



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

October 5, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As we head into the holiday season, (I know that is hard to believe), where is your focus? Many times, our faith is a parallel to this common story. A child is out shopping with their parent. They get distracted by the things around them or their own imagination losing sight of that parent. When they look up and realize they have lost sight of their parent they cry out in fear. Their parent, who is nearby and hasn't lost sight of them, answers their call. During these next few months of busy holiday preparations and activities, we may find ourselves just like that child. We have lost sight of our relationship with God, looking up and wondering where He has gone? In those moments remember: He hasn't lost sight of you! "Fix your eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

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 10:15 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. **Barnett and Steinacher**

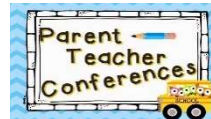
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- Please have your news items in by noon on Tuesdays. Thank you!



CHAPEL OFFERINGS Collection date \$177.24

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5-** Volleyball game **Home** against Westfair 5pm
- Oct. 6-** **NO SCHOOL-** Teacher work day
- Oct. 9-** **NO SCHOOL-** Columbus Day
- Oct. 10-** volleyball practice
- Oct. 12-** Volleyball Game at Trinity Arenzville 6pm
- Oct. 13-** End of 1st quarter
-Preschool Trip to Greene Field's Farm
- Oct. 17-** volleyball game **Home** against Our Savior Springfield 6pm
- Oct. 19-** **Picture Day**
--Volleyball game **Home** against Beardstown 5:30 pm
- Oct. 20-** **NO SCHOOL-** Parent/Teacher Conferences



With the end of the first quarter comes a chance for teachers and parents to sit down and discuss the progress of our students. Attached is the slip to fill out to reserve your time to talk with the teachers. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible so that we can prepare the schedule. The schedule will be shared, and your time confirmed the week of the conference.



What a special worship service Sunday was! THANK YOU to all the preschool and middle school families who brought their children to sing and play in church. Everyone did a great job of sharing the message of Jesus with the congregation!



Buy gift cards and earn money for our school with Raise Right Scrips! Attached is the information on how you can get the gift cards you would normally use and help raise money for the school! Use them to buy groceries, gas, and more! Sign up today!



Lifetouch will be on campus October 19 to take school pictures. Order forms are being sent home. You may also hear from Lifetouch electronically if we have your email on file. Let's get ready to smile!

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS—



Salem PTL is looking for volunteers that would like to host a trunk for Salem's annual Trunk-or-Treat event happening on October 29th between 4-6 p.m! The theme this year is a nod to Dr. Seuss' well-known book, "Oh, the Places You'll

Go!". Each decorated trunk at the event should resemble either an imaginary or real place and include giveaways like candy, snacks, or small toys. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering to host a trunk, please call or text Emily Gehrke at 630-391-3485. Hope to see you there!

VOLLEYBALL CONCESSIONS: We still have a few shifts that need filled for volleyball concessions. This is a great opportunity to receive service hours. Please reach out to Mrs. Jackie Steinacher at (217)461-0094 for dates and times. Thanks

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Thursday, October 5th – Breakfast Bagel Pizza, Grapes, Potato Rounds and Milk

Friday, October 6th – No School

Monday, October 9th – No School

Tuesday, October 10th – Walking Tacos Salad/Toppings, Grapes and Milk

Wednesday, October 11th – Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Green Beans, Apples and Milk

Thursday, October 12th – Cheeseburger W/G Bun, Fries, Mandarin Oranges and Milk

COME CHEER ON THE CYCLONES!

Fall 2023 Volleyball Schedule

October 5 th	5:00 pm	Home	Westfair Christian
October 12 th	6:00 pm	Away	Trinity Arenzville
October 17 th	6:00 pm	Home	Our Saviors, Springfield
October 19 th	5:30 pm	Home	Beardstown Christian
October 23 rd	6:00 pm	Home	Trinity Springfield
October 24 th	6:00 pm	Home	Trinity Arenzville

PRESCHOOL: Pre-K2 News from Ms.

Hathaway and Ms. Sharrow: This week we are learning about the Fall weather, we are learning that the weather is in the process of changing from warm to cold and that we are going to start having to dress warmer to stay warmer. We have been enjoying the nice weather outside each day. We are going to be exploring with pumpkins over the next few weeks with different experiments and using our hands to explore the feel of the pumpkins. If you have any fun activities that you want us to try please let us know.

PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Mrs. Blayre Petri::

Learning Focus "Fall": This week the students are learning about the season of Fall. We will be talking about what the trees do during Fall and why they do it. The books we are reading this week are, "A Very Big Fall", "Leaf Man", "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt", and "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves". We will travel to the library on Wednesday for story time and craft. We are working on the letter H and number 6 for our letter and number focus this week, and the class is learning a song about the leaves falling down. We will also be making a leaf collage, leaf man, and going on our very own leaf hunt! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Mrs. Mindy

Lysaythong:: This week's learning focus is "Fall". The students are learning about the change of seasons summer to fall, exploring evidence of autumn within their outdoor environment, and using coffee filters to create fall leaves. They will focus on the letter Mm, the number 8, and journaling for to enhance their cognitive, writing, and language developments! Last week's learning focus was "Sea Animals"! The students learned about sea animals, how they breathe underwater, communicate, and how they hunt for food. For art the students used clay and molded their favorite sea creatures, studied marine life habitat, and practiced recognizing/identifying the letter Ss and its phonics sound.



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

We have been having a great time in kindergarten! This week in reading, we are talking about shapes that we see around us! We will be working together as a class to find shapes in our classroom, and create a chart to see what shape we see more of in our room. In math we are learning about ordinal positions to the 4th, telling time to the hour, and learning to count money to 10 cents. Students will be introduced to our play store, where they can practice handling money, and counting the money. In science we are continuing to talk about healthy habits, and we will be talking about healthy foods. To help students identify healthy foods we will be playing a food game, and having a healthy snack! In social studies we are continuing to talk about the types of jobs people have, as well as the types of jobs we do at home and in school! We have been learning a lot of social emotional skills in class, and this past week we talked about "The Magical Yet" and read the book. Students are learning that just because they cannot do something now doesn't mean they won't be able to do it forever. They just can't do it yet, and it may take time and practice, but they will someday be able to do things they cannot do today! Have a fantastic week, God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of Oct. 10, memory for first grade will be #9 and memory for second grade will be #49. In religion we will be learning about Moses and the Ten Commandments. In reading and spelling we will be on Unit 2.3. While reading we will be looking for facts. We will compare the facts we learn to the facts we already know. In math we will be working with fractions, writing numbers in expanded form, and using both the dollar sign and the cent sign when writing money amounts. In language we will be learning about adjective and how they help a sentence. In social studies we will be learning about the differences between buying and selling. In science we will be learning about the seasons and how they affect deciduous trees. Before we begin writing, we will be reading about Christopher Columbus. We will be taking notes on what we learned about Columbus. Then we will be learning how to turn our notes into a story about Columbus. Our first book report is due Oct. 24. Thank you for helping your child read a book and then report on it. The book reports may be turned in any time on or before Oct. 24. For snack we will be having left overs. Thank you to everyone for the weekly snacks. Left over week is always fun to see what snacks we will have. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings to everyone.

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

Steinacher: This week, we hosted chapel by performing skits on God's omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence. The class worked in groups to write their own scripts, and they spent many hours practicing

and rehearsing their lines. I am extremely proud of their performance! In Social Studies this week, we are learning how to determine cause and effect, as well as how people use their environment. We will have a Chapter 2 test on Thursday. This test is open book and will cover our unit on geography, climate, and the environment. We will also have a quiz on Thursday over the Middle Atlantic states and their abbreviations. In Science, we are continuing our unit on Chemistry by learning about the elements we see in our everyday lives. We will look at nutrition labels to see what elements our bodies need to be healthy. In Math, we are working through units 36-39, which cover subtraction across zeroes, rounding, and multiplication. We will not have a math test this week. In Spelling, we are on List 7. Due to the short week, our spelling test is on Thursday. In Language, we are discussing singular and possessive plural nouns. In Reading, we are in Unit 2, Week 2; with a reading comprehension test on Thursday. We thank the Siegel family for our snacks this week.

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

This week we have been busy finishing up things for the quarter. We are taking tests and finishing up topics. We are also working on Reformation Topic papers and book reports. We continue to volunteer at the food center and help around the school where needed.