



THE

PANTHER PRESS

January 13, 2022

Jesus our Good Shepherd

- Grades K-8 will be singing in church at SJL on Sunday, Jan. 23rd, at 8:30. We will be singing at Zion, Fraser, on Jan. 30th at 10:00. Hope to see you there to help celebrate Lutheran Schools Week.
- Our next Mileage Club destination is to Legoland Discovery Center in Atlanta, GA! We will reach the destination before or during NLSW!! We are excited!! There will also be a cool SURPRISE that day!!
- **Timberwolves Read to Achieve** is complete. Now we wait!!
- Yowzers! We are at the end of the second quarter already! That means we start Quarter Three next Tuesday already. It will be a new quarter and a new (or fresh) start for everybody. Please remind your students to always work hard and do their best.
- We've seen and heard **A LOT** of medical advice—maybe more so than usual these last couple of years. This includes eating right (a healthy diet), exercising regularly, wearing masks, getting vaccinations, distancing, getting the proper amount of rest/sleep—which tends to be more hours for children than many of us think, washing our hands, sanitizing things, avoiding crowds, and more. The one that's repeated more than any other is to wash our hands frequently. With it being "that time of the year" once again where the creeping crud of one sort or another seems to run rampant, please remind your student(s) to wash their hands well and wash their hands often. We encourage ourselves and you to do the same!
- It is always all about Jesus, our Good Shepherd!

Mrs. Schoen's PreSchool Classroom

- **I am in need of paper towels please.**
- 4 year old preschool students continue to work on writing your names so you can do it all by yourself.
- Our Bible story this week was "The baptism of Jesus".
- We worked on the letter "I" this week and made the letter into an igloo with marshmallows on Monday. We are beginning to work on numbers as well and are starting to work on number 8 this week.
- Preschool and Kindergarten students should be able to recite the following to you: 12 months in order, days of the week in orders, and the 4 seasons.
- Please wear or start bringing warmer coats as well as hats and mittens as the weather continues to get colder.
- Please work on zipping with your child so they can zip their coats up. Thanks!
- Please text me if your child will be gone from school sick. Please keep your child home if they are sick.
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd!



15th: Hadley Jones

20th: Ella Bednarek

Mrs. Schoen's Kindergarten Classroom

- **Kindergarten students need to bring in their red folder to school everyday! Please go through the folders and empty them everyday. Please wear or bring a sweatshirt for your child everyday to school.**
- Preschool and Kindergarten students should be able to recite the following to you: 12 months in order, days of the week in orders, and the 4 seasons.
- We have been working on identifying the letters of the alphabet, so please continue to work on letter and number recognition at home. We have also learned how to read these words: I, can, the, we, see, a, like, to, and, go, you & do. Please practice these words at home. **Please work on reading color words at home.** Our new word this week was: my. Our letter we are focusing on is "H". We have been working on adding numbers under 10 this week as well.
- Kindergarten students are beginning to work on writing their first and last names.
- Please help your child learn to zip their coats if they don't know how to.
- Please wear or start bringing warmer coats as well as hats and mittens as the weather continues to get colder.

Mrs. Koeritz's 1st & 2nd Classroom

- 2nd graders have begun *cursive writing!* We are starting in a small workbook and practicing each lowercase letter. We're also practicing how to read in cursive.
- The school year is halfway through! We have much yet to learn, and yet we've come a long way in the past 83 days. Thanks to everyone for helping your young scholar readers at home. Every bit of practice really does help!
- We've been working on describing objects according to their properties. Our journal writing this week is all about science.
- 2nd graders completed their Unit 3 reading test. They did what Mrs. K was hoping for, and that was to do their best.
- **Memory:** We are currently on the letter 'R'. Letter 'S' will begin Jan. 18th. PLEASE continue to practice these verses at home! If anyone needs a new verse sheet, just let me know.
- **Spelling** Both grades will start a new spelling unit on Tuesday, Jan. 18th. The test will be on Friday the 21st.
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Upcoming Events

FRIDAY 1/14 - MONDAY 1/17: NO SCHOOL	
	END OF QUARTER BREAK
TUESDAY 1/18:	Chapel @ 8:40am
THURSDAY 1/20:	Chapel @ 8:40am
FRIDAY 1/21:	Band Lessons
SUNDAY 1/23:	SJL Students sing @ SJL 8:30AM BOCE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MONDAY 1/24 - FRIDAY 1/29: LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK	
WEDNESDAY 1/26	BOCE Meeting @ 7pm
SATURDAY 1/29:	MCLI Boys Basketball Tournament
SUNDAY 1/30:	SJL Students sing @ Zion 10:00AM
MONDAY 1/31:	Band Lessons



