

Cougar Chronicle

Christ is the Center of our Education

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WELCOME BACK!!

Christ is the Center of our Education: Our Theme for the 2013-2014 school year is "Christ is the Center of our Education." We chose this theme since we know how important, in fact, necessary it is to keep Christ in the center of everything we do. Pastor Schreiner helped the children understand the importance of this theme in the opening service devotion he had on Monday. He reminded the students about how the solar system is set up with the SUN as the center. We know that the way God created the solar system is the best way for us to survive on Earth. We also learned that just as the SUN is important to our survival on Earth, we need the SON as the center of our lives-in everything we do. That is not just important for this life, but for eternity. So, the children were encouraged to keep the SON in the Center of their education and everything they do in life.

Welcome New Students: We have three new student joining us this year in grades K-8. They are Nikolas Hartke in third grade, Preston Hoflock in fourth grade, and Kiah Hoflock in sixth grade. We have several new students enrolled in our Early Childhood program. Joining the Pre-K second year class are Joshua Arends, Taylor Brandt, Noah Frazee, Emma Hisken, Grant Hisken, Samuel Manian, and Layana Simeon. Also new to Samuel are our students in the Pre-K first year class. They Callen Fischer, Emmett Frazee, Brooke Hisken, Elsie Knott, Tatum Lewis, Landon Nevens, and Alyssa Rubendall.

Early Out Wednesdays: A reminder that we will dismiss every Wednesday at 2:20 PM except for February 12 and May 14 when we will dismiss at 3:00 PM. On Wednesday, October 16 we will dismiss at 12:00 PM. We are following the Marshall Public School's Wednesday schedule so that bussing will be available on those days.

Mission Project for the First Semester: Our mission project for the first semester is the WELS Russian program. This is a program sponsored by the LWMS (Lutheran Women's Mission Society) of the WELS. It is also called the Kids c.a.r.e (care about reaching everyone with the Gospel) This effort will support child/youth outreach programs, Sunday School classes, and sharing the Gospel once a month after school in a small village. These are just a few of the ways the offerings will be used. Your child will receive a mission box to help remind him or her of our mission. We will still send weekly envelopes home so your child can put an offering in the chapel collection each week. The envelope may be in addition to the mission box collection or simply emptying the box each week for the envelope.

Grandparent Addresses: Remember to submit your grandparent addresses to Mrs. MacArthur by the end of the week.

Immunizations: Parents of new Pre-K or new K-8 students, Kindergartners, and seventh grade students - please turn in your immunization forms and health forms to Mrs. Flock as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

Sun Aug 25 9 am Worship

Mon Aug 26 7 pm Worship

Wed Aug 28 8:20 am Chapel 7:00 Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sun Sept 1 9 am Worship

Mon Sept 2 No School 7 pm Worship

Birthdays this month!!

Hailey Lyons-5 Lilv Wiese-6 Brooke Hisken-11 Samuel Manian-16 Morgan Blum-23 Harmen VanKampen-24 Emmett Frazee-27 Oakley Jans-27 Joshua Arends-30

Dress Code Reminder: With constantly changing styles, it is difficult to be specific about acceptable or unacceptable clothing for students. The handbook has the guidelines stated in a general way. "We urge parents to be responsible and see to it that their children are dressed in such a way that the Lord would be pleased with what He sees." With that statement in mind, we would like to remind parents that modesty in dress is a good guide. For example, when a young lady in the upper and middle grades comes to school with a top that has spaghetti straps, that can be a distraction to the classroom. The public school asks that the straps be the width of three fingers. Maybe that is a good guide for us We would like to be uniform in this and have parents' willing support.

Staying In Touch: In these busy times we live in it's hard to find time to do all the things we need to do. Fortunately, technology has helped make things a little easier. Did you know that the church and school have a website with important information only a click away. You can stay in touch with things that are happening at school in general and specifically in your child's classroom. Our website is a great tool for the busy parent. You can check the lunch menu, calendar, past Cougar Chronicles, classroom news and late breaking news. Be sure to add it to your favorites and check it often!! www.christlutheran-marshallmn.org

Confirmation: <u>All</u> confirmation aged students in grades 6-8 and their parents will meet on Wednesday, August 28th from 7-8 PM at Samuel. This is not just for public school students but those attending Samuel as well. It is very important that ALL attend. A member of the Board of Elders will also be there to address the group.

Lunch Menu: If you would like to know what your student is having for lunch you will find a lunch menu on our website - www.christlutheran-marshallmn.org. Click on Samuel Lutheran School to get to the school page. Once you are there click on lunch menu on the left side of the page.

Free and Reduced: Parents, please turn in your application for free and reduced lunches by the end of next week.

School Pictures: School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 16th. Pre-K 1st year students who do not attend on Mondays will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, October 22nd. More information will be sent home at a later date.