



**OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Events at a Glance...



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Principal

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Rev. Dr. Karl Fabrizious
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Mrs. Lori Bolger
Director



- Sat, Jan 21: 7:30 Rangers meet and leave from OF for Poynette, WI
10:30-11:30 Market Day pick-up
- Sun, Jan 22: 9:30-10:30 Kindergarten Round-Up in the library
9:30 4K/5K Sing during Kindergarten Round-Up
- Tues, Jan 24: 5:15 5/6 BBB game at Our Redeemer
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- Wed, Jan 25: 4:00 5/6 GBB game @ Elm Grove
- Thur, Jan 26: Golden Chicken lunch for those who ordered
4:30 7/8 GBB @ Immanuel Brookfield Tournament
- Fri, Jan 27: 5:35 7/8 BBB @ Immanuel Brookfield Tournament
6:00-9:00 Acorns and Rangerettes meeting at school

**From the Principal for a day – Mr. Joey Diaz
January 13, 2012**

Being principal for the day was a very fun experience. It showed me the normal activities people would think a principal does, like sit in his office and make calls, but that is only the beginning of what he does. For example, he mops the floors! Would you have thought that? I sure wouldn't have considered that as a possibility.

It was very exciting teaching the classes (history and physical education) and seeing a lot of things I hadn't seen before. Calling people into the office on the speaker was lots of fun. I tasted coffee for the first time, and, "Boy," I said, "I just can't figure out how adults can drink this stuff!" It was great sitting in the principal's chair in his office, feeling like I had the whole school in my hands. It was the most awesome day of my life. I also would like to thank the staff at Our Father's for treating me so nicely that day. Thank you to Mr. Burgess, a great principal, teacher, and friend. I will always remember that day and all the fun I had. I am so glad to be a student at Our Father's Lutheran School.

To see pictures of Mr. Diaz at work as principal, go to <http://www.ourfatherslutheran.org/School/PrincipalsPage/tabid/826/Default.aspx> and check out the album called "1 Day as Principal"!

AK & SK with Mrs. Wierman

Thank You to the following parents who drove to First Stage yesterday: Sievert, Berigan, Lemberger and Summers.

Remember that we sing at our Kindergarten Round-Up on Sunday! Please meet in the Music room by 9:15.

Don't forget to turn in any contributions for our class auction gift by Monday.

Everyone have a great weekend. Remember to worship. - - Mrs. Wierman.

1st and 2nd Grade with Mrs. Van Hulst

I am very pleased with the habitat dioramas the children completed for science class. They were all well done. The children learned a lot about habitats in our studies and it showed in their final project.

Many second graders continue having difficulty subtracting two digit numbers. Parents this is something that can be reviewed nightly until your child understands the concept.

Report cards came home today. Please sign and return the report card next week. It will be returned to you after I acknowledge you have seen it. Any questions or concerns

please contact me for a conference.

This week during our computer time Mr. Suchy taught the children how to put together a simple PowerPoint presentation. We can't wait for more lessons using this exciting presentation method.

Items are coming in for the auction. There are many exciting things to bid on. Please consider donating an item or theme basket (or even a higher ticket item). We would like to have items here by the 27th of January so all items can be logged in.

Remember to purchase your tickets for this fun filled evening. Money raised from the auction has been designated for continuing our music program with Mrs. Wiegert and our computer program with Mr. Suchy. The children are reaping many benefits from these qualified instructors and we would love to be able to keep these programs active at Our Father's. We can only do this through your generous donations.

3rd and 4th Grade with Mr. Beversdorf

Wow - what a start to the 3rd quarter. In our World Studies, we are in Indonesia and tried using our chopsticks first on rice, then on ramen noodles. Yum! We are working on designing our personalized additions to the Sweetheart of an Auction personalized baskets. The students are doing fine work on those! Please continue to send in donations (money, travel games, or valentine's gifts) for our classroom baskets.

In math, we continue working on multiplication and learned about how to do lattice multiplication. Ask a student if you aren't sure how that works!

In Religion, we continue on our Baptism Books. The students are doing a wonderful job illustrating about this gracious gift of God. Remember where there is forgiveness of sins, there is life and salvation. In Science, we continue into chapter 11 learning about how matter changes.

We will also begin working with on our Lutheran Schools Week production. We look forward to Grandparents' Day on March 9. So much going on, let's keep lifting up our thanks and praise to God who gives us such marvelous days together as we live by faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's service,
Mr. Beversdorf



Saturday, February 4, is the annual Sweetheart of an Auction. There is a lot of information in this edition of the newsletter answering any questions you might have.