Mrs. Wolter's 3rd & 4th Classroom

- The weather has been such a change lately...cold, warm, cold, repeat!! Please remind your children to dress in layers!!
- Thank you so much for all the wonderful, thoughtful Christmas presents. I loved it all.
- I hope you enjoyed your child's Christmas present to you this year. The children took such joy figuring out how to decorate it. They were very proud of their finished product! I hope they match your home!
- Thank you to Lincoln's family and Alex's family for donating water bottles to our classroom!! The children and I thank you!
- It's hard to believe that the end of second quarter is today!! You will receive report cards next week!
- In Religion this week, we have been learning about David and Bathsheba and The temple Solomon built. We are thankful we have a forgiving God and beautiful church of our own to worship God!
- Name that state test today!!
- Reminder: we don't have school tomorrow or Monday! Enjoy your long weekend!!
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd!

Mrs. Meyer's 5th & 6th Classroom

- JESUS is the Reason for the Season! **Thanks** for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts! I appreciate all of your kindness!
- **End of Quarter 2 is FRIDAY!!!** Four days left! Finish strong! :)
- **Book Reports are DUE** by the end of the quarter!
- **Science Test is Wednesday!** Please help your child **study** as this will be their last science grade for quarter 2.
- We are excited to welcome a **new 6th grade girl** to our classroom for Quarter 3.
- **Luke, James, Kimi, Lili, and Hailey passed the Multiplication Mad Minute! Yay! Now time for division!**
- Use IXL and **flashcards** to improve your basic math facts!
- If anyone would like to **donate** small ziplock bags, paper plates, paper towels, or a case of water. We would surely appreciate it!
- **Jesus our Good Shepherd.**

Basketball Game Schedule....Always subject to change

- January 13 Home vs Mt Olive 4:30 (B girls, A girls)
14/15 SPL Truman Tournament
18 Away vs Trinity Janesville 4:30 (B boys, A boys)
20 Away vs Worthington Christian 4:15 (B girls, B boys, A girls, A boys)
21/22 Immanuel Lakefield A Team Tournament
25 Home vs Mt Olive 4:30 (A boys)
27 Home (@SJL Northrop) vs Immanuel Courtland 4:00 (A girls, A boys)
29 MCLI Boys Tournament @ SJL Northrop
31 Home vs Risen Savior 4:45 (B boys, A girls, A boys)



Volunteers NEEDED to help with the MCLI Boys Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 29th. Watch for a Sign-up Genius email to sign up.



Mr. Jenks's 7th and 8th Classroom

- **We are starting to be more intentional about being patient with and kind to others; this includes being understanding of and respectful of others, too.** This includes helping to fill each other's bucket and not dip from it. Buckets are constantly emptied or filled, depending on what others say or do to us. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When we dip from others' buckets, we actually harm them and ourselves. "Every drop in that bucket makes us stronger, happier, and more confident. . . . We can fill each other's buckets, or we can dip from them. It's an important choice—one that affects your health and happiness, and the people around you, in a big way (*How Full Is Your Bucket: Positive Strategies for School and Life* by Tom Rath and Audra Wallace).
- Resuming this week is doing our DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) reading in class at school. We will read at least 40+ minutes a day here to ensure that we're all benefiting from the 30+ minutes a day of reading that we're supposed to do. Reading is an invaluable life skill that's beneficial in so many ways! Don't hesitate to ask me anytime to share some of those with you. Starting next week, you might notice an increase in the amount of work that students are taking home to do as we carve out this niche of time in our daily schedule here to devote to reading.
- Quarter Two is done! Quarter Three begins next Tuesday. Please regularly remind your students that doing their best work and giving their best effort (which includes completing assignments--on time) will help ensure academic success and progress—and a very proud, pleased, teacher!
- This is a way, way early request: Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 20th. The students, as a class, are rewarded with tally marks for positive group behaviors, and they have accumulated enough to go to Valley Fair for a day. Each pays her/his own way, and Mr. Jenks will be one of the drivers. We will likely need two or three—or more—more drivers, depending on how many of you are able to or wish to join us. That Friday, May 20th is the first day that Valley Fair will be open this year, and it is the Friday before the last day of school. We'll continue to plan, and we'll see just how this unfolds.
- Report cards will go home next week. Yippee!
- Jesus is our Good Shepherd!

