

"Keep my teaching as the
apple of your eye." --
Proverbs 7:2b

Our Father's

Weekly Newsletter, Friday, September 6, 2019

Hello families,



The third week of school has come to a close. The classrooms are continuing to work on procedures and routines. Setting a good foundation in each is critical to successful teaching throughout the year. Some educational research suggests that teachers may want to spend up to six weeks working on procedures and routines before letting students be more independent.

Routines in the home are very important as well. A great routine to get into at home is to read aloud every night with your child, regardless of their age. Wall Street Journal writer Meghan Cox Gurdon is author of the book *The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction*. In her book she discusses her own experiences with her children and how reading aloud to them greatly increased their vocabulary, their ability to focus, and their success in school. She continued this reading aloud all the way into high school!

If you are curious what books to read with your child, don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher or another family in the class. Finding an author your child likes is a great way to get them interested in reading and on the path to developing a fantastic lifelong skill.

God's blessings to you this weekend and I hope to see you on Sunday!

Nathan M. Wingfield, Principal/Teacher

Our Father's Winter Coat Drive

As you begin changing your closets for the fall/winter seasons and find coats that you no longer want or that no longer fit, please consider donating your coat to Our Father's Coat Drive. Please drop your coats of any size, design or color off in the school office. Thanks for your consideration!

Rangers' Meeting Night Invitation!



Boys in the 2nd through 8th grades are invited to join the Our Father's Lutheran Rangers. The Rangers are a Lutheran-based scouting program. Tonight, **Friday, September 6th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**, the Rangers will be holding their initial meeting in the school gymnasium for the 2019-2020 school year. The meeting will include registration for the new school year, and distribution of materials for the Christmas Wreath fundraiser. If you are interested in Lutheran Rangers but will be unable to attend the meeting on the 6th, please contact the co-leaders **Mike Brofka** or **David Henke** at Rangerscamp9@gmail.com. Please note that Rangers do not have to be enrolled at Our Father's; it is open to *any* boy in grades 2-8.

Private Piano, Voice Lessons offered at Our Father's

Did you know that we have a piano/voice teacher that is available at Our Father's? Vickie Wagner of Wagner Music Studios has many years of experience and is available to teach beginners or returning students. A green-colored folder which contains more information is available in the school office. You can also call Ms. Vickie directly at (414) 292-8305.

Box-Tops for Education!

Thanks for everyone who saved those box-tops over the summer! Please remember to keep saving the Box-Tops for Education and returning them to school. The school receives money for each box-top! Thanks!

Our Father's Lutheran Church Scrip Program

If you would like to purchase Scrip cards, the deadline to place an order is this Sunday, September 8th. Cards will be available for pick-up after lunch on Wednesday, September 11th! Order forms are available in the School Office.

Shoe Drive!

The 8th grade Class Trip Fundraiser of Gently Used / New Shoe Collection is underway! Children's Shoes (any size and variety) and Adult Athletic Shoes sizes 5 -12 and are accepted. The drive runs through October 18th. Please consider donating! Collection boxes are located in the narthex, school, and childcare. Thank you!

Sunday School Starts THIS Sunday, 9/8

Sunday School registration forms are now available in the narthex and the church / school office. Sunday School begins this Sunday, September 8th for 3 years old through 6th grade from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. We hope you will join us!

Hot Lunch Program 4 P's in a Pod Sign-Up

Each Wednesday, our new hot-lunch provider, 4 P's in a Pod, offers hot lunch to students who have placed an order. **Orders must be placed 10-days in advance.** As with our last provider, orders are completed through the company, not school. Questions about the program should be directed to 4 P's in a Pod company representatives. A reminder email, containing complete instructions, was sent home today. If you haven't done so already, get started at www.4psinapod.com! The school code is "OFLS".

Please note, because there is no "middleman" with 4 P's in a Pod, prices are lower!

Do you have a pair of shoes you don't wear?

Please consider donating them to our shoe drive!
At this time we are collecting **ATHLETIC & CHILDREN'S** shoes!

The 8th Grade Class of Our Father's Lutheran School is collecting *gently used* athletic shoes and children's shoes. **Their goal is to collect 600 pairs to earn funds for their May 2020 class trip to Williamsburg, Virginia!**

The 8th grade is partnering with AngelBins - a recycler of shoes who cleans the shoes and ships them to entrepreneurs in developing countries who sell the shoes in their local community.



Spread the word and let's help these students reach their goal!

Here's the deal : Gently used* or new pairs of shoes are accepted.
(*Good soles remaining and no holes, tears, or rips!)

Athletic Shoes - should be in sizes 5 - 12 only. These can be a wide variety of shoes - running, basketball, tennis shoes, even baseball, football, and soccer (non-metal) cleat, cross trainers, canvas shoes, and aerobic shoes.



Children's shoes - all varieties of shoes (including dress shoes, sneakers, sandals, loafers, boots, ballerina shoes). They do not accept snow boots or fluffy slippers.



Boxes for collection will be located our Our Father's Lutheran Church, Childcare, & School at 6023 S. 27th Street, Greenfield, WI 53221
The drive runs August 25 - October 18, 2019.

Thank you for your support!

Questions? Please contact Mr. Beversdorf at 414-282-7500 ext. 23.

