



Cougar Chronicle

December 11, 2019

Upcoming Events:

Wed Dec 11
5:30 pm Advent
Supper
7:00 pm Worship

Sat Dec 14
9:00 am Christmas
Eve practice
11:00 am Christmas
for Kids

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

Wed Dec 18
8:30 am Chapel
5:30 pm Advent
Supper
7:00 pm Worship

Preparation: We hope you will be able to join us for our second midweek Advent service tonight at 7:00 PM. What a great time to remember what's really important this time of year.

Advent Meal: The PTF of Samuel is hosting a nacho supper prior to tonight's worship service beginning at 5:30 PM. Thank you to all who have donated food for this! Next Wednesday the PTF will be serving barbeques.

Singing in Church: Grades 3 – 8 will be singing for tonight's Advent service at 7:00 PM. Please have your child meet in the church basement at **6:40** PM.

Ugly Sweater Day: On the last day of school before Christmas break we are going to make Samuel an **ugly** place to be. Break out that sweater that's buried at the bottom of your closet and wear it proudly! What qualifies as an **ugly** sweater you ask? Well, any Viking sweater would be a good choice or whatever else you have. You don't have to go and buy one; make an okay sweater you have **ugly** by decorating it. Be creative! Be original! Be a good sport and come up with an **UGLY** SWEATER. Remember Friday, December 20th is the **ugliest** day of the year!

Children's Christmas Eve Practice: Our first Children's Christmas Eve practice will be held on Saturday. Grades K-8 will meet from 9:00-11:00 AM. Preschool students are asked to be here from 10:00-11:00 AM and meet in their classroom. The following Saturday, December 21st, all of the children (Preschool-8) will meet from 9-10:30 AM. Attendance is VERY important.

Are You Coming? There still is room for your child to attend "Christmas for Kids", a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday for kids from Pre-K 3 year olds through 4th grade. It will run from 11 AM (right after our first children's Christmas practice is over) until 1:30 PM. Please email or call the office to register. Lunch will be provided.



December Birthdays

Ethan Wendorff-4
Martin Krenz-5
Eliana Marius-6
Evan Krenz-12
Mrs. Ellingson-12
Ramsey Winter-19
Adyson Fischer-22

Recycle Beyond the Bag: Hy-Vee and Lyon County have joined forces to challenge area schools to Recycle Beyond the Bag. This program challenges area schools to recycle plastic shopping bags and plastic film not only from their school environment but also from school children's home. We all want to do something for the environment but we sometimes are not sure what we can do. This challenge will help families understand that beyond the recycling curbside cart and the community recycling drop sites, there is more that we can do to recycle unwanted items. Samuel has signed up to participate in this challenge. Please see the attached document for more of an explanation of the program as well as what you can bring in to recycle in the bins. The recycling bins will be located in each entry way at school as well as one at church.

Mark Your Calendars: The spelling bee date for this year will be Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00 p.m. for Grades 5-8 and Wednesday, January 15 at 1:00 p.m. for Grades 1-4.

Christmas Vacation: School will dismiss for Christmas break on Friday, December 20 at 3 PM. School will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

Middle School Tropical Fun Night: Attention middle school students in grades 5 through 8 – we are planning a “Fun Night” during Christmas break on Monday, December 30th from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. We are going with a tropical theme this year so wear your best tropical outfit or bright colors and flip flops to this tropical night of fun! Sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board at church by December 27th.

Panther Page Winner: Congratulations to Julia Prah! who was the winner for the Great Plains Lutheran High School Panther Activity Page. This was handed out when Pastor Maertz from GPLHS came and talked with our students back in October. You can see her artwork attached to the email.

Science Fair: We will be having a Science Fair again this year; however, there will be some changes to how it has been done in the past and when it will be held. This year we will be having our Science Fair on Sunday, March 15 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. instead of on a Friday night like in year's past. Another change is that this will be mandatory for all students in grades 3-8. The final change is that students will be required to be at their display boards to explain their project, what they have learned, and answer any questions from the judges. This is all explained in greater detail in the Science Fair Handbook that will be sent home on Monday, December 16. Please take note of the due date deadlines for the project as has been done in the past. Please contact Mr. Obry with any questions.

Walking Taco Meal Fundraiser: We are planning a Walking Taco meal on Saturday, January 11th after the St. James basketball games.

On Time: While we know that there are many things that can mess up our schedules, it is very important that parents pick up their children from extra curricular activities on time. Many times those who are helping with the programs have schedules to meet as well and cannot stay around past the end of practice. Coaches are obligated to stay until every child is picked up. Thank you for your cooperation.