

Eagle's Wings

A Parents' Newsletter
St. John Lutheran School
October 13, 2009



Mark Your Calendar!

- Oct. 16th End of First Quarter
- Oct. 17th Macy's Charity Day
- Oct. 23rd Report Cards Issued
No School – Parent /
Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 25th Blood Drive
- Oct. 30th Trick or Trunk

Clergy Appreciation Month

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! Don't forget to tell Pastor Ken how much you appreciate his presence at our school each day. His care and concern, his spiritual leadership and his cheerful personality are part of what makes St. John such a great school!

Trick or Trunk

Save the date – Friday, October 30th. If you would like decorate your trunk, please tell Diana in the office or just send a note. We are accepting donations of candy so that the folks passing it out will not bear that cost alone. *Candy donation boxes are located at each entrance to the school.* Even if you cannot volunteer to help, we hope everyone will participate by sharing in the fun that evening. We encourage costumes and fun but please remember that we will have small children present so nothing too scary, please.

Chapel

Chapel is led by Pastor Ken every **Wednesday morning at 8:45** in the church. It is a short worship opportunity geared to children but parents and/or grandparents are always welcome. This month our offerings are designated to help the Pajama Project. (Please see the attached flier.) If you so choose, you may send a pair of new pajamas for your child to donate instead of their regular offering.

Macy's Charity Day

Thank you to all who supported St. John by purchasing a Macy's Shopping Pass. We raised over \$700.00 to help "bridge the gap" in our budget. We want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Christi Giardina for organizing this fundraiser. Don't forget to go shopping this Saturday! If you will not be able to get to a store, send your drawing entry to the office and we will make sure you are entered in the \$500.00 gift card drawing!

Blood Drive

St. John's next blood drive will be on Sunday, **October 25** from 8-11a.m. If you give blood regularly, please save the date and give "the gift of life" at St. John.

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Lauryn (Pre-K). She is now a big sister! Little sister, Layla, arrived last month.

Congratulations also to Taylor (Preschool)! She now has a baby brother, Jaden, born last week.

Handbook Highlight

Conduct and Discipline: page 20

St. John's faculty and administration will work hard with students to create a Christian atmosphere that promotes learning and positive social interactions. The goal is to reward good behavior and address misbehavior that interferes with the creation and development of a positive school environment.

When a behavioral problem arises, the teacher will deal with it first in accordance with his/her classroom policies. If this is not successful, the teacher will contact the parent and then the principal for support. Parent-school cooperation and support is essential in matters of discipline. If parents question the teacher's perception of what happened, they are welcome to make an appointment to discuss it. **It is essential to work together and not undermine one another's efforts to discipline.** In the event that a parent or guardian feels that a teacher has not resolved a problem in the proper way, the parent should call the teacher or the school office to set up a conference to discuss the matter. This procedure is in line with God's directive as outlined in Matthew 18:15-17. The principal should be consulted only if the two parties are unable to resolve the matter.

Blast from the Past

Back in the 1960's, St. John did not have a playground so at recess time the principal would block off each end of North Pierce Street with two saw horses. The children would then play in the street! Wow, have times changed!

Meet Mrs. Simoneaux

Mrs. Trisha Simoneaux is our first grade teacher. This is her eighth year teaching in Lutheran Schools. She has taught first, second, third, and fourth grades. She is a graduate of Concordia University in Austin, Texas. She has a certification as a Lutheran teacher with a specialization in English. She is originally from Port Arthur, Texas. She previously taught at the now closed Prince of Peace Lutheran School in New Orleans East, St. John Lutheran in Kendallville, Indiana, and Salem Lutheran in Gretna, LA. Her husband is the Pastor at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Harvey, LA. She has two daughters. Janie, who is four, is enrolled in the pre-kindergarten class here at St. John with Mrs. Bedard. Her other daughter Molly is one year and three months old. Mrs. Simoneaux loves to read and has many pets: three cats, two dogs, and some fish! Her theme for her class decorations this year is cats and dogs.

Come to Church!

You are always invited to join us each Sunday for Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School at 8:00 a.m. Join us for "Coffee and Fellowship" in the gym or in the courtyard at 9:00 and church at 9:30. Hope to see you there!

Tuition Reminder

Tuition is due by the 5th of each month. Parents are given a 10 day grace period. Payments received after the 15th will incur a \$20.00 late fee.