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Do not be conformed to this world,  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind



## St. John's Lutheran School News November 17, 2017



We wish everyone in our St. John's community a very blessed Thanksgiving! We all have so much to be thankful for! My favorite Thanksgiving tradition is to review Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863. This established a day on the third Thursday in November to give thanks and praise. The words in this proclamation are very impactful, considering how broken our country was during the Civil War. I encourage you to reflect on the words and recognize how fortunate we

are to celebrate God's blessings on our country, our families, our communities, churches and schools. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/thanks.htm>

**Mrs. Brehmer**, our art teacher for grades 1-8, recently announced that she will be embarking on a new journey—teaching art at Bakersfield College. Today is her last day teaching with us. While we are excited for her and this opportunity for her to share her gifts, we are very sad to see her go. She will be greatly missed; her ability to bring art alive has touched many students. At the same time, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Baraibar, one of our faithful substitutes (and mom to Andres and Alejandro, in 5th and 6th grade, respectively), will be filling that position for the remainder of the year. Please keep both Mrs. Brehmer and Mrs. Baraibar in your prayers as they make these transitions.

Our annual **"Boxes for the Brave"** service project has been wrapped up. This project sends care packages of requested items to service personnel stationed away from their families during the holidays. Each grade level had specific items to supply and box up for the shipment. Thank you for the support of this important reminder of the debt we owe to those who serve in our stead..

### Upcoming Calendar Events

November 20-21	Teacher Conference – No School
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break – No School
December 1	All school cross picture – make sure students wear their theme shirts
December 1	Regional Oral Language Competition at St. Francis
December 6	Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal

Our sincerest apologies, Ananya Srivastava was our first place winner at the School Oral Language Festival in Humorous Solo and will be representing St. John's Lutheran School at the Regional Oral Language Festival. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the School Oral Language Festival. It was a wonderful day where students were allowed to display their talent, hard work, and creativity.



**Prayer Box** – There is a prayer box located on the counter in the school office that you can submit personal requests. A team will take that request and pray throughout the week. All requests are kept confidential. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 6-7.

**The last meeting for the VEX IQ Robotics Club will be Wednesday, November 29 until January 10. Robotics will not meet in the month of December.**

**Library** – Battle of the Books (BOB) information is being passed out during library times in November. Forms and information are also available on Sycamore links and the school website.

Book donations... Due to our amazing birthday book program, we are not in need of any book donations at this time. If you have any new or gently used hardcover books that you want to donate, please email Mrs. Pudiwitr about the titles before bringing them to the office. Thank you!

**Sports** – The football and volleyball seasons have come to a close. Another great year! Many thanks to our coaches: Mr. and Mrs. Velasco and Mr. Andrews for 5th/6th grade football; Mrs. Dreyer and Mrs. Dover for 5th grade volleyball; Mrs. Paulden for 6th grade volleyball; Mrs. Dev, Mrs. Meger, and Mrs. Wilson for our three Junior high volleyball teams. We appreciate you all so very much! Now it's time for basketball. All forms were due today, Friday, November 17. The junior high teams coached by Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Braun will be practicing after Thanksgiving break until Christmas. Then all the teams will be sharing the gym and/or outdoor courts in January. Games normally begin the last week in January and run through March. Look for a practice schedule to come home after Thanksgiving break. Go Saints!



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