



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

August 24, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School year! We are so glad that you have entrusted us to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). Our school theme this year is "Connected." In John 15:1-5, We learn about Jesus being the vine and us being the branches. If he abides in us, we should bring forth fruit. How will we connect to others? Our families? Our church? Our community? We want our students to go and bear fruit for the Lord in all aspects of their lives. We worship together as a school community every Wednesday at 8:30am in the sanctuary. Please join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFER-A-STUDENT – Remember if you refer a student to Salem for this year and they enroll, you'll receive a \$200 discount on your tuition. Unlimited referrals.

FED ON HIS WORD- Each week we are given the opportunity to hear the preaching of His Word. Together, we rejoice as we share in the fellowship of our Lord, and we respond to worship as His Called People of Faith. Please encourage your child to attend both Church and Sunday School each week to enable them to know more about Jesus. Sunday School at Salem is at 9:15 am.

PRAYER FAMILIES- Each day we pray for all of our students and their families. It has long been a custom of our school to divide our families each year by the number of school weeks and especially pray for them in our morning devotions. **Adamson & Young**

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- Please have your news items in by noon on Tuesdays. Thank you!

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Each Wednesday, students are asked to bring an offering to chapel. Why do we do this? Is it because we "owe" something to God for our salvation? NO! We do this to show our thanks and praise to the Lord for the grace and mercy He has bestowed on us by sending His Son to die to take away our sin. This is a GIFT of God. Nothing

we can do can pay for our forgiveness and eternal life. We want to share His love with others and we can do that through our offerings. We will have 4 focus areas this year starting with "Our church" and them moving on to "Our nation", "Our country" and "Our world". First quarter offerings will go to help the ministry of our church. These funds will help start up the swaddling clothes ministry to help families with young children.

Upcoming Events:

August 25- T-Shirt Orders due

August 30- PTL Meeting- 6:30 pm

Sept. 4- NO SCHOOL- Labor Day

Sept. 21- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza

Sept. 22-24- Salem Booth at the Steam Show



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: Looking for a way to add hours to your service hours? The library is looking for volunteers on Monday's from Noon to 3:00 pm. If you would be interested, please call Laretta Scheller at (636)544-3786.



SPIRIT WEAR: Order forms for Spirit Wear shirts were sent home on Tuesday. Forms will be due back Friday, August 25. Sizes are available from 2T-3X, so you can order a shirt for every member of the family!



PTL Meeting: Our first PTL meeting of the year will be Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. Joining PTL is a great way to earn your required service hours. For questions, please contact Mrs. Jackie Steinacher at (217) 461-0094.



WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –
Thursday, August 24th Pulled Pork on WG Bun, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Craisins, and Milk.

Friday, August 25th – Beef Tacos on WG Shell, Toppings/Salad, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Monday, August 28th – Potato Skins, toppings, String Cheese, Baby Carrots and Milk

Tuesday, August 29th – Nachos W. Cheese sauce, Salad/Toppings, Back Beans, Applesauce and Milk

Wednesday, August 30th – Meatball Subs on WG Buns Green Salad, Strawberries and Milk.

Thursday, August 31st – Chocolate Chip Waffles, String Cheese, Peaches, Roasted Potatoes and Milk

Friday, September 1st – WG cheese Pizza, Veggie Pasta Salad, String Cheese Apple and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Hathaway and Ms. Sharrow:

Learning Focus: Back to school
This week in 2k we are working on routine. We are learning our classroom. Our main focus is to get the children comfortable and make them feel safe and welcome. We are learning the rules of the classroom and how to pick up after ourselves, recognizing our names on our “At home or At School” chart. The students really like finding their name and sticking it on the chart! Students will be working on learning the first letter of their names.



PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Mrs. Blayre Petri:

I want to start off by saying how excited I am about having your little one in my 3k room this year. This is my 14th total year teaching, and this age group is where my heart is! It is an age that they absorb so much, and it is so rewarding to watch and be a part of. I want you to know that if you ever have any questions about your student or what is going on in the classroom fill free to contact me via text or call! Our major goal for this age group is to learn good social/emotional skills, strengthen their language development, and most importantly. HAVE FUN! God Bless Mrs. Petri

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Mrs. Mindy Lysaythong:

Learning Focus: Me and My Family.

This week's learning focus is “Me and My Family”. The students are learning about what it means to have a family. They will participate in a family role play, create a family portrait and gain knowledge in analyzing a family bar graph! Please check your child communication folder for a construction paper this Friday and help your child create his/her family collage. There will be a “Show & Tell” on Friday, August 1, 2023 where each student will have an opportunity to showcase their family collage in front of their peers. Can't wait to see our Salem Lutheran School Family collage! Last week's learning focus was “All About Me”! The students discussed about their favorite centers at school, colors, food, and the things they like to do with their families! For fine motor development they drew a self-portrait, practiced writing the numbers 0 and 1 on the whiteboard, and played with playdough.



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

Our first week of school has gone great! This week our kindergarteners visited the library for the first time, and got to check out two books each! We are learning about different math materials such as counting bears and pattern blocks. Our essential question for our first reading unit is “what makes me special?” Students read The Ugly Duckling and talked about how everyone is special and how we should treat others. Students are excited to meet our class pet this week!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher:

It is wonderful to be back at school! The class is doing a wonderful job of learning our classroom schedule. Our first full week of school was filled with lots of things. For the week of August 21 we have been learning how to learn our memory work from the memory book. First grade learned #1 and second did #41. We also worked on unit 1.1 for reading and spelling. Those tests will be on August 25. For our second full week of school, August 28, memory will be #2 for first grade and #42 for second grade. The tests for reading and spelling for unit 1.2 will be on Friday, Sept. 1. In math we will be working with a variety of skills each week. Each week we focus on reviewing some skills and introducing new ones. In language we will be introducing the basic structure of a sentence. In

social studies we will be learning about what it means to be a good citizen at home, at school, and in the community. In science we are learning about the stages of life. We will be learning about the characteristics of a toddler and a child. Thank you for checking the take home folders every night. This is a great place to find homework, the classroom calendar, and special notes. We would like to thank Jasmine for providing us with our afternoon snack for next week. The class looks forward to a good book and a snack. The snack schedule can be found on the classroom calendar. Please be sure to mark your calendar. The first and second grade class picnic/pizza party will be at my house on Sunday, August 27. I am looking forward to seeing all of you! It is a wonderful time to visit, play, and visit some more. God's blessings!

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline

Steinacher: Welcome back to another year! As we enter our classroom this year, we are reminded of this year's theme: "Connected." We are connected in many ways: as a class, as a school, and as a community. This week, we will review classroom procedures and tour the school. We will also have some fun ice breaker activities to get everyone working together! In Science, will start with Lesson 1, which introduces us to the scientific method. In Social Studies, we will discuss what makes a community, and start reviewing the New England region of the United States. In Art, we will begin working on our chapel skirts. In Math, we are working on Saxon Units 11-15. In Language, we will take our first reading assessments. This is a great way to track our reading progress throughout the year! We will also begin Language Unit 1, Week 1. Mrs. Steinacher will provide snacks this week. Please remember to check your child's homework folder daily for homework and important announcements. Have a great week!

6th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Middle School is off and running! We have already started back with our Thursday helping at the Food Center. This year's focus of study: In Social Studies; early cultures and civilizations, In Science; the human body, In Math; 7th, 8th, and Algebra I, In Language Arts; basics of spelling, grammar, and writing as well as comprehension of read material, In music; note reading and playing of instruments, In music; sampling varying forms of medium. We look forward to graduating our 8th graders later this year and sending them on to high school prepared and ready for their next adventure!