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SJLS 2017



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

St. John's Lutheran School News November 3, 2017

We are very excited to announce that Principal **Joel Malaki** and Head Teacher **Alice Akundaeli** will be visiting SJLS next week. They are leaders of our Makumira Kilala School in Usa River, Tanzania. They have worked through a difficult visa process and should be here tomorrow. They will be our special guests at our "A Bountiful Affair" event on Saturday night. St. John's will host a special reception for them on **Sunday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Worship Center Lobby. This will give them an opportunity to share about the impact we all have made in the lives of their students and community. Their time will be spent visiting our classrooms and Children's Center to learn more about our educational program and what can transfer to their learning environment.

Picture Make-ups will take place on Tuesday, November 14, for those who were absent on the days of individual and/or class pictures. If you are not satisfied with your student's picture, please notify the school office to have them retaken on that day as well.

St. John's Great Givers Day at Houchin

Hey, St. John's parents! Come give blood at the Houchin "Bolthouse" location across from St. John's on Friday, November 17! Call Houchin at 616-2505 to pick your time. What better way to show thankfulness than to give life!



Upcoming Calendar Events

- November 10 Veteran's Day – No School
- November 14 Picture Make-ups
- November 20-21 Teacher Conference – No School
- November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break – No School



Our annual "Boxes for the Brave" service project will take place November 6-16. This project sends care packages of requested items to service personnel stationed away from their families during the holidays. Each grade level has specific items to supply and box up for the shipment. Please see your class newsletter for the items your class will bring.

The next SJLS STEM Class for grades 3-8, taught by Graphics Being, will be on **Coding and Programming** and will run November 15 through December 15, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Watch for information with class newsletters .



Prayer Box – We are pleased to announce that we have begun a prayer ministry for our school and families. 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.



Tanzania student sponsors are needed. October is the month St. John’s designates for recruiting sponsors for children to attend Makumira-Kilala English Medium School, our Lutheran school in Usa River, Tanzania. For the 2017 school year, the people of St. John's sponsored 201 children range from three-year-old (preschool) through Grade 4. For the 2018 school year, which starts in January, we would love to increase our sponsorship by another 35 children since they will add Grade 5. Please take some time to prayerfully consider this outreach ministry through Lutheran education in Africa. Please contact Patrice at pappold@sjlschool.org for more information.

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.

November birthday book forms and Box Tops are due November 10 for the November 17 assembly.

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 – On Saturday, October 28, the 5th and 6th grade teams represented St. John’s in the Panama Buena Vista Volleyball Tournament. The girls did a great job. The 5th grade team played well and scored a lot of points against what was mostly 6th grade teams. We were one of two 5th grade teams represented in the tournament. The 6th grade team finished second in pool play and made it to the semifinals. Great job teams! The Junior High girls Black team will be representing St. John’s in the Kern County Small Schools Tournament on Saturday, November 4. Details were sent home this week. And I am so proud of our 5th/6th grade boys football team. They are just fun to watch. Their skill level has greatly increased, and they have such good sportsmanship. They play on Tuesdays. Come out and cheer them on. Go Saints!



We have **scrip** right here at the school office (and also available on Sunday mornings in between services in the lobby). Purchasing scrip gift cards at face value for your regular shopping, travel (including gas), and gift-giving needs supports our school as a percentage of each purchase goes directly to the school. Order forms are available in the school office or on the website at www.sjlschool.org. Thank you for supporting our school while you shop!