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St. John Lutheran School  
Wrightstown, WI

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December 16, 2016

## SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

### **Teacher Gifts**

Several parents have inquired about teacher gifts, and the previous practice of our parent group, or select individual, who collected the monies to be used to purchase gifts on behalf of our teachers.

Each family, based upon their own decision, can chose to provide a gift for a teacher, or any teachers as they deem necessary. The parent group, or select individual will not be gathering monies this year. If you desire to get a gift for a teacher, you can simply give it to the teacher at your discretion.

### **Wrestling Club**

St. John's wrestling club is getting ready for the start of the new season. Practices will run on Tuesday and Thursday nights in January, February, and March. Children in pre-K (4 year olds) through eighth grade are eligible to enter. Look for a sign up sheet in your Friday folder to enter. Our coach, Eric Olp, will send out more information as the season approaches. Our first practice will be on January 5th. There is no cost to join the club practices, though there are costs for any tournaments you may choose to enter. For questions, see Mrs. Wicks or Mrs. Bunn or call Coach Olp at [920-660-1948](tel:920-660-1948).

### **5K Color Run/Walk**

I am proud to announce that the 5K Color Run/Walk has been approved for this May. A few of you have already passed on your names for helping out. Accordingly, we will need many more volunteers to help make this the great event I know it can be. If you are interested, please contact me, Tim Raddatz via email: [trr61210@gmail.com](mailto:trr61210@gmail.com). Please let me know your name, best means for contact, and what day and time during the week works best so I can schedule volunteer gatherings to begin planning for this great event!

### **Preschool and PreK FULL DAY students**

Please consider taking your child's bedding home over winter break to give it a good wash. That way when we come back we can start fresh, clean, and germ free. Thanks! Items may be brought back to school when school resumes.

### **Children's Christmas Service**

We continue to monitor the impending snowstorm that has been forecasted for the next few days. I strongly encourage you to check your emails often, as mass communications will come through the emails we have on file, specifically those who receive this newsletter via email. Any delays or cancellations in regards to the Christmas Service practices and/or Christmas Service will be delivered via email, or possibly by phone or text. We keep the safety of all of our children and their families in mind as decisions like these are made. As of right now, we will make every effort to maintain the previously scheduled practice and service times.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### **Ms. Buss (Preschool)**

Seasons Greetings!

First off, I want to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas (and holiday) over the next few weeks. I hope you all have some great times with family and friends. I also hope that you can find a little R&R in the next few weeks after the busyness of the Christmas season.

As we head into break, I want to encourage you if your child spends the whole day with me to take home any bedding your child may have at school and give it a good wash over Christmas Break. That way we can start fresh and clean, and germ free, when we all come back from break.

Next week is our classroom Christmas Party! Just a reminder that it will take place on Wednesday from 10 - 11:30. You are welcome to attend and help out. The children and I will be participating in some Christmas themed activities. If your child would like to make Wednesday a pajama day, they may come to school in their pajamas (although keep in mind that things like paint, glitter and/or frosting might get on them...depending on our activities... despite best efforts to stay clean.) We will be doing our gift exchange on Wednesday as well, so if you could have your gift wrapped and under the classroom tree next Monday (Tuesday at the latest) I would really appreciate that.

Finally, don't forget that we are singing our Christmas songs in church Wednesday night on the 21st at the 6:30pm service. Please be there if you can! Watch, and smile as your children sing to you about the Birth of Baby Jesus. They have been working hard for weeks to prepare their songs for you. The service will start at 6:30. Please have your child in the basement of church at 6pm so that we may get all the children from PreK, Preschool, and Kindergarten together and seated in church.

I leave you with this passage from Scripture. May it remind you in the coming weeks of the amazing love that God has for all of us that he would send his Son as a baby with the intent of having him die on the cross for our sins. May we also be reminded of Jesus' grace, and the complete truth that we find in all of his words in Scripture. John 1:14 – The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and have a blessed few weeks!

### **Mrs. Wicks (Prek & K)**

It has been our 'Welcome to Winter' week in pre-K and Kindergarten (the children don't want to believe me when I show them winter has not officially started yet. The snowfall was a lot of fun for us, but the Arctic cold is less thrilling. We will tend to follow the zero degree rule: if the windchill is at or below zero, we will not go outside. Please continue to send snowpants and boots for all day friends just in case. We have done our best to make room for everyone's gear. If your child rides the bus, speak with them about whether or not to bring their boots and snowpants home-- they can be left here on the days that you do not need them at home.

