

SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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A Message from the Principal...



WHAT A RELIEF!

Did you hear the massive rush of air? Was it a tornado or a jet plane taking off? No, I don't believe so. It was that massive sigh of relief that school had again started here and throughout the lower 48 and beyond.

Students can meet that new teacher and renew acquaintances. As much as they may complain, the return to a definite routine offers a source of security, consistency and a clear outlet for channeling extra energy. But, of course, there is so much more for our students. In addition to conquering the three R's, questions such as "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" and "Where am I going?" are of paramount importance and can only be answered via a Christian education. It is wonderful that our children have the opportunity to learn these facts of life early on.

For parents, it is a time of moving to a new routine. One that can be counted on for those five weekdays in terms of entrusting child care responsibilities during the day and following up with homework as appropriate. And for teachers, it is another opportunity to teach children about the love of God and how to live one's life here on earth and into eternity with Christ, our Savior.

Many thanks are well deserved to the wonderful parents who support the school in so many ways. PTO is just one example of this. Friday night was an Apple Fest which was an opportunity for fellowship with SOTL school families. Note the many ways that you can support fund raising for our school:

- Take Me Out Tuesdays on September 22 between 10 AM and 10 PM at Olga's Kitchen on Grand River in Brighton. Pick up a flyer at the school booth in the Commons and give it to your server. Olga's will donate 15% - 25% of your bill to Shepherd of the Lakes School.
- Scrip is another way that our school can get FREE MONEY. See the school booth in the Commons for more information.

Dr. Jim



It Takes an Army!

One of the things I've grown in my understanding of during my time in ministry is that while a diverse group of members may be intimately involved and interested in a number of different things, it is vital that a membership body be committed to supporting the entire ministry of a congregation if it is to be successful. In other words, it is not good for anyone if a person says, "I'm going to put my money here," and another says, "I'm going to throw my support there." I know it is counter-intuitive, but the reality is each specific ministry area is probably being hurt when we operate like that.

I bring that up because I want to encourage your support of the various fundraisers of our school ministry, even if you don't have a child in the school. When our membership gets behind these ways to raise easy money, the reality is that it frees up resources for us to strengthen other areas of ministry. Doing it this way, everyone wins! Most of all, our ministry is glorifying to God.

So please, look into SCRIP-- an easy way to make free money. Drop your recyclable paper into one of the two bins in our parking lots. Go out to dinner at a participating restaurant on a Tuesday. Get a Kroger Rewards Card. Support our auction this fall. Believe it or not, that will help our youth program, our seniors program, and our outreach. Stop by the school booth in the Commons area to learn more about these opportunities. Thanks for your support!

Pastor Milatz



Our Mission

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School nurtures children with Jesus' love to grow spiritually, thrive academically, and mature socially.

SOTL School Auction Informational Meeting September 23, 2009



The Auction Committee is in great need of volunteers to help with all aspects of the auction: acquiring donations, decorations, food, etc. This help is needed both during the planning stages, and on the day of the event. There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.** for anyone interested in helping in any way with the auction.

Tickets for the event will be going on sale soon, so mark your calendars and save November 7, 2009. Tickets will be \$16 per person, and will include delicious appetizers. Childcare is available at \$5 per family.

Please consider making a *tax deductible* donation of a service, merchandise or cash to our school auction. Contact Gail Milatz at 810-229-0745 or milatzclan@sbcglobal.net with any questions or contributions for the event, or if you would like to volunteer your time.

Don't Forget to Order Your Scrip Cards!

Plan ahead and order your Scrip Gift Cards now! The next order dates are:

September 28 October 12

Order forms are available in the Preschool and Elementary wings and by the Church mailboxes. Your order will be available for pick up at the Church Office during regular business hours beginning the Friday following the order date. Remember: a percentage of Scrip card sales is donated to Shepherd of the Lakes Church and School!



Upcoming Events

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| Sept 18 | Apple Fest @ 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept 22 | Take Me Out Tuesdays—Olga's
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. |
| Sept 23 | Auction Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept 29 | Take Me Out Tuesdays—Doodles
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Sept 30 | Spirit Wear Orders Due |



Classroom News



Mrs. Choroba's 4 year old students are talking about the seasons of summer and fall. They will be learning about mixing colors, tracing shapes, and sorting items by color and shape. In Jesus time, the Armor of God was reviewed, and they learned a new song about the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Deheim's 1st Grade students are thankful for God's great love in creating and saving us. In science, they are learning about God's creation and the variety of animals and plants that God made. In reading, the students enjoyed making puppets for "The Three Little Pigs". They have also been learning about apples and look forward to Apple Fest.

Mrs. Croucher's 4th & 5th Grade students are learning through the Word, God calls us to faith and empowers us through the working of the Holy Spirit to live for Him. They are studying plants in Science and are being introduced to Michigan History. They're learning about many of Michigan's state symbols and how lakes and rivers are important to Michigan.

Miss Katie's Music students are excited to start the year off with fun songs geared towards "Building a Christian Character!"

Introducing...

"Take Me Out" Tuesdays



Every Tuesday, a different restaurant in the area will host a fundraising event for Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church and School. For every member of SOTL that dines in the featured restaurant on a particular Tuesday, that restaurant will donate a portion of their sales to our organization.

This week, on Tuesday, September 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Olga's Kitchen on Grand River in Brighton will host our fundraiser. You **MUST** bring in a flyer (available at the school booth in the Commons) and give it to your waitperson in order for SOTL to receive credit for your purchase. If you have purchased an Olga's card through Scrip, you may use it at the fundraiser.

Next week, on Tuesday, September 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Doodles Ice Cream and Treats will host our fundraiser. Be sure to come in—you might see a few familiar faces scooping your ice cream!

So bring your appetite and help support our school!