

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPIRIT EXPRESS



DECEMBER 14, 2011



“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2

Luke 2:15-20 – “When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

I have enjoyed the responsive reading that the students have participated in during chapel this month. I pray that you have a very Merry Christmas and are able to live out the words in this Litany:

LITANY

Leader: As Christmas comes round year by year, Lord, we're tempted to say, “we've heard all this before, we know the story by heart.”

People: Forgive us, Lord, and remind us of the difference between knowing it and letting it speak to us again and again.

Leader: Lord, help us to see ourselves and our own attitudes lived out by people in the Christmas story.

People: The inn-keeper couldn't find room for you in his inn. Lord, stop us from cluttering up our lives with things that don't really matter.

Leader: Lord, lots of people missed the glory when it came to Bethlehem, the shepherds saw it because they were at their jobs.

People: Lord, we pray that we may see your glory in our daily work when we do it as a service to you and to others.

Leader: Lord, the wise men from the east journeyed hundreds of miles and went to endless trouble to track you down.

People: Lord, you taught us that those who ask will receive, those you seek will find and those who knock the door will be open.

Leader: Lord, they brought you gifts of gold and frankincense.

People: Lord, keep our eyes fixed on the great goal of life, to bring you the gold of our obedience and the incense of our worship and adoration.
Amen

Please go to the new website www.sjsmarysville.org to see the update activities calendar and lunch menu. If you do not have a computer to get this information please let your child’s teacher or contact the school office a copy can be printed from the site and sent home.

Announcements



Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for the students as they share the message of Christ during the programs this week to reach people in powerful ways.
- Please pray for the focus this Christmas season to be on Jesus.
- Please pray for safe travels for all our families involved in traveling during the holiday.
- Please pray for the Spirit of God to be strongly present in us during the year 2012.



December:

Supporting the Benevolence Fund.

January:

The Hope Center in Marysville.

Thank you for your continued support through your child's chapel offerings.



Madeline's Mittens

Madeline Headings is collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for those in need throughout this holiday season. She plans to take the items she collects to the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry in Columbus. She is asking her friends and family to help out by buying an extra pair of gloves or mittens this fall as they prepare for the winter season. She would like to thank everyone in advance for any help that they can provide. Please leave any items you would like to donate in the box near the gym doors at St. Johns. She would like to take the items to the Food Pantry in late January.

St. John's Special Holiday Worship Service Schedule Please come join us!

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| Wed., Dec. 14 | PK/K Christmas Program at 7:00 pm (school gym) |
| Thur., Dec. 15 | Grade 1-8 Christmas Program at 9:30 & 7:00 pm (school gym) |
| Sat., Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Services
Family Service at 7:00pm
Candlelight Service at 11:00pm with Communion |
| Sun., Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Services
8:00 & 10:30 am Traditional Service
10:30 am Contemporary Service with Communion |
| Sat., Dec. 31 | New Year's Eve Service at 7:00pm |
| Sun., Jan. 1 | New Year's Day Services
8:00 & 10:30 am Traditional Service w/ Communion
10:30 am Contemporary Service |



Greetings from the Kroger Community Rewards Program. St Johns recently received a check from Kroger for over \$500. This comes from St John friends and family shopping at Kroger over 3 months. It's easy to participate, register your Kroger Plus Card at Kroger.com. For more information contact Marie Van Gorden at [614.733.3777](tel:614.733.3777) or marievangorden@gmail.com

Transportation changes

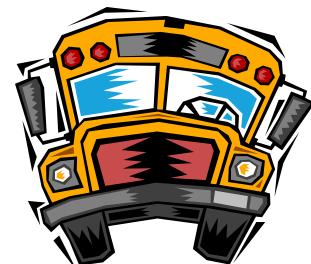
Please note the following transportation changes for the month of **December and January 2012:**

Marysville

- Dec. 21-Jan. 3—Winter Break—No Busing on Jan. 3rd
- Jan. 13—No Busing—Teacher Inservice Day
- Jan. 16—Martin Luther King Day—No School

Fairbanks

- Dec. 21-Jan. 2—Winter Break
- Jan. 13—No Busing—Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 16—Martin Luther King Day—No School



Upcoming Events



Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events:

December 14—PK/K Christmas Program—7:00pm
 December 15—1st-8th Christmas Program—9:30am and 7:00pm
 December 20—K-8th Grade Christmas Parties
 December 21—January 2—Christmas Break (Jan.3—School Resumes)
 January 13—2nd Quarter Ends
 January 16—No School—Martin Luther King Day
 January 19 & 24 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 January 27—Spelling Bee
 January 28—Power of the Pen District Competition

Student's Making a Difference...



