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Principal's Newsletter

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Securing Each Child's Future - For a Life of Service!

National Lutheran Schools Week

God's blessings as we observe *National Lutheran Schools Week!* Many of you know that I often joke around about being one of the 'old guys.' NLSW is one of those things that make me feel both *young* and *old*. Old, mainly because I was involved with the start of NLSW. No, this isn't like Al Gore inventing the Internet...

Actually, NLSW began as just LSW – Lutheran Schools Week, a Michigan event begun in the early 1980's, and I was part of the team that did the initial planning for the early part of its existence. My job usually involved writing devotions, chapel talks, worship messages and the like for many years until the Synod eventually asked if they might take it over from us, making it a national celebration. I've continued to contribute some things to the national program from time to time, but mostly I like to sit back these days and just plain enjoy watching kids enjoy the events.

And that's what makes me feel *young!* Kids having fun always does that for me – it provides a joy unlike most others, and I'm as excited as ever for this week's events to begin.

We began our NLSW with a special worship service in church yesterday, and we will conclude our week with a special joint worship service with other Lutheran schools at Trinity, St. Joe, this Friday, at 10:00 a.m. Our NLSW celebration begins and ends with worship this year, and that is certainly as it should be. God with us at the beginning, God with us at the close, and God with us throughout everything in between.

Today is Spirit Day and we're seeing lots of red and white. And then there's the Faculty v. Student Volleyball Game at the end of the day. What a treat! And volleyball is something the Faculty can still, occasionally, win at. Years ago, we won at everything but not so lately. It must be the younger teachers we've brought on just aren't as good as they used to be...

NLSW EVENTS

Tuesday – Team Apparel Day. Who is your favorite team. Will Mr. Strohacker wear Chicago Bears stuff again this year...?

Wednesday – Movie/Comfy Day. Wear those comfy clothes (remember modesty), and there will be movies in the classroom during the afternoon.

Thursday – Retro 80's Day. Some on the Faculty are struggling with this day...since we're still wearing clothes we wore in the 80's!

EARLY DISMISSAL

Remember that Friday is Dress Up Day for worship at Trinity, St. Joe, at 10:00 a.m. Dismissal back here at Christ is at 11:40 a.m. Enjoy the half day.

THANK YOU TO P.T.L.

The Friday afternoon of NLSW has long been Teacher Appreciation Day, and I want to thank the Christ Lutheran Parent-Teacher League for once again offering to treat our staff to lunch. This kindness truly does mean a great deal as we get to gather together as co-workers and share lunch at a local restaurant. Sincerely, thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

BAND CONCERT

All are invited to join us tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm in the gym for the Lutheran Schools Week Band Concert. You will enjoy an evening of music provided by the Cadet Band and the Concert Band. Joining Mr. Farrand as a guest conductor will be Lillieanna Andrews, a former Christ Lutheran student. Also providing additional musical entertainment for the evening will be the Cantate Choir under the direction of Mr. Steffens.

4th grade students will be participating with Pastor Measel at Jordan's Nursing Home this Wednesday afternoon for our monthly service to the elderly.

ART SHOW AT THE BOX FACTORY

The 9th Annual Krasl Elementary School Art Show continues at The Box Factory for the Arts on Broad St. in St. Joseph. All are invited to check out the student exhibits from CLS through Sunday, March 14. Hours for the Box Factory are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There is no charge to visit and enjoy the art displays.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Kindergarten roundup will be held this Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room. This evening is scheduled for parents only to attend and to receive information on our school program. Children eligible to enroll in our Kindergarten program must turn 5 years of age by November 30, 2010. Both Mrs. Kern and Mr. Strohacker will be available to answer your questions.

Invite your friends and neighbors with school age children to our Roundup!

SCRIP-A-THON

The all church/school Scrip-A-Thon is off to a great start. Many church and school families are trying to win the free SCRIP prize of \$100 and \$50. The deadline for the contest is next Monday morning, March 15. Every time you buy and use a SCRIP gift card, you donate money to our church and school, and earn money toward your school book fees.

SPORTS KORNER

Basketball scores from last week were:

7/8th Girls – 44; Trinity, Paw Paw – 13

7/8th Boys – 40; Trinity, Paw Paw – 15

Results from the State Tournament held over the weekend left the 7/8th boys in 3rd place and the 7/8th girls in 4th.

Hot News Release: Both the boys and girls basketball teams have been accepted at the National Tournament held at Valpo the end of March!