March 5-9th is Lutheran Schools Week! Come and enjoy some of the several fun activities that are planned that week. Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday, March 9. More information is forthcoming. The Music/Art Fair will be held in May. Make sure to check our website on a regular basis to keep abreast of the latest breaking news!



5th & 6th Grade with Mrs. Burgess

All 5th-8th grade band students will be participating in solo and ensemble at Milwaukee Lutheran on Saturday, March 3. Students have been working on their solos. Specific times for solo performances will be assigned closer to that date. Call Mrs. Wiegert with any questions at (262) 785-0117.

Our words-of-the-week are brought to us by Sierra (Zeitgeist: a German word meaning "spirit of the times", or the general climate of a particular era) and Marcus (zwieback: sweetened bread, cooked twice and sliced thin).

Spelling pretest 4 will be Monday; the final test will be Thursday. The Social Studies chapter 6 test will be Friday.

Two reading programs begin today - Noah's Ark DIVE INTO READING (read 200 pages by March 26) and Six Flag READ TO SUCCEED (read 360 minutes by February 24)! These are optional programs - you and your child decide if the end goal (free game park ticket!) is of interest. These pages and minutes should not overlap with each other or with BOOK-IT pages. Let's do some reading! :-)

Our next time to sing in church is Sunday, January 29, at the 8:00 A.M. Divine Service. Please plan on meeting in the school by 7:45 A.M. to warm up!!

Please consider purchasing auction tickets if you haven't yet done so - the auction on Saturday, February 4, provides a fun forum for supporting Our Father's!

Have a delightful weekend!



7th & 8th Grade with Mrs. Anderson:

All 5th-8th grade band students will be participating in solo and ensemble at Milwaukee Lutheran on Saturday, March 3. Students have been working on their solos. Specific times for solo performances will be assigned closer to that date. Call Mrs. Wiegert with any questions at (262) 785-0117.

We've been in the lab for Science class this week. We saw how concentration and temperature affect the rate of reaction in a chemical reaction. Next week, we will start on Solutions, Mixtures, and Solubility.

Thank you to all of our 7th & 8th grade families for the contributions so we can purchase some "BIG" items for the Sweetheart of an Auction. We've raised over \$200. Sherrie Lane and Lisa Thomson have volunteered to do the shopping for us. We'll let you know what was purchased.

Report cards were handed out today. If you have any questions or concerns, please call, stop by, or email. Grades improved greatly from the 1st quarter. Well done, 7th and 8th graders!

Have an excellent weekend!

SWEETHEART OF AN AUCTION 2012 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are now on sale for the Annual PAC Sweetheart of an Auction. The Auction is being held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 6:30-9:30 in the school gymnasium. This evening offers fellowship and an opportunity to support Our Father's. Ticket prices are \$15.00/single and \$25.00/couple. Tickets are available in the office and are also being sold after church services.



Purchase your tickets TODAY!

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE SWEETHEART OF AN AUCTION

CALL FOR DONATIONS: The PAC is seeking donations for the Sweetheart of an Auction. Items we hope to receive include themed gift baskets (spa/relaxation, kitchen, movie basket, auto car supplies, etc.), gift certificates (restaurants, nail and hair salons, auto maintenance, ice skating, sport events, golf, skiing/snowboarding, retail stores), artwork, sports memorabilia, gardening equipment, electronic accessories (MP3 or IPOD cases), and etc.



We also would welcome any high-value items like IPODs, iHome speakers/docking stations, Flat Screen TVs, Hotel Stays for weekend getaways, Theater tickets (Marcus Center, First Stage, Fireside), or Sporting Event Tickets (Badgers, Bucks, Packers, Wave, Admirals, Golden Eagles, etc.), No Contract Cell Phone with Pre-Paid Minute Cards, etc.

If you are able to help, please bring your donation to the school/church office before January 27th, 2012. More importantly - remember to purchase your auction tickets! We are looking forward to seeing you on February 4th!

RANGER NEWS

Our Mackenzie Center outing is right around the corner! We will be leaving TOMORROW, Saturday, January 21st at 7:30 a.m. and returning on Sunday, January 22nd around 4:00 p.m.

Pinewood derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd; rules and kits have been distributed to those who registered. If you need a car kit, please let me know and I will get it to you.

YE HA! IT'S KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP TIME

We would like to invite all parents with children who will be 4 and 5 years old by September 1 to an open house informational meeting at school on Sunday, January 22, from 9:30-10:30. Principal Dave Burgess and Mrs Wierman, the 4K/5K teacher, will share information about the program. Refreshments will be served and the current 4K/5K will perform some songs under the direction of Mrs. Wiegert and Mrs. Wierman. You will also have the opportunity to tour the school. Please tell your neighbors, family and friends!



