

SMLS Cardinal Connection

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How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called by the name of the Son of God! And that is what we are! **(1 John 3:1)**

Pedometer Update

There have been several parents and students who have asked about the status of the 16 Million Step Challenge. A few weeks ago, right in the middle of the challenge, we hit a bump in the road when the batteries in the pedometers started to fail. Unbeknownst to us, the battery life in this model is typically only about three months. The Omron company was kind enough to send us 40 new replacement pedometers and we also been able to buy replacement batteries in bulk (for about 20 cents per battery!). We are in the process of making sure all students once again have a functioning pedometer with a new battery. We hope to have everyone ready to go by next week.

We are planning to restart the 16 Million Step Challenge on Monday, December 6. The challenge for the kids in grades 3-8 is to cumulatively walk 16 million steps (the length of the entire journey of Lewis and Clark) in 12 days. The Phy. Ed. staff of St. Matthew's is again holding out a big ice cream party if the kids can do it.



Finally, for those of you might be concerned about your children losing their pedometers, we are planning to have clip attachments available in school soon. We feel that a clip will keep the pedometer attached to even the most active child. More on that next week.

St. Matthew's is at War! ("Penny Wars," that is!)

"Penny Wars for the Playground" is off to a very exciting start! We want to thank everyone for the great cooperation, and we'd also like to thank Keith Huebner of Everything Water, at 109 S. Concord Rd. Oconomowoc, for donating the water bottles. They sure make excellent money collectors! Best wishes to all of the classrooms as they "battle on!"



FOOD DRIVE - December 6 - 22

You have cleaned out your closets, now it is time to clean out your pantry! This is a project to benefit the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students (college grads now preparing for the pastoral ministry) that do not live in the dorm are able to come to this food party for items that they need.

It is a really good cause and we hope that you support this with whatever you can give (nonperishable items, diapers, toiletries can be donated). If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please make a check payable to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and give it to the church office. We will take it from there.

Concession Stand News

Attention parents who will be working the concession stand for basketball games: We are asking the parents who work the concession stand to bring in 1 dozen baked goods to be sold the night they work. These items bring in 100% profit for the basketball program. They can be cookies, bars, or brownies. If you have any questions, you may contact one of the concession ladies listed below. Thanks so much for your help! Our first home basketball games of the season are a week from Friday!

—Sandy Weiss 262-244-1114

—Kim Italiano 262-966-2305

—Amy Bence 567-0716

Picture Retake Day is Friday, December 3

If your school pictures did not turn out for some reason, you can get a “retake” on our Picture Retake Day, which is Friday, December 3. Just have your child bring in the unwanted picture packet on that Friday.

No School Thursday and Friday

There will be no school this Thursday and Friday because of the Thanksgiving break. Have a great weekend, everyone!

Advent Dinners

Advent dinners will again be served from 5:30-6:30 before the Advent services. Please come and join us for fellowship and fun. There is no cost, but a free will offering basket will be out.

- Dec. 1st - Shepherd's Staff - Chili supper
- Dec. 8th - Youth Group - Spaghetti bake dinner with french bread & salad
- Dec. 15th - Ladies Guild - Hot homemade turkey sandwiches

Band Concert on Thursday, December 2

The date of our Winter/Christmas Band Concert is fast approaching. Here are the details:



DATE of CONCERT	-	Thursday, December 2
TIME of CONCERT	-	7:00 p.m.
THEME of the CONCERT	-	“Rooted in Christ, Growing in....Music!”
WHO WILL PERFORM	-	Band, 4th Grade, Pre-Kind. and Kind.



BIRTHDAYS

Nathaniel Smart (11/26)
Pastor Rothe (11/26)
Emilee Koltz (11/29)
Russell Sandvold (11/29)

Schedule for the Week

TODAY 11/24

- Women's Bible St. - 8:00
- Boys A-Team BB Practice 2:45-4:30
- Boys B-Team BB Practice 4:30-6:00
- Thanksgiving Church Service - 7:00
- YOUth Praise Choir Sings - 7:00

THURSDAY 11/25

- No School
- Thanksgiving Day Church Service - 9:00
- Church Choir Sings - 9:00

FRIDAY 11/26

- No School

SUNDAY 11/28

- Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study and Sunday Bible School - 9:15

MONDAY 11/29

- Boys A-Team BB Practice 2:45-4:30
- Boys B-Team BB Practice 4:30-6:00
- Cheerleading 4:45-6:00

TUESDAY 11/30

- Girls A-Team BB Practice 2:45-4:30
- Girls B-Team BB Practice 4:30-6:00
- LP / Buckaroos - 6:30

WEDNESDAY 12/1

- Preschool Power Hour - 9:00
- Women's Bible St. - 8:00
- Boys A-Team BB Practice 2:45-4:30
- Boys B-Team BB Practice 4:30-6:00
- Dance/Pom 4:00-5:15
- Advent Dinner 5:30-6:30
- Advent Church Service - 7:00
- Grades 6-8 Sing - 7:00

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