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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 February 2, 2018

Priority enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is now officially open for our SJLS families! Detailed information on the registration process was sent out in an email last week. Please contact our school office if you have any questions about this process.

This fall, Mr. Peregoy shared his plans to retire from his duties at St. John's at the end of the school year. It is his desire to move closer to family in Colorado. A task force was formed, headed by Pastor Van Scharrel and made up of staff and parents. Several candidates have already been interviewed and plans are being made to have them come to Bakersfield for onsite visits. We will keep you posted as we progress through this important process.

There have been some close calls in our **parking lots** recently. Please remember that children are present in the parking lots and, especially if using the Children's Center lot, children occasionally dart out or are too short to be seen coming around a car. We ask that you use an abundance of caution and drive at safe speeds in all of our parking lots. Thank you!

Upcoming Calendar Events

February 5	Kindergarten Information Night, 6:00 p.m. in Kidz Connection
February 7	Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m./2:15 p.m.
February 19	Presidents Day – No School
March 2	Priority Enrollment Ends

We welcome **Ms. Jennifer Newton** to our SJLS staff! We received word that **Mrs. Shay Cawthon** has been placed on bedrest for the remainder of her pregnancy. Everything is fine, but this was done in the interest of the health of both mother and child. In anticipation of Mrs. Cawthon's leave we had decided that Ms. Newton would be our choice to substitute during her leave. We keep Mrs. Cawthon and her baby boy in our prayers for the remainder of her pregnancy and a safe delivery.

Oral Language – Our students did great this past weekend at the Kern County Oral Language Festival. Congratulations to **Marissa Nugent** who took 2nd place in grades 4-6 Serious Solo, **Erica Nassar** and **Emily Bishop** for taking 3rd place in grades 7-8 Serious Duo, and our junior high Verse Choir of **Tori Anderson, Maggie Gless, Alex Puga, Jon Wisnoff, Sam Wisnoff,** and **Jacob Young** who took 1st place!

Honor Choir – We are pleased to announce that the following students auditioned and were accepted to the Kern County Honor Choir: **Gracee Chambers, Devin Jackson, Ysabela Oseda,** and **Ashley Tyre.** Congratulations! This is a great honor! They will be performing with other Kern County students at the Kern County Honor Music Festival on February 24.

Congratulations to the following students who won their classroom spelling bee and will now compete in our **School Spelling Bee** next Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Worship Center: 4th grade--**Manas Gill** and **Addison Pudiwitr**; 5th grade--**Kentia Kalanaki** and **Kyle Oluoch**; 6th grade--**Harjaisal Brar** and **Lauren Trinh**; 7th grade--**Amanda Ikino** and **Rhea Sharma**; 8th Grade--**Alex Puga** and **Bellynda Trinh**.

Yearbook – Yearbooks can be purchased online at <http://shop.balfour.com/smi85974/> through February 16, 2018 for \$25. Online purchases allow for personalized yearbooks and accessories. After that time, yearbooks can be purchased in the office for \$35 until sold out.

Library – SEEKING PHOTOS! If your student enjoys reading with their pet at home, please snap a photo and email it to me. I will be displaying them in the hall as we prepare for book fair. kpudiwitr@sjslschool.org

Book Fair (Feb. 26-Mar. 2) "Paws & Read" – No library during the week of the book fair. The book fair will be open after school and at lunch recess Tuesday-Thursday. Final purchases can be made on March 2 immediately after chapel before books are packed-up. Volunteers can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da5ad2daaff2-book1>

"All for Books" book donations will be going to "Miracle Mutts" that provides therapy dogs to students, as well as encourages reading through "Barks & Books."

Sports – The Junior High girls and boys basketball teams had a good tournament this past weekend at Salem Lutheran in Orange and Zion Lutheran in Anaheim. They had some wins and losses and lessons learned to improve each game. Our girls team took 4th place. Congratulations! This weekend all six of our 5th and 6th grade teams will be in Arvin for a big Kern County 6th grade tournament. Another great learning experience coming up! Come out and cheer us on Tuesdays with our elementary teams and Thursdays with our junior high teams. *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.*



Spring Bible Study – There's a seamless thread woven through every story in the Bible. Ready to replace insecurity that holds you back and move forward with clarity and confidence in your understanding of Scripture? JOIN US for Seamless, a 7-session Bible study by Angie Smith, Tuesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m., February 6-March 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church Worship Center Lobby.

Questions? Call Jenny Lewis [661-900-3904](tel:661-900-3904) or Hailey Smidt [916-769-5825](tel:916-769-5825).



There is a **Prayer Box** located on the counter in the school office for prayer requests. A team will take requests 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.

First Presbyterian Church, 1705 17th Street, has an Indoor Soccer League for students in grades 1-6. Online registration begins January 17 with a deadline of February 17. Please pick up a flyer at the front desk for more information.



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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.