

Bluejay Bulletin

October 19, 2009

Calendar Updates for Next Week

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 4K-8 th Sing 10:30 Girls A Team Volleyball Practice 6:30- 7:30	19 1:00 Dismissal	20 CES 7:00	21 Girls A Team Volleyball Practice 5:30- 6:30	22	23	24 Girls A Team Volleyball Tournament @ Fox Valley Lutheran

From the Principal's Desk

A TIME OF OPTIMISM

"As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened." **Daniel 7:9-10**

Maybe it's because the days are getting noticeably shorter at this time of year, or because we tend to have more cloudy days, but I have never noticed this time as a very optimistic time of year. All that it takes is a little bad economic news, or you start to catch cold, and people get down. You watch the news and see the way the world seems to be getting more and more evil and don't you begin to wonder? When will it all end? And all of these thoughts can distract us from what is really important. What do you do to get out of that funk?

At first glance, Daniel knew just what that was like. He was standing before a holy and perfect God who would be his judge! How could he, an imperfect human, possibly stand before a perfect and righteous judge?

Daniel knew he could only do this by being perfect himself. But Daniel was far from perfect! God, the Ancient of Days, had promised him to send a solution to that problem. That solution would make it possible.

We have the same solution, but we have a little bit of information that Daniel never had. The solution to that problem is Jesus. Through faith, it doesn't matter how bad the economic, political or weather news is. We have the solution to the biggest problem we will ever have. His name is Jesus. What a time to be optimistic!

Lord, you created the seasons and the order of the earth. At this time of year as daylight hours grow shorter, keep us from letting gloom rule our lives. Help us to be optimistic, trusting all that is happening around us is in his perfect hands. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Are you interested in increasing your daily devotional life?

You can do that quickly and easily by logging on to:

www.wels.net

and scrolling down to “daily devotions”

School News

Singing

Just a reminder the children will be singing in church on Sunday for the 10:00 service. They will be singing “The First Song of Isaiah.” The students are to go straight to the balcony when they get to church. Mrs. Kuenn’s class will be sitting by their chapel buddies.

Mission Offering:

This week: \$22.74

This quarter: \$203.67

Christian Education Society

Agenda for Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00 P.M.

Cookie dough fundraiser

Dance team

Scrip program

Concessions

Playground equipment

Please plan to attend. We need your input!

H1N1 Flu Information

Many schools have closed due to the large number of students absent due to the flu. Please read through the attached sheet about the H1N1 flu virus to know the symptoms and how we can prevent our school from closing as well. Also attached is information regarding the upcoming H1N1 clinic. We are still working on if it will be here at St. John or at the Public School.

Classroom News

Notes from 4K, 5K, and Grade 1

We sing in the 10:00 A.M. service this Sunday. The children will be sitting in the balcony with their chapel buddies. (Chapel buddies are 6th – 8th grade students.) **Please bring your child to the balcony before the service begins.** The chapel buddies will stay with their partners until you meet your child in the fellowship area after the service. We are singing the refrain of, “The First Song of Isaiah.”

The November book orders are coming home with today’s newsletter. Please return any orders by Thursday, October 22.

We have begun a study of Martin Luther for Social Studies. We are learning more about him to get a better idea where our name Lutheran comes from. The children are working on little booklets that they will bring home at the end of the unit.

The 5K's and Grade 1 usually bring home a story or two each week. We talked about how you have to practice to be good at something, and even if you read the story the first night you took it home, practicing it another night would help you learn to read better. So...if you're wondering why the book came home several nights, it was for more practice!

Show n' Tell

4K/5K/1—A picture of your child's baptism and/or a baby picture.

Memory Treasure

Wednesday: all--Romans 8:28—God works for the good of those who love him.

Friday: all—"Happy All the Time" (attached)

News from Grades 2-5:

Not as much "excitement" this week to tell you about. We're just happy that everyone is back in the classroom after so many days without a "full house". We especially missed Trenton who missed a whole week of school.

Sunday the children are singing during the second service. The song is the "First Song of Isaiah". It might be a good idea to go over the words of the verses sometime this weekend. The refrain is stuck in our heads but the verses aren't as well known.

Achievement testing (make-up tests) were finished this week. When the test results arrive, which will take a few months, the results will be passed on to you parents.

Some parents have asked if we're doing a musical this fall. This year we're trying something new. No musical, but in the spring, we will have a special night that involves children, parents, and maybe the community.

The fifth graders had their first Math Meet contest on Wednesday. A few times a year the children get 5 very complex math problems to solve. Each problem is worth 1 point. We compete with other WELS schools that are close to us in enrollment size to see which school gets the most points throughout the year. Grades 5-6 are in one group and grades 7-8 are in another group. The fifth graders did great – Katie got 4 out of 6 problems correct, and Josh got 5 out of 6 problems correct. Way to go, Fifth Graders!!!

6-8th Grade News

There hasn't been much going this week. We had everyone here for the entire week, there has been nasty bugs going around. Please make sure to look over the included Flu information to help keep everyone in school. We don't want anyone getting sick and having to miss any days of school!

We finished up the Terra Nova tests this week for those who missed them last week. When the results arrive in a few months they will be passed on to the parents.

I know a few weeks back I said that we took our first Meet Math contest, I was wrong. We just finally took the first of four quizzes. They are a fun little break from our normal daily math lessons.

We begin a new series in Chirstlight next week. We will be looking at the topic of "How to Get Along Better with..."

November book orders went home with this week's newsletter. Please return them to Mr. Bohl by Friday October 23rd or you can order online by October 24th.

1:00 Dismissal on Monday!

Memory Work

Wednesday Ephesians 6:1, Ephesians 5:1,2

Friday Hymn 337:1,5