



Cougar Chronicle

November 27, 2013

Christ is the Center of our Education

Upcoming Events:

Thur Nov 28
NO SCHOOL
9:30 am Worship

Fri Nov 29
NO SCHOOL

Sun Dec 1
8 & 10:30 am
Worship
9:15 am Sunday
School

Tues Dec 3
7:00 pm Board of
Education

Wed Dec 4
8:20 am Chapel
5:30 pm Spaghetti
Supper
7:00 pm Advent
Worship

Birthdays this month!!



Erik VanKampen-4
Rebekah Zander-7
Mrs. Knutson-14
Callen Fischer-17
Preston Hoflock-17
Alyssa Rubendall-
17
Mrs. Onken-18
Kristina Hagberg-19
Jaxxon Schultz-19
Randi Wendorff-23

Congratulations! Andrew Lee from the Pre-K classroom welcomed a new baby brother, Derek Robert, on Sunday, November 24th. He weighed 7 lbs, 15 ounces and was 20" long. Derek is also welcomed home by his parents, Kevin and Michelle Lee and sister Jennifer. Congratulations Lee family!

Cook: We are still looking to hire a cook. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mr. Festerling as soon as possible.

Basketball/Cheerleading Practice Begins Next Week: B-team basketball practice will begin on Monday, December 2nd. A-team practice begins on Tuesday, December 3rd, and cheerleading practice will begin on December 4th from 2:20-3:15.

Piano: Mrs. Knutson will be having piano lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, December 3rd and 4th.

Technology Update at SLS: With the opening of the Early Childhood center we had to shuffle the use of rooms in the building. This shuffle meant some changes to our technology needs. We added a projector for the PreKindergarten room and purchased two new laptops for two of the teachers(which run their SmartBoards--next year we will replace the other two that did not get replaced this year.) We also lost our computer lab since Grade 1-2 moved into that room. To help compensate for that loss, we have set up extra computers in the upper grade rooms (3-8) so we can continue activities that involve "class" activities. This setup still challenges us when we want to do "whole" classroom activities so we have begun to look at alternatives to meet the needs of the classroom teachers. One-on-one computing (tablets, laptops, chromebooks) has been initiated in some districts around Minnesota and we are gathering data and studying those alternatives to see if they could meet our specific needs. Cost is a major factor in heading in this direction, but we also want to make sure we have an educational objective for any investment we may make in technology. The staff has attended some workshops and seminars to begin studying the alternatives.

Farewell Potluck: Everyone is invited to a potluck for the VanKampen family on Saturday December 7th, 5:00 PM at Samuel Lutheran School. Please bring a main dish and dessert or salad. Come and wish God's richest blessings to the VanKampen family as they move to WI. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to the school office so we know how many to plan for.

PTF Advent Meals: PTF will be serving a meal prior to the Wednesday evening Advent services on December 11th and 18th. Parents on the committee for the 11th are Heather Fischer, Heather Hoflock, Jennifer Neyens, Julie Lyons, and Hannah Prah (chair); for the 18th they are Donna Wendorff and Melanie Werner. No one has signed up as chairperson for meal on the 18th. If you can help on the 18th or are willing to serve as chair, please contact the office or a PTF officer.

Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 8th the children of our school will present their Christmas concert. The concert begins at 3:00 PM. **Parents, you do not need to bring treats for the concert. We will be serving the cookies the students decorate with their grandparents the Friday before.** Parents signed up to host the fellowship time are: Julie Lyons-chairperson, Amanda Berg, Charity VanKampen, Becky Swanson, and Karen Hartke. Just a reminder when you sign up to host an activity you should come early to the kitchen to help set up and stay late to help clean up. The chairperson is responsible for organizing the things that need to be done ahead of time (coffee, juice, etc.). If you have questions please call the school office.