MARKET DAY MUSINGS WITH MRS. TIETYEN

Market Day pick-up will be TOMORROW, Saturday, January 21st from 10:30-11:30. Thank you so much for all of your support of the Market Day program!



Go Pack Go! There is always next year, right??
(Mrs. Tietyen will gladly accept condolences from Bear fans!)

BUMP! SET! SPIKE!

It's that time again! Our Father's adult volleyball league begins on Sunday, January 22nd. The league is open to all adults and high school level young adults. Contact Vic Lemberger at (414) 745-6025 if interested.






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For those of you not familiar with the Auction, the Auction is a wonderful opportunity for Our Father's families, friends, and community to come together for an evening of fabulous food, entertainment, and bidding excitement - - all for a great cause, our kids. There are complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer for purchase, and childcare available for a small fee (or FREE with a \$75.00 purchase).

Buy your tickets TODAY!





Desserts Needed for the Auction

Do you have a dessert recipe that you want to try out? Are you known as a dessert genius in your kitchen? The PAE would love for you to bring in your favorite dessert for the Auction dessert table. All dessert donations need to be dropped off at school no later than Saturday, February 4, at 11:00a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Kim Tiejyen in the school office at kziejyen@ourfatherslutheran.org.

*Sweetheart
of an
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from the desktop of Coach Suchy

January 20, 2012

Dear Parents,

We expose your children to the "tools of technology" at various levels of complexity based on their particular grade level:

- "Word" Word Processing
- "Internet Explorer" Web Browser
- "PowerPoint" Presentations
- "Excel" Spreadsheets & Graphs

Students also use some keyboarding programs and some excellent "curriculum skills programs" that are ideal for home use.

SAFE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOME: When we, as parents, allow our children to go online in the home in an unsupervised capacity we are taking a risk. As the parent of two school-age daughters I know that your child will not have to look for trouble online - it will find them! Be very discerning if you allow unsupervised use of online resources in your home.

SIMPLE ADVICE FOR USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOME:

#1 Place your computer in a "public" living area of your home. Providing Internet Access in the privacy of a child's bedroom or basement is taking an unnecessary risk and is not a good idea.

#2 If the computer is already a part of your child's bedroom be sure to check the "History" of online sites visited on a regular basis. You need to know the sites your children visit online.

- If the history has been erased by your son or daughter that should throw up some "red flags".
- If you don't know the login and password that is potentially worse!

These could provide motivation for moving the computer to a public place.

#3 Educate yourself! Visit the parent page of the "ORC" www.orc-ourfathers-2011.org/#!__parents. This is a resource that you and your children are able to use at home.

Sincerely,

Fred Suchy
Technology Integration Solutions

Teaching Kids Online Safety (Internet & Texting)

Social Media Sites (Facebook, Twitter) Blogging Sites (Tumblr, Badgirls-blog) and Cell Phone Texting can all be very addicting for children. They can also be very dangerous. Parents need to educate themselves and their children about online safety and privacy.

There are six major areas parents need to be concerned about:

- Amount of overall Internet/Computer & Texting use
- Online abuse and bullying – this happens online
- Inappropriate websites—violence, pornography, hate groups
- Internet predators, perhaps posing as children or teens
- Divulging confidential family information or ID numbers
- Downloading/installing malicious software

Create a SPECIFIC family policy for Internet & Texting:

Your child needs to understand that **Internet Use & Texting are privileges that can be taken away if rules are not followed**. Your Internet & Texting policy will depend on how old your kids are and what level of individual responsibility you're willing to grant them. The point is to have a policy.

- Ask your child to suggest a reasonable amount of daily computer usage. Reach an agreement on this and then hold your child accountable.
- Do not allow your child to have any logins and passwords that are not known to you. Emphasize the fact that you pay for the Internet and cell phone. Use of these items is a privilege for your children and NOT a right.
- Monitor your child's use of the Internet and Texting on a regular basis. Checking the sites visited and text messages each week is a start. Checking daily is better.

Emphasize safety and privacy:

Be sure that children understand that talking on the Internet and texting can be the same as talking to strangers.

- Talk to children about the dangers of giving away family secrets—whether it's bank account numbers or vacation schedules.
- Make sure children understand that anyone they "meet" on the Internet or texting might not be who they claim to be.
- Teach children to be wary of free offers or attractive lures.

Always know exactly what your child does online and who they communicate with:

You can't protect your children from everything, but you can guide them toward sensible and responsible Internet and texting behavior. Always know who your children are in communication with and what they are saying to one another.

Being firm with rules NOW will make things much safer and easier in the future:

If your child does not follow your agreed upon rules for Internet Usage and Texting then be sure to take away these privileges. Start with a week, then a month, then several months. **BE SURE TO enforce your rules** with agreed upon consequences.