# Memorial Lutheran School BADGERS

# **NEWSLETTER - 16 January 15-19, 2018**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, January 19
Hot lunch will be served.

Sunday, January 21
K-5 sings for 10:30 service

Friday, January 26
End of second quarter

Friday, February 2 Joint devotion with pastor; mission offerings collected.

Monday, February 5 No school – Pastor/Teacher conference

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00; Supper prior to service at 6:00

K-5 sings for service.

Friday, February 16 ICHD vision screening (rescheduled date)

Hot lunch served.

Monday, February 19 No school – Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 21 Lent service at 7:00; supper prior to service at 6:00

Friday, February 23 CMLAL Choir Concert at Burton – 6:00 practice, 7:00 concert

Wednesday, February 28 Lent service at 7:00; supper prior to service at 6:00

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

January 25 Addison

## School Cleaning Schedule for the week of:

January 22 Dawley January 29 Labadie February 5 Lawton

### FROM MRS. LEITZ

**Preschool:** For our Bible lesson this week we are learning about how the Israelite people broke the First Commandment and worshiped a golden calf instead of the one true God. We learn that we can pray to God for forgiveness just as Moses did for the Israelite people. We learned that we should repent and ask for forgiveness and will receive it because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. We also learn that we do not want to place anything in this life above God, even our own families.

For math we have continued working on patterns. The threes are working on rectangles and the letter E this week. The fours are working on the letters L and M. We also have been discussing winter and the fun things we can do in snow.

\*Thank you all for being willing to juggle your days around this week! Have a wonderful weekend!

**Kindergarten**: For our Bible lesson this week we are learning about how the Israelite people broke the First Commandment and worshiped a golden calf instead of the one true God. We learn that we can pray to God for forgiveness just as Moses did for the Israelite people. We learned that we should repent and ask for forgiveness and will receive it because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. We also learn that we do not want to place anything in this life above God, even our own families.

In math we have been working on patterns, telling time, and adding one on. For Super Kids we have finished the letter T and started letter F. For science we have switched gears from snowflakes to Social Studies and have been learning about Benjamin Franklin.

\*Parents don't forget that the children will be singing this weekend. We meet at 10:15 in the basement. Have a wonderful weekend!

### FROM MRS. DOMKE AND GRADES 1-5

This week in our study of God's Word we had the good, the bad and the ugly. The good was God sharing His almighty love on the Day of Atonement, also called Yom Kippur. On that day the Israelites saw sacrifice and love that pointed directly to the Savior to come. We also saw the bad. We saw how God's people, who had seen such amazing miracles, rebelled against the Lord and His love when the time came to enter the promised land. We saw the ugly when a small group of Israelites, led by Korah, tried to take over the priesthood that had been established by God. Through all of this, however, God's forgiveness shines through. Our class spent time remembering that we are not much different than those people long ago. We rebel against our holy God and would be eternally lost if it were not for His wonderful love!

Remember that we sing at the beginning of the second service this Sunday, January 21.

Also, the CMLAL choir concert is earlier this year – February 23. We are beginning preparations for that evening of song and praise. The concert is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Burton. I know that it is quite a hike, but the oncert is such a great experience! Please consider letting your child participate. Remember that the students need to be at the church at 6:00 for mass practice and the concert begins at 7:00. I'll have room in my car for the first six kids that need a ride so we can get there early to practice.

Students in grades 3-5 are also encouraged to think about participation in the Fine Arts Fair the first Saturday in March at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw. Students may participate in science, instrumental music art, forensics (like storytelling), spelling bee and math. In reading class we'll be preparing a story that could be used at MLS for the fine arts fair. So, think about it! More information will be coming home and you can also speak to me about it. I've helped with the fine arts fair for years and can answer just about every question!

Have a great weekend!

# GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>JOINT DEVOTION AND MISSION OFFERINGS:</u> Mission thankofferings will be collected at the monthly, joint devotion that Pastor will lead the first Friday of each month. The next devotion will be **Friday**, **February** 2. Envelopes will be provided for the children to use at these services.

This school year the thankofferings collected will be sent to our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) Christian Aid & Relief.