GROCERY RECEIPTS TOTALS

Keep receipts coming in, it's a great/ easy fundraiser!

HYVEE: \$ 105,000 | FAREWAY: \$111,000

Reach out to Family and Friends to help
Ask them to save receipts for SJLS!!!
Bring receipts into school or church office!

**HyVee receipts can be grocery,
gas, or pharmacy**

Each \$150,000 in receipts gets us a \$1,000 check

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***Remember to use Amazon Smile as you shop
as another way to financially help the school.
Talk to Heather if you have questions.***



National Lutheran School's Week

(January 23-January 30, 2022)

- All Week:**
- 1) Mission Money Madness
 - 2) Rock, Paper, Scissors
 - 3) On-line Trip to Zambia
 - 5) Medallion Hunt
 - 6) Trivia – 2 days



Sunday, January 23rd – Children sing at SJL (8:30 A.M.)
Pancake breakfast to follow
Winter Carnival @MLHS 1-3PM



Monday, January 24th - ICE SKATING

Opening Chapel 8:40 – Essay Winner Readings

Visit Zambia Online

- STOCKING HAT, GLOVES, SCARF and BOOTS DAY!!
- DRESS WARM!!!
- **12:30-2:00 HELP and DRIVERS** needed to transport students to Ice Skating at Fairmont Hockey Arena

Tuesday, January 25th – LEGO DAY

- **9:00-11:00** Grades 5-8 History Presentation at MLHS
- **12:30-1:00** Visit Zambia Online
- **1:00-2:30** Mileage Club Lego Party



Wednesday, January 26th - WACKY WEDNESDAY

- Dress Wacky – (hair, clothes, etc.)
- **9:00-9:30** Visit Zambia On-line – Milk Break
- **2:00 - END** K-8 Wacky PE



Let's Go to the Zoo!

Thursday, January 27th – RAD ZOO DAY

- **9:00-9:30** Visit Zambia Online – Milk Break
- **9:45-10:45** Rad Zoo – see theradzoo.com for more info

Friday, January 28th – COMFY DAY

- Dress in comfy PJ's, bring blanket and Pillow
- **9:00-9:30** Visit Zambia Online – Milk Break
- **11:50-12:00** Rock/Paper/Scissors Championship
- **12:30** Start Movie – TBA
- **2:25** Mission Money Madness Pie in the Face

Sunday, January 30th – Children sing at Zion (10:00 A.M.)



Pancake Breakfast

Celebrating

National

Lutheran

Schools

Week



When: January 23rd, 2022

Where: St. James Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:30am -12:00pm

Cost: Free Will Donation

Gluten free pancakes available upon request!



**Proceeds designated for the purchase of new
computers at SJL school**

Get Involved with PTL

What is PTL?

PTL stands for Parent Teacher League (or Leadership)

Who can be involved?

PTL needs you! Any parent or guardian is encouraged to become involved with PTL. And teachers too!

When does PTL meet?

PTL meeting dates can be found in the school newsletter. Meetings are typically the third Tuesday of every month, excluding June-August, and December. Meetings occur via Zoom starting at 7pm and generally last less than 1 hour. Look for our emails!

What does PTL do?

PTL helps establish and organize fundraisers that make a lot possible. Here is a glimpse of what we've done in the recent past!

Fundraisers

September Vendor Fair
MCLI Basketball Tournament
Kleinhenn Sales
School Musical Bake Sale
Northrop Day bouncy house
Chess Tournament
Advent/Lenten Suppers
That's My Pan
Walk-a-thon

Events

Class Field Trips
Roller-skating/ Bowling
School T-shirts
Back to School Pool Party
National Lutheran Schools Week Fun (e.g. Ecology Bus)
Teacher Appreciation Gifts
School Curriculum
Capital Purchases (e.g. Helped fundraise for the purchase of the new school bus)

Why get involved?

Without involvement from teachers and parents, the students of SJL may lose many valuable learning supplements- as well as fun. Please consider being a part of the team that's working so hard to bring your child these great opportunities.



Children's Winter Carnival



Sunday, January 23rd 1-3 p.m.
\$5 per child or \$15 per family, parents are free



Inside Fun:
Games & Prizes
Bouncy House
Nerf Gun Wars
Snacks
Parent Lounge
Toddler Room

**EVERYONE IS
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