our Christmas party is Wed., December 23. Presents can be brought to school the week of Dec. 21. Each child is asked to bring a snack for the party. Sometimes it's nice to have non-sugary items like cheese, crackers, pretzel mix, fruit pizza, etc. Remember – no peanuts in anything. Mrs. Krueger will supply the beverage for the party

Reminder: There is Christmas Eve practice from 11:00-12:00 AM on Sunday (following the second service).

6-8th Grade News

Let it snow, let it snow! Winter feels like it is officially here. Everyone was excited with all of the snow that we got on Wednesday! The Snow Day on Wednesday and the late start made this week really fly by.

Now that there is snow on the ground, Christmas Eve practice well underway, and the Christmas tree is up, it is really starting to feel like Christmas at school here as well. We started decorating the classroom today and will finish up next week. Everyone is getting really excited for Christmas!

The Christmas Party will be on Dec. 23 this year. Remember that the boys are supposed to get boy gifts and the girls are supposed to get girl gifts. Please keep the gifts around \$10. I will be keeping Mr. Kell's upper grade Christmas party tradition alive this year! This means that I will be providing pizza, soda, and pizza for everyone so no need to bring any extra food.