

Faith Lutheran School

News and Views

November 16, 2009

School Calendar

Nov. 17	Passport Testing
Nov. 18	P.I.E. Meeting 6:00
Nov. 23	Teacher Prep-Day School Closed/CC Open
Nov. 24-25	Parent/Teacher Conf. School Closed/CC Open
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Break School/CC Closed
Nov. 29	Holiday House Set-up
Nov. 30	Holiday House Preview
Dec. 1-4	Holiday House Open
Dec. 8	School Board Meeting

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held next week. This is a wonderful chance for you and your teacher to collaborate face-to-face. Though the conference can often feel short, the ideas that come from the meeting will help you, your child and your teacher.

Mrs. Cindy, Mrs. Koehler and Mrs. Suelzle each have to meet with extra families Since they often need more than

one day for conferences, their conference days and times can vary. Check your classroom newsletter for conference information.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Broman, Mrs. Klumb, Mr. Lueck, Mrs. Bley and Mr. Brown will post or send home conference schedules.

Passport Checking



Grades 1-6 Passport Club map testing will be Tuesday, November 17th. We periodically give prizes to those who consistently name all the countries.



Good News!!!

The Box Tops contest has been extended. You now have until December 4th to turn in your Box Tops to your child's classroom. Remember the class with the most Box Tops will win a pizza party. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ cents for the school. You can find Box Tops on the list of products included with this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to earn free money for the school.



Holiday House



Are you thinking ahead to Christmas?

This year, Holiday House will run the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Money envelopes and shopping day schedules already went home. On Monday, Nov. 30th, the store will be set up in the Faith Community Center nursery room and classes will preview the merchandise. Most will come away with great gift ideas for parents, grandparents, and siblings. The students will shop with their teachers or other volunteers and are therefore able to keep their purchases a secret. The students LOVE the Holiday House.

Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten students will shop with their teachers during this week. It is important that the teachers know **who** the children should shop for. Please use your Holiday House envelope to make a list. Sometimes, (always!), the children want to purchase something for themselves. Please let your teacher know if this is or is not allowed.

Elementary students may shop anytime between 8:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., as long as they have teacher permission. Teachers will give permission at convenient times during the school day.

Gifts in the Holiday House range in price from \$.50 for the children's trinkets, to

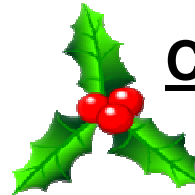
\$20.00 for a nicer gift. The average gift for a mom or dad runs about \$5.00.

We are in critical need of volunteers. If you can help, please stop by the office to sign up or give us a call. (360) 491-1733.



Hot Lunch Changes

The hot lunch program is changing! We will begin serving hot lunches **5** days a week starting in January. We will continue to serve pizza and chocolate milk on Fridays only. The lunch choices will rotate so you will need to look at the menus carefully each month.



Christmas Programs

Faith Lutheran's 2009 Christmas Programs are as follows:

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

T-Shirt & Sweatshirt Orders!

T-shirt/sweatshirt order forms are due by Friday, November 20, 2009.

Please turn them in to the school office. We have shirt samples available for size comparisons outside the office



Reminder: Sizes run small!

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!

The PIE meeting is this Wed, Nov 18th at 6pm. We have a special holiday raffle for this meeting, since PIE does not meet in December.

On the agenda for this month: Purchasing update and Faith Lutheran School hosting the Spelling Bee. Come see what events are happening in the new year!

All meetings will be held in Mr. Lueck's 3rd grade classroom. Childcare is provided in the preschool room.

November 18th – 6:00 p.m.

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)

Yearbook

Mrs. Broman is our yearbook advisor. We NEED hardcopy photo's of school events to get this memorable project on its way. It's a good opportunity to get your child's picture in the yearbook with some great candid shots.

Faith Lutheran School Closure Information

When hazardous weather threatens school closures, Faith Lutheran follows North Thurston School District. Usually, Faith Lutheran is specifically mentioned on radio and TV but it's often easier to watch for North Thurston.

You may log on to www.nthurston.k12.wa.us to find out about North Thurston closures or late starts. Or check:

MIXX 96.1 fm
KGY 1240 am

KING 5 news
KOMO 4 news
KIRO 7 news

Information is sometimes not posted until the morning of the closure/late start. We appreciate your patience!

PLEASE NOTE: On late start days, there are no AM Preschool, AM Pre-Kindergarten or AM Kindergarten classes.

From the Principal:

PRAISE THE LORD! WE HAVE OCCUPANCY! You may have noticed signs of occupancy in the new building. We have had picture retakes in one of the meeting rooms, the students have used it for P.E. (have you gotten your child a new pair of tennis shoe to leave at the school?), cookie dough was delivered in the gym on Nov. 6th and
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Chess Club met there for the first time this past Thursday. We are planning on having Chess Club meet there all the time now. The Holiday House will also be set up in the new building.

With occupancy comes a name change. The Multi-Purpose Building will now be referred to as Faith Community Center. Faith Community Center is open to be rented. If you or someone you know is interested in renting, please let the office know and we will get you in touch with the appropriate person to arrange the rental. We also have a copy of the rental rates in the office.

I hope you have had a chance to look at the posters the classes made for the Veterans' Celebration. The students put their hearts and souls into making each one. The staff has decided to send the posters to Fort Hood, Texas to let them know we are praying for them and are thankful for their service to our country.

I pray everyone has a very blessed and safe Thanksgiving! I thank God every day for each and every one of you.

Chapel



The last chapel for the month is this Wednesday, November 18th. Mrs. Bley's class will be presenting the chapel at 2:45 p.m. This will also be the last offering for the Lutheran Bible Translator's mission work to the Garifuna people in Guatemala. We have surpassed our goal of \$300 and have collected \$364.10. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to further spread God's Word to the Garifuna people.

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. on the following Wednesdays, December 2nd and 9th, along with members of the congregation. Pastor Henry will lead all Advent services. These services are around 30 minutes in length. Because they are

more formal, our Pre-K and K classes usually do their own "Jesus Time" in the classrooms.

The church will also hold 7:00 p.m. Wednesday services during Advent. These worship services are 1 hour in length, and are preceded by 6:00 p.m. soup suppers in the fellowship hall. Please come and share this Advent season with us here at Faith Lutheran.

Tutors Wanted

Have you ever wanted to help a student (one-on-one) with their studies? We are looking for tutors willing to assist students on Mondays and Wednesdays for 40 minutes from 3:20-4:00p.m. These students will participate in a tutorial, based on TEACHER RECOMMENDATION ONLY. All the research on academic achievement is focused on two variables that increase learning; spend more time on task and increase the intensity of instruction. If you would like to help a student who is having difficulties, please contact the school office at (360) 491-1733. Thank you!