

SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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Thanksgiving and Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School



Pork and beans, pop and pizza, Red Wings and hockey—some things just naturally go together. And so it is with Thanksgiving and Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School. It would be difficult to count all of our blessings, but it is definitely worth the effort:

- The original vision of understanding the blessing that Christian education can offer to the children and families of our congregation.
- A congregation that has supported this mission through thick and thin.
- School leaders and teachers who have brought us to this point in time.
- The School Leadership Team, past and present, who provide direction in moving our school forward.
- Our preschool, elementary and specialty teachers, aides and school staff who help guide your child’s educational and spiritual development, day after day.
- Pastor Milatz, who is most supportive of our school ministry.
- And a host of volunteers who provide service in many, many ways, including the auction, golf outing, and other fund raisers.

Also, congratulations to Paul Wonsack who was our “Principal for the Day”. He did a wonderful job of greeting the children and sharing some responsibilities during the day!

Dr. Jim

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Our Mission

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



Thanksgiving Thoughts!

This month in chapel with our students I've been talking about Thanksgiving. We've shared some of the great things we're thankful for - food, family, faith, etc... But we've also learned that we can be thankful in all things. Even when something doesn't go according to our plan, we can be confident that God is still with us and loves us.

I'm thankful for the opportunity to share Christ in the classroom here at Shepherd of the Lakes. It has the power to change lives.

I'm thankful for the families in our school. Their commitment to their child's Christian faith is inspiring.

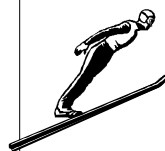
I'm thankful for the progress we've made in our school ministry. Receiving the recommendation of accreditation is a sign of the great school we have.

I'm thankful for a bright future. The School Leadership Team is busy planning for growth. January will bring open forums to share plans for next year. Plans to expand to 8th grade with our current 1st graders are already beginning.

I'm thankful for a church family that supports school ministry. This couldn't be done without all of us! Thanks for your offering support and your fundraiser participation.

I'm thankful for the Lord Jesus Christ. He's the reason we do school ministry, and everything else. May His love fill you this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Pastor Milatz



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Attention All Skiers and Snowboarders!

Discount passes to Mt. Brighton are available again this year for SOTL families. Coupon books are \$56 each which includes 4 rope tow coupons. Coupon books can be used anytime there is a ski club selling tickets at Mt. Brighton. To purchase coupon books, or for more information, contact Jennifer Wilkin at ljwilkin@comcast.net or Andrea Lautenschlager at 517 552-8008 or andrea.lautenschlager@gmx.de



Fundraising Spotlight on:

"Take Me Out" Tuesdays at Big Boy

Our fundraiser on Tuesday, December 1st will be at the Big Boy Restaurant in Brighton, and we will have a special guest - one of Santa's Elves! Come into the restaurant between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Santa's Elf will collect any letters or drawings you have for Santa. Any SOTL child who brings in a letter or drawing for Santa's Elf will have their name entered into a drawing. The winner of the drawing will have the distinct honor of choosing the special guest for the January Big Boy Fundraiser. Choose from Mickey Mouse, Cinderella, Shrek, Transformers, Sponge Bob, and many more.

In addition, there will be a raffle for several prizes, including Toys R Us gift cards, Blockbuster Movie Nights, and prizes donated from Big Boy! Raffle tickets are 10 for \$5.

Finally, there will be some terrific artwork at each table courtesy of the SOTL School students! Don't miss all the fun!



Upcoming Events

November 26	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 30	School Leadership Team Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
December 1	Big Boy Fundraiser
December 8	Leo's Fundraiser
December 8	PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
December 9	Staff Appreciation Lunch
December 12	Cantata
December 13	Cantata
December 15	Pizza Hut Fundraiser
December 16	Christmas Program
December 21 to January 2	No School - Christmas Break
December 22	Olga's Fundraiser



Classroom News



Mrs. Tatterson's 3 year old students have been talking about turkeys, Pilgrims, Native American Indians and the 1st Thanksgiving. They are learning the letter sounds for E, F, G, and H. During Jesus time, Mrs. Tatterson is reading them Bible stories about Joshua and the Big Wall, and David and Goliath.

Mrs. Hawker's Pre-K & 4 year old students will begin preparing for Christmas by bringing out the classroom Advent wreath. December's activities will be focused on the birth of our Savior.

Ms. Schwecke's Kindergarten students will learn about Advent and prepare for the birth of our Savior. They will learn about the birth of Jesus and how Jesus came to save all people. The students will sing with preschool in the Advent service on December 16. Kindergarten will practice patterning, identifying ordinal positions, and sorting a collection of objects. They will continue to learn new sounds and letters. Kindergarteners are working hard to read their very own readers!

Mrs. Wilkin's 2nd & 3rd grade students have been learning about the fall of Jericho, Samuel, and Saul in Religion. They continue to work on geometry and adding and multiplying in Math. In Social Studies, the students have read about Pilgrim children and imagined what it would be like to live on Plimoth Plantation in the 1620's. They have enjoyed doing Thanksgiving activities with their Kindergarten Buddies as well.

Mrs. Gaertner's Spanish students in grades 1st through 3rd are ending their chapter on our planet. They will soon begin a chapter on opposites such as tall, short, big, and small. Students in 4th and 5th grade are ending their chapter on numbers and will soon begin a chapter on family members and rooms in a house.

Add Scrip to Your Christmas Shopping List!

Don't forget to order Scrip cards for all your Christmas purchases. Or, give a Scrip gift card for those people on your list that are hard to shop for. Cards are available from all your favorite retailers including Toys R Us, Lands End, Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and many, many more! You can feel good about your gift giving because you know a portion will benefit SOTL Church and School.

Scrip orders will be placed November 30, December 7, and December 14, so there are plenty of opportunities to get your order in. See the school desk in the Commons for more information or a Scrip order form.