

Faith Lutheran School News and Views

December 7th, 2009

School Calendar

Dec. 8	School Board Meeting	6:00 PM
	Faith Community Center Nursery	
Dec. 10	Christmas Program	
	Preschool & Pre-K	6:00 PM
Dec. 11	Christmas Program	
	Kindergarten - 6	6:30 PM
Dec. 15	Passport Testing	
Dec. 21	Christmas Break Begins	
Dec. 24-25	Childcare Closed	
Dec. 31	Childcare Closed	
Jan. 1	Childcare Closed	
Jan. 4	Back to School	
Jan. 6	PIE Meeting	6:00 PM
	Mr. Lueck's Room	

Christmas Programs



Faith Lutheran's 2009 Christmas Programs are as follows:

Preschool & Pre-K Dec. 10th 6:00 p.m.
Kindergarten – 6th Dec. 11th 6:30 p.m.

There will be a reception following both programs. Please bring cookies to share and place them in the kitchen before the program. Thank you for helping make these Christmas programs so special!



Christmas Worship Services

"O come, let us adore Him!" Faith has two candlelight Christmas Eve services at 5 & 7 PM. This year we added an earlier Christmas Eve service with families in mind, particularly those with young children. Both services are identical so choose what best fits your family's plans. There is also a service at 10 AM on Christmas Day.



Congratulations to Mr. Lueck's class for winning the Box Tops for Education Pizza Party!!

Mr. Lueck's 3rd graders collected a total of 516 Box Tops. The winning room was determined based on the ratio of the number of students in the class along with the number of Box Tops turned in to the class.

Please continue to turn your Box Tops into your child's classroom. These will go towards the next contest beginning soon.



GRISWOLD FAMILY UPDATE

My thanks to all of you who offered your help and support to Paul Griswold and his stepson, Marcus Lavalley. Your kindness has been a bright spot in what has been a very difficult week following the shootings in Lakewood.

The Faith community, especially the second grade class, had been eagerly looking forward to the day of Marcus' return to school. Sadly this won't happen as Marcus will reside with his father in Canada.

While God can redeem any situation and bring good out of the bad, it's hard to find the good in this instance. It may come in time, but right now, it seems wrong and unfair. We will continue to pray for God to work all things together for a greater good. Meanwhile, the trust fund established for Marcus to go to college will still happen. If you would like to give, please make your check out to Faith Lutheran School and designate "Marcus Lavalley" on the memo line.

The families have another big week before them with the public memorial on Tuesday. Please keep them, especially Paul, in your prayers.

Thank you,
Pastor Matt



Chapel

For the month of December we will be supporting the Thurston County Food Bank. Please send non-perishable food items and or money for offering. We will only have three Wednesdays to collect for this project.

It is time to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of preparing for Jesus' birth.

Students will attend chapel at 10:00 a.m. along with members of the congregation. Pastor Henry will lead all Advent services. These services are around 30 minutes in length.



ADVENT SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS

Please come and share this Advent season with us here at Faith Lutheran.

The church is holding 7:00 p.m. Wednesday services during Advent. These worship services are one hour in length, and are preceded by 6:00 p.m. soup suppers in the fellowship hall.

Bring your families and join us for our two remaining Advent dinners at 6 p.m. on December 9th and 16th in the fellowship hall. Faith's Youth Group will serve the meals. A free will donation will be received to help send the youth to the National Youth Gathering in 2010.

The Advent dinner menus are:

December 9
Spaghetti with Meatballs
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Brownies

December 16
Taco Casserole
Green Salad
Fresh Fruit
Cookies

Christmas Break



Christmas Break is **Monday, December 21st until Friday, January 1st**. Students return to school on **Monday, January 4, 2010!**

Slice of P.I.E.



The P.I.E. meeting schedule for the 2009/2010 school year has been set in advance. Save these dates for your calendar so you don't miss a meeting!

There is no PIE meeting this month.

No December Meeting

January 6th – 6:00 p.m.

February 10th – 6:00 p.m.

March 10th – 6:00 p.m.

April 14th – 6:00 p.m.

May 26th – 6:00 p.m. (Last meeting)



PIE Purchasing Update

PIE has been busy spending your fundraiser money!!! A new digital projector and document camera have been ordered for 3rd grade. New tables have been ordered for all the

pre-school, pre-k and kindergarten classrooms. Two new laptops for our teachers are on their way as well.

Thank you for the enormous generosity of our parents, community and the hard work of our students for enabling PIE to meet our fundraising goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Our teachers will need help assembling these tables once they arrive. If you would like to be put on a volunteer list for this task, please leave your name and number with Holly in the school office. You will be contacted once the delivery has been confirmed.

Holiday House



The children truly enjoyed their shopping experience at Holiday House this year. This event could not happen without all of our volunteers. A big thank you to Novella Wickham (Brynn's mom, 2nd grade) for chairing this event. We also thank our parents for making this an awesome experience in giving for their students.

Stewardship Hours

Just a reminder:

Our policy requires that 1/2 half of your total stewardship hour requirements be completed by Jan. 31st. For example, if you are required to complete 15 hours per year, you should have 7.5 hours turned in by Jan. 31st. The hours you have not completed (of the 1/2 due) will

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be added to your March statement at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Stewardship timesheets are available from your teacher or at the school office.

To review, hours required are:

Grades 1-6	15 hours per year
Kindergarten	10 hours per year
Pre-K	6 hours per year
Preschool	4 hours per year

If you have more than one child at Faith Lutheran, **you need only complete the hours required for the oldest child.**

Save the Date

The Puget Sound Spelling Bee is Coming!!

Faith Lutheran is excited to be hosting their first Spelling Bee on January 26th from 9 a.m. to Noon. Mrs. Bley is coordinating this event and is looking for volunteers. Mark your calendar to help set-up, sell concessions, volunteer as a judge or work as a word checker/pronouncer. There is a sign-up sheet in the school office. Stop by today and volunteer.



Thank You Faith Students

Thank you for making such meaningful Thanksgiving cards for our church congregation! We received many comments of appreciation. Your love for Jesus was shared through your actions.

Passport Checking



Grades 1-6 Passport Club map testing for the month of December will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

Passport testing for January will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Childcare Reminder!!

For students who will be attending childcare during Christmas vacation, **PLEASE**, remember to bring a lunch!! There is no hot lunch during the break.

Also, please be sure to dress your student warmly as they will be playing outside every day. Students may also bring a special item from home (including electronic toys) during this time.

Thanks, Mrs. Avery