Don't forget that this coming Wednesday is our big day-- our party in the morning and our singing service at night. For the party, please be sure to send a small gift- no more than \$5 with your child. Boys should pick out something for a boy, and girls should pick out something for a girl. You may send treats if you like, but they are not necessary.

For the evening singing service, please have your child to the St. John church basement by 6:00 for a final practice. The service begins at 6:30. The children will sit as a group in the front of church and stand in the very front to sing. Join us for a cookies and cocoa night afterwards; bring a plate of cookies if you can.

### **Mrs. Bunn (Grades 1-3)**

Next week, Wednesday, we will have our Christmas party. The students will not need to bring a lunch, but may bring something to share with the class. They will have a cheeseburger and fries (McDonald's) along with whatever others may bring for sharing on that day. Please have their exchange gifts at school by Wednesday morning as well.

We've had a lot of fun with our Christmas service preparations. The students have done an excellent job learning some challenging recitations and always sing with lots of enthusiasm when we practice songs. They definitely love singing Christmas carols. You can usually hear someone humming or singing one of our songs throughout the day! ☺

### **Mr. Raddatz (Grades 4 – 8)**

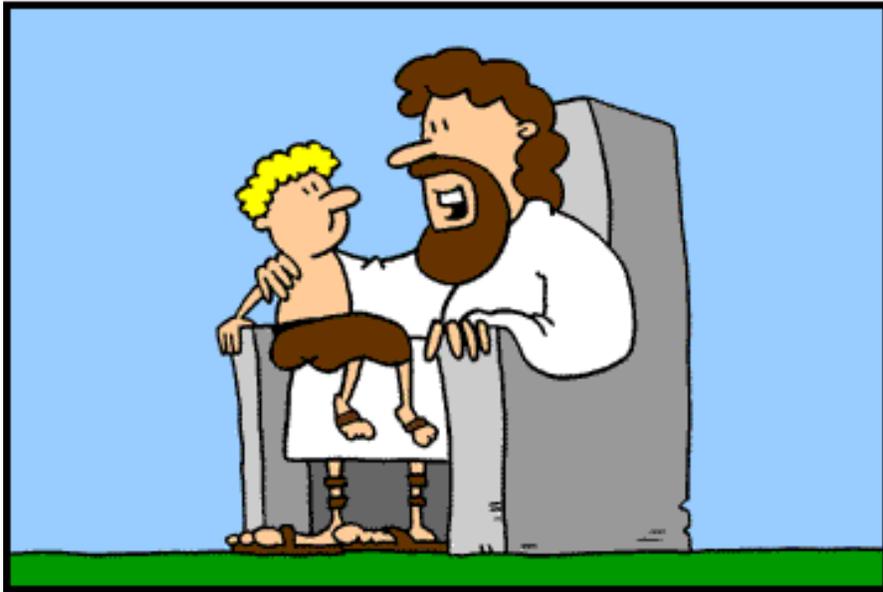
Parents I wanted to pass on a few reminders pertaining to the upcoming week. Our students have opted to do a gift exchange, with girls purchasing a gift for girls and boys a gift for boys. I kindly ask that whether your son or daughter uses their own money, or it is you that purchases this gift, please make efforts to keep it under \$7.50. We have had several gifts over the years which were handmade, which is more than acceptable is so desired. The gift exchange will take place Wednesday afternoon. If students would like to bring cookies, or a snack to pass they are welcome to do so.

I kindly ask that all students take their winter gear home during the Christmas break. It provides an opportunity for clothes to be washed or cleaned, and also helps with the cleaning that takes place during this break.

Please note that following Christmas break there will be three week remaining in second quarter. Please make sure to check grades as they are available online to be viewed at any time by each individual parent/family.

**ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AT ST. JOHN  
LUHERAN SCHOOL, WE WANT TO WISH EVERYONE  
A BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS  
AND NEW YEAR!**

HUMOR IS GREAT MEDICINE



Thanks to Christopher Huffman

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU  
EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR  
CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?