

SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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A Message from the Principal...



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

In so many ways, I am truly gratified and privileged to be a part of this excellent Christian day school. You, as members, through your care and ongoing support, in the face of obstacles, have upheld this ministry for your children, thus being a blessing to our families and our church. I offer sincere thanks for your support.

Here are just a few of the blessings that our children receive through our school:

- A Christian education where students have an opportunity on a daily basis to know and learn about Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- Very reasonable student to teacher ratios as contrasted to almost overwhelming ratios elsewhere.
- Individualized assessment of student needs in kindergarten and first grade to validate that these students are on track in their reading development.
- Individualized instruction in specific areas as the need arises.
- Ongoing teacher and parent communication.
- Teacher aides at critical times in a student’s life such as preschool and kindergarten.
- Specialized instruction in specific areas such as art, music, and Spanish.

Many thanks for all of your support. As pastor so ably reported, as one supports the school, one also enables the entire ministry of the church by opening up resources for other areas. With that in mind, continue to understand and support the many sources of **FREE MONEY** that fund our school ministry including:

- Take Me Out Tuesdays (Leo’s, Olga’s, Doodles) Scrip
- Kroger and Meijer Rewards Program
- Campbell Soup Labels
- VG’s Grocery Store Receipts
- Paper Recycling
- Box Tops for Education
- Tyson A+ Labels

Please stop by the school counter in the commons where our attendants can offer you additional information regarding the above.

Dr. Jim



Planning Ahead

I was asked by someone the other day if they could use the SCRIP program toward their child's future education at SOTL, even though the child is not yet old enough to be enrolled. The answer is yes! We can set-up an account for any family that intends to send their child to SOTL in the future, whether it's a year away or longer. That money will then be credited to the students account when they do begin attending. Using the SCRIP program can cut your tuition payments dramatically, and much more so if it is utilized before the student is even enrolled.

We're reminded so often to plan ahead-- for retirement, for college, for weddings. Let me urge our parents of young children to begin planning now for a Christian education for your children. The tuition can seem prohibitive to some, but there are many ways to make Christians education a possibility for all families!

If you'd like to learn more about SCRIP, stop by the school booth in the Commons area. I would also be willing to speak to anyone at anytime about the value of Christian education.

Pastor Milatz



Take Me Out Tuesdays

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first “Take Me Out” Tuesday fundraiser at Olga’s. We raised over \$140 for the school ministry. In fact, Olga’s was overwhelmed by our turnout, and unfortunately, that might have been reflected in the service. They promise to be better prepared next time! Keep in mind that the event runs all day, so consider having lunch instead of dinner, or take advantage of their curbside delivery—call, fax or order online and then pick up your order! Just be sure to give them your flyer (available at the school booth).

See you at Chili’s in Brighton next Tuesday (October 6th)!



Our Mission

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



Fundraising Spotlight on:

Tyson Project A+

Here is another easy way to raise money for our school: the Tyson Project A+ Program will pay 24 cents for each label we collect from participating Tyson products. Just look for products with the A+ logo pictured above, clip the label (see below), and deposit it in the collection boxes located in the Preschool and Elementary wings or by the Church mailboxes.



Apple Fest was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship! Many thanks to the PTO for their hard work to make it a great success!



October's Upcoming Events



- October 5 Scrip Order Due
- October 6 Chili's Fundraiser
- October 13 Leo's Fundraiser
- October 14 Staff Appreciation Lunch
- October 19 Scrip Order Due—Order your card for the Olga's Fundraiser!
- October 27 Olga's Fundraiser
- October 29 No School
- October 30 No School
- October 30 Trunk or Treat @ 6:30 p.m.



Classroom News



Mrs. Tatterson's 3 year old students will be learning about owls and spiders. They will also learn the letter sounds for A—D, and the numbers 1-6. They will read about Adam and Eve, and Joseph and his Colorful Coat during Jesus time.

Mrs. Hawker's 4 year old and Pre-K students will be taking their 1st field trip to Spicer's to pick apples and pumpkins. During Jesus time, they will open the Bible to 1:1 and begin the journey into God's Creation.

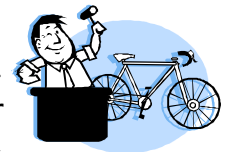
Miss Schwecke's Kindergarten students will learn about Joseph and his brothers. Kindergarten-ers will practice reading and spelling the consonant H. They will be sorting and creating designs using pattern blocks. They will learn about fire safety and explore the season of fall! The class is trying to collect 100 postcards before the 100th day of school! They have 20 so far. If you are going on a trip or have some extra postcards at your house, send them our way!

Mrs. Gaertner's Spanish students continue to work on greetings. They should be able to say buenos días, buenas tardes, and buenas noches. They should also be able to tell you their Spanish names. Students in grades four and five completed their first Spanish test on greetings where they listened, spoke, read, and wrote in Spanish. Now they are working on chapter two about our planet. They will learn to describe locations and nationalities.

SOTL School & Church Staff Appreciation Lunch

The Hospitality Committee of our wonderful PTO is excited to sponsor our Staff Appreciation Lunches again this year. Our first luncheon will be on Wednesday, October 14, and we are looking for donations as well as volunteers. Please contact Lisa Johnson at (810) 225-2022 if you would like to help.

SOTL School Auction



Tickets for the auction 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, beverages and dessert. Childcare is available at \$5 per family.

Please consider making a *tax deductible* donation of a service, merchandise social event 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. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success!