

"Mt. Calvary Lutheran is dedicated to teaching God's children" through His Word to be Christ-like witnesses and productive members of society."

Mt. Calvary Lutheran School Newsletter

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A TIME TO GET READY

Now that Thanksgiving is past, the countdown to Christmas has begun. We are reminded by retail stores, television, and social media exactly how much time remains before Christmas. Have you started getting ready? We are in the season of the church year called Advent. Advent is a time of getting ready. We prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' first coming as a baby in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. The King of Kings left His throne in heaven to enter a dark and sinful world as a tiny baby. In this holiday season, we also prepare ourselves and look forward to Jesus' second coming when He will take all believers to be with Him in Heaven. Preparing for Christmas can be great fun for families. But in this busy season, pause to ask yourself this important question.... "Am I prepared to welcome Jesus, the newborn King?"



CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN NIGHT ...MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December begins in a couple of days and our Christmas Family Fun Night is coming up next Friday, December 7th. What better way to get in the Christmas spirit than joining other students and families for fun Christmas activities for the whole family. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us from 6:30-8:00pm next Friday! RSVP forms are included with today's newsletter.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP- FIRST STAGE

On December 14th, the Middle school will enjoy a field trip to First Stage to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" The cost per child is \$10. Please be on the look out for permission slips to be sent home today with every Middle School student in the very near future. We want all Middle School students to be able to participate in this special holiday field trip. Be reminded that families with Extended Care balances of 60 days or more past due must have their bill paid in full in order for students to attend the trip.



NO TARDIES IN OCTOBER

All students who were not tardy during the month of October received a certificate for a non-uniform, today to use for tomorrow, November 30th. **Please be reminded that dress code guidelines will apply for shoes and accessories even on non-uniform days.** Thank you for getting your children to school on time.



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

* 4K & 5K CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The 4K and 5K students are hard at work preparing their Christmas program for, Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30pm in the church. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to see and hear the good news of Jesus proclaimed by children. All are invited to their program. Students should meet in their classrooms by 6:00pm.



* GRADES 1st-8th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The 1st-8th Grade Christmas Program is just around the corner on Thursday, December 20th at 6:30pm. You will not want to miss a evening of celebration. Students will need to meet in their classrooms by 6:00pm on the night of the program.

COLD WEATHER MOVES IN

Please be sure that students are dressed appropriately for the changing temperatures - with coats, hats, gloves, etc. Classes continue to wait outside in the morning and go outside for recess unless the wind chill falls below 0 degrees. Due to varying temperatures throughout the building, it is also wise for students to have a uniform sweater to wear in the building.



HANDBELL REMINDERS

***Sunday, December 2nd**-Handbell students will play in church, Students should meet in the church no later than 8:15am.

***Tuesday, December 11th**—Handbell students will perform at St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, December 13th—Handbell students will perform at St. Anne Retirement Home and Berea Lutheran.



HOT LUNCH NOTICE

Please note that the count for hot lunch must be submitted to our provider by 8:30am each morning. If you know that your child will come to school late on any given day, please call the school office at 414-873-3466 **BEFORE 8:30am** to order a hot lunch. Students who come to school after 8:30am will be unable to receive hot lunch that day (if it was not previously ordered). In these cases, a phone call will be made to a parent so that a cold lunch can be brought. Thank you!



NEWS FROM 8th GRADE

Greetings from the 8th grade class, we have been busy filling out high school applications, writing essays for high school that we are interested in attending, as well as trying to finish our school work. We have definitely realized that 8th grade isn't only about our academics, but our future too! Although we tend to run out of time for learning during the school day, our organizational skills are working overtime to help us budget our time outside of school with sports, high school open houses, and oh yeah, finishing our homework. Our advice to you is don't wait until tomorrow, what you can get done today! We hope that you have to opportunity to stop by and see the things we are doing and creating in our classroom. We are working on collaboration during Reading class with Literature Circles, and realizing how important we are to our groups when we have our work done on time. Have a great weekend.



MS. NELSON'S RESOURCES...SEND A CANDY CANE GRAM

Would you like to wish a student or staff person a Merry Christmas? The HOPE Club will be selling Candy Cane Grams for \$1 each, beginning , Monday, 12/3- Friday, 12/7. Candy Cane Grams can be bought from 7:35-8:00am outside the school office. The proceeds will go to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.



YOUTH NEWS & UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- * **Sunday, December 2nd**—9:00 am-10:15 am
- * **Sunday, December 2nd**- 10:15am-11:15am Bible Study
- * **Sunday, December 2nd**- 11:15- Noon—There will be a light lunch served and Open Gym to follow.
- * **Saturday, December 8th**-9:00 am-11:00 am -Breakfast with Santa-Free pictures and Free pancakes.



GIVE THANKS AND LET OTHERS KNOW ABOUT THE LORD

There is much to be thankful for, even in times of difficulties and challenges. It is especially important to be thankful for the opportunity to share the message of God's grace with our fellow man. We must remember to pray and be thankful every day for His goodness and mercy.

1 Chronicles 16:8 - Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

TOO MANY TARDIES

Many students have or are approaching 8 tardies in the 2nd Quarter. When children come to school late, their days get off to a difficult start and they miss out on learning. Be reminded that on a student's 8th tardy and every tardy after in the same quarter, he or she is not permitted into the classroom until a 7:30am meeting with Ms. Little has taken place to identify a plan for students to arrive on time. The 2nd Quarter ends on January 11, 2019. Please be sure to have your students to school on time!



THIS WEEK CHAPEL...6TH GRADE

Miss Schmidt and 6th grade led chapel on Wednesday. They brought Mount Calvary a Thanksgiving message about giving thanks in all circumstances. It was great to see them all sharing their faith through their message, music, and bible readings. Thank you to Miss Schmidt and the 6th grade class for the blessed message.



Monday 12/3: Chicken Breast Fillet with BBQ, Whole Grain Cornbread, Steamed Corn, Fruit & Milk

Tuesday 12/4: Asian Chicken, Whole Grain Brown Rice, Baby Carrots, Fruit & Milk

Wednesday 12/5: Cheeseburger on a Whole Grain Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit & Milk

Thursday 12/6: Asian-Glazed Boneless Chicken Wings, Pretzel Goldfish, Fruit & Milk

Friday 12/7: Shredded BBQ Turkey Sandwich on a Whole Grain Bun, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Fruit & Milk

DECEMBER

December 6: Mid-Quarters Home

December 7: Christmas Family Fun Night, 6:30-8pm

December 12: 4K & 5K Christmas Program, 6:30pm

December 14: Middle School Field Trip, First Stage

December 20: Grade 1st -8th Christmas Program, 6:30pm

December 21: Early Release, 11:30am

December 24-January 2: Christmas Vacation