The 4th graders have been hard at work at the start of the school year. I'd like to take the opportunity to mention a few of their highlights. They completed two social studies projects—a brochure about Ohio and a report/project about an Ohio Native American group. I hope you had a chance to catch these on display. We have read 2 novels—Sarah, Plain and Tall and A Taste of Blackberries. They learned about Martin Luther and the Reformation during religion. We also had the opportunity to complete a 6-week program called 5-4-3-2-1 during one of our gym periods. It was sponsored by Marysville's hospital and the students were taught healthy eating and living skills. The students had a lot of fun working with our special guests. The picture was taken on our last day of the class. Let's give God praise for the wonderful efforts of the 4th grade class!

Submitted by Mrs. Lowry



Thank you...

7th and 8th Grade Science

Thank you Mr. Rick Varner, from Marysville Water Waste Company, gave a presentation to the 7th and 8th grade students of St. John's Lutheran School. Pictured are some of the 8th graders soaking in learning as Mr. Varner talked a little about what they do, showed a movie, and showed some samples from "dirty water" to "clean water".



Featured Classroom Highlights



4th, 5th and 6th
Grade
Spanish Projects



The third graders recently completed a unit on cultures from around the world. During this unit the students were divided into five groups and assigned a culture to research. This year the cultures included Greece, Norway, Russia, South Korea, and the Philippines. They researched everything from what foods are eaten to famous sports that are played. Another part of the unit included performing two plays, “New Year’s Eve Around the World” and “May Day.” These plays gave the third graders a glimpse into how other cultures celebrate holidays. We concluded the unit by hosting a Multicultural Day. During this time the rest of the school was invited to stop by to learn a few fun facts and taste a few goodies. It was another terrific year!

I want to express my appreciation for all the help and support I received from the 3rd grade parents! Without the help of each and every one of you the multicultural unit would not have been possible. Thank you!





St. John's Sports Programs

St. John's opened their 2011-12 campaign this past week with three games. Despite losing four starters the Lady Jags were able to post a perfect 4-0 start to their season. The results were: **St. John's 31 Genoa Christian 6** with Lauren Kocsis leading the way with 16 points. **St. John's 25 Columbus School for Girls 19** with Kennedy Horn and Kari Van Gorden pacing the Lady Jags with 8 and 6 points respectively. **St. John's 30 Grace Christian 19** Kocsis had 12 points while Hannah Rausch chipped in 8 points. On Thursday, with a score of **St. John's 23 Cypress 11**, the girls were able to maintain their undefeated status.

The boys rebounded from a rebuilding year and posted a 3-1 start to their season. The results were **St. John's 41 Genoa Christian 21** Bryce Piwtorak and Logan Leeds lead the way with 16 and 12 points respectively. **St. John's 23 Wellington 36** Logan Leeds scored 8 points while Jack Bowman tallied 7 points. **St. John's 27 Grace Christian 17** with Piwtorak scoring 8 points. Another win was tallied on Thursday; **St John's 41 Cypress 32**.

Article submitted by Ron Leeds

The Dedicated Student Athletes of the 2011-2012 Winter Season!

Your 2012 Boys' Basketball Team

Max Balderson	Cody Beale
Jack Bowman	Riley Hall
Jared Hartmann	Johnny Miller
Caleb Nicol	Nate Stewart
Johnny Bowen	Ben Grywalski
Kyle Hustek	Logan Leeds
Dylan McCabe	Mick Olson
Bryce Piwtorak	

Managers: Wesley Pyers, Noah Rausch, and Zach Stewart

Your 2012 Girls' Basketball Team

Kennedy Horn	Lauren Kocsis
Meghan Leeds	Kari Van Gorden
Emily Benjamin	Maria Eley
Kristen Rausch	Alyx Wulff
Hannah Rausch	

Managers: Jenay Kocsis, Megan Olson, and Rachel Sievers

Your 2012 Cheerleading Squad

Grace Stanley	Samantha Wulff
Emily Benjamin	Rose Eickhoff
Sarah Everly	Rose Stanley

Managers: Brooklyn Kleiber, Jenay Kocsis, Elizabeth Lowry, and Olivia Madden

Important Items!

HOME game vs. Patriot @ 5 and 6:15 on January 5th *Schedule Change*

HOME game vs. CSG and Wellington Monday January 9th @ 5:30 and 6:45

Please head to volunteerspot.com to claim some volunteer hours working admission or concession stands!!!