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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 December 8, 2017



The Christmas season is in full swing! There are plenty of distractions that can rob us of the joy of the birth of our Savior! Please join our SJLS community by attending our concerts and chapels over the next few weeks and by participating in our Adopt-a-Family program. By modeling, it is our hope that our students are able to understand and focus on the important message of peace, hope, love, and salvation that Christ's birth brings.

On behalf of the Peregoy family, we thank you for all the prayers and sympathies sent our way at the death of my mother, Natalie. She left a legacy of faith on three generations in our family. We look forward to the reunion in heaven that awaits us all who know Jesus as our Savior. Thanks be to God for the victory that is now hers! *Mr. Peregoy*

Upcoming Calendar Events

- December 14 3-8 Christmas Choral Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- December 15 "Ironman" Competition, 3:30 p.m. in the gym
- December 21 Christmas Instrumental Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- December 22 Assembly/Denim Day – Generosity
- December 22 End of 2nd Quarter – Minimum Day, Noon dismissal
- December 24 Christmas Eve at St. John's 2:00 PM/4:00 PM/11:00 PM

Oral Language – Congratulations to each and every student who participated in the Regional Oral Language Festival last Friday. St. John's was well-represented by our talented, hard-working, and well-prepared students. We received many compliments on both how well our students performed, as well as on their great attitudes and behavior. Excellent work!

Great job to the following students who placed at the Regional Oral Language Festival! Those who took first place will represent St. John's and our Region at the Kern County Oral Language Festival on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Stone Creek Junior High School. Good luck and may God bless you!

4-6th grades

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| Serious Solo: | 1st--Marissa Nugent | 2nd--Harjaisal Brar |
| Humorous Solo: | 1st--Ananya Srivastava | |
| Serious Duo: | 1st--Aubrie Douglas and Grace Simpson | 3rd--Kyle Oluoch and Jad Shawwa |
| Humorous Duo: | 1st--Ashley Dreyer and Lucie Khuu | 2nd--Samya Sharma and Joelle Jouda |
| Verse Choir: | 3rd--Max Wisnoff, Sam Bozarth, Yano Tamer, Charley Gless, Eugene Mokri, Andrew Yacoub | |

Junior High

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| Serious Solo: | 2nd--Ashley Ha | |
| Humorous Solo: | 1st--Brianna Bowyer | 2nd--Colin Walker |
| Serious Duo: | 1st--Emily Bishop and Erica Nassar | |
| Humorous Duo: | 1st--Sophie Khuu and Cayelyn Smith | 2nd--David Meshreky and Andrew Mueller |
| Verse Choir: | 1st--Tori Anderson, Maggie Gless, Alex Puga, Jon Wisnoff, Sam Wisnoff, and Jacob Young | |

Special thanks to Mrs. Wilbur, Ms. Swenson, Ms. Appold, Mrs. Paulden, and Mrs. Spiva who volunteered their time and gave their support at the Regional Oral Language Festival. Your commitment to our school and our kids does not go unnoticed! And thank you again to Mrs. Johnsen for all her expertise in organizing our Oral Language program.

St. John's Advanced Strings Ensemble will be playing periodically between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. during Bakersfield Christian High School's **The Colors of Christmas** next Thursday, December 14. At the end of the evening they will be joining instrumentalists from BCHS (Including some SJLS alumni), Stockdale Christian School, as well as adult musicians for the grand instrumental finale of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's, "Carol of the Bells." This community event is free to attend and will feature venues scattered around the campus, including a living nativity and allows for coming and going as you please--which means you can stop by after our own concert. Snacks and hot beverages will be available for purchase.



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.

Robotics will not meet for students in grades 5-8 in the month of December.

Library – Birthday book forms and Box Tops are due by December 15 for December birthdays. They will be presented at the assembly on December 22.

Reminder that BOB permission slips are due this month. Meetings begin in January. An email confirmation went out last week that confirms a permission slip was received by Mrs. Pudiwitr.

Our visiting author has been rescheduled to April 20. Please save the the date, because parents are welcome to join. :)

Sports – The Winter Sports Season is underway, and our teams are set. Coaching our Junior High boys (two teams) are Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Longmire. Coaching our Junior High girls team is Mr. Braun and Mrs. Jackson. For the 6th grade boys (two teams) we have Mr. Andrews. **We are in need of another coach to work with Mr. Andrews.** Coaching our 6th grade girls will be Mr. Shanyfelt and Mrs. Hoang. And for the 5th grade boys (two teams) we have Mr. Mueller and Mrs. Lewis. Dr. Dreyer will be coaching the 5th grade girls team. The junior high teams are practicing now before the Christmas Break. After the break we will have all the teams sharing the gym. A practice schedule will be available soon. The games for our season begin the week of January 22nd. The elementary games are on Tuesdays and the Junior high games are on Thursdays. The junior high once again will have the opportunity to earn money for the Washington, D.C. trip by running a concession stand for the basketball season. We just need a couple of parents who can coordinate this endeavor. Please contact Mr. Spiva if you are interested in taking this on for our school and your trip.



Make Holiday shopping easy this year with St. John's scrip. Use scrip for your groceries and to purchase gifts for your business, teachers, friends, and family. It's easy! Simply download the order form from the school website at www.sjlschool.org/fundraising-events or get a form from our school office. We are taking special orders through December 11th to help you spread Christmas cheer! A portion of each purchase goes directly to our school. Thank you for supporting our school while you shop.

St. John's Lutheran Church has a number of ministries and studies available to suit your needs and schedules. Please take a moment to view the website, www.sjlchurch.org/ministries, as we invite you to join us in worship, study, and community.