**HOT LUNCH** will be served on **Friday**, **January 19**. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, breadsticks, fruit cups, and cupcakes.

<u>GRADES K-5</u> will sing on **Sunday, January 21** at the beginning of the 10:30 service. We hope to see many of you there.

<u>DAYS OFF IN FEBRUARY</u> Please note that there are two no school days in February on the school year calendar. Our school will be closed on

- Monday, February 5 (Pastor Teacher Conference), and
- Monday, February 19 (Presidents' Day).

<u>ICHD WILL VISIT</u> on **Friday**, **February 16** to test vision of our students that morning. We had to reschedule the original date.

<u>CMLAL CHOIR CONCERT:</u> The children are working on special songs for the annual Lutheran schools choir concert. This concert will be held **Friday**, **February 23** and will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Burton, MI. If you would like directions, please speak to Pastor Voss.

Students will need to arrive by 6:00 PM for the 7:00 concert. This gives the choirs time to practice their joint numbers and warm up a little for their own number as well. We ask that students dress nicely for this concert that is done in praise to God.

MLS FINE ARTS FAIR: This year's Fine Arts Fair for students in grades three-five will be held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Saturday, March 3. It's time to talk to your child about what they will do for that fair and then start to prepare for the competitions and projects. Applications will have to be in the Mrs. Domke by Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. (The only two categories for which grades 3-4 may enter are the art and forensics competitions.)

Keep this in mind, you only have to go to MLS if you are participating in music, forensics, math, or spelling. Students participating in science and art need only to have their work to our school by Tuesday, February 27. That work will be transported to MLS by one of the teachers. Those projects will then be brought back to school at the end of the fair. You are still encouraged to attend and see all the entries and listen to the other competitions. IT REALLY IS A LOT OF FUN!

Students will be charged an entry fee of \$2.00 for each category and entry he/she enters. For example: If a student enters a science project, two art projects, and does the spelling bee, there would be a total entry fee of \$8.00. If your child wishes to participate, please ask the teacher for an application. These applications and the money must be turned in by Friday, February 9 so we can have them sent in on time.

After your application is turned in, your child may request more detailed instructions for the event(s) in which he/she has entered. We encourage you to read these instructions carefully so there are no disappointments on the day of the fair.

If you have any questions, please ask any teacher. We will give you the schedule for the day as the date gets closer and when we receive individual times for those students who need them.

<u>WIND CHILL</u> – When the wind chill is near zero or below zero, the students will not go outside for recess. We do try to go outside when possible. Because of that, we ask that you remember to send appropriate winter outerwear for your child. Hats, gloves, snowpants, and boots are usually necessary to keep warm at our school

for outside recess. If your child does not have the necessary items to keep warm, they may be asked to stay inside for recess.

Please also be sure to label your child's things. When many students have the same color snowpants, etc. it is hard to know to whom they belong without inside labeling of some type.

WE USUALLY DON'T DELAY THE START OF A SCHOOL DAY, even when many area school districts delay the start of school due to extreme cold, fog, or snow / ice that will clear up by mid-morning. With our students relying on family transportation to get to school, it's too much of an inconvenience for parents or grandparents to wait 2 hours to get their children to school.

So, when weather or road conditions are such that you need to delay your departure from home in the morning, please get your child(ren) here as soon as it is safe for you to do so. Just let us know that your child(ren) will be arriving later in the morning.

WE USUALLY DON'T CLOSE SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, even when many area school districts send students home early due to snow or ice. Again, since parents and grandparents pick up our students, there may not be rides for some students in the middle of the day.

So, when the forecast is for normal road conditions in the morning, but for deteriorating conditions as the school day goes on, we will normally close our school for the entire day.

<u>AMAZONSMILE PROGRAM</u> Please remember that Amazon has a program in which 0.5% of qualified Amazon purchases can be given to a charity of the buyer's choice. Our congregation has set up our unified church & school account to participate. Here is the link to participate: <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2130250">https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2130250</a>. You need to log into the Amazonsmile account each time in order for the rewards to take effect. For additional information, please speak to Pastor Voss.

Here is the contact information for the men on our congregation's Board of Christian Education.

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Our 2017-2018 school year theme:

### WE RETURN TO GRACE!

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

