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St. Mark's News - October 2016

HALF DAY OF SCHOOL – Friday, October 7. Dismissal is at 11:30 AM. Aftercare will run until 3 PM. The Dress Down Collection is NEW scarves, gloves, and mittens.

To help ease the congestion in the parking lot, please observe the following:

Grades 3 - 8 will be released from the front of the school on Kimball Ave. Please park in the front of the school and the upper end of St. Mark's Place. Do not use the parking lot.

Grades 1 - 2 will be released from the side door (the church office door) on St. Mark's Place. Please park on St. Mark's Place for pick up.

Kindergarten and Pre-K 3 will be released from the main doors.

Pre-K 4 will be dismissed as usual.

NO SCHOOL - There will be no school on **Monday, October 10** in celebration of Columbus Day.

Lateness to school has already become an issue. Now that we are beginning the second month of school, you are reminded of our attendance policy regarding lateness.

- If your child is late to school 5 times in a quarter, they will be suspended on the following day. Starting October 2nd, we will be keeping track of this and will enforce the policy as stated in the Parent / Student Handbook.
- Doors open at 8:00 AM. School officially starts at 8:15 AM. Once the doors are closed, your child must enter through the office and pick up a late pass.
- Your child may not come to school after 9:00 AM without a doctor's note.
- Our chapel service begins at 8:30 AM each Wednesday morning. If you arrive after 8:30 AM, once chapel has begun, you must wait with your child until chapel is over. It is disruptive to the service.

Hopefully, now that you have had a month of establishing a morning routine, this will no longer be an issue.

SPIRIT DAY - Oct. 31 - Orange and Black Day - Students may dress out of uniform but only in the colors of orange and black!

SUNDAY SINGING - Each class sings at one Sunday morning church service. The services begin at 10:00 AM. The schedule for the year is as follows:

October 16th – 5th-8th

January 29th – 1st/2nd

March 19th – 3^s

November 20th – 3rd/4th

April 2nd – 4^s

April 30th – Kind.

"Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

BOOK FAIR: Thank you to all those parents who are volunteering their time for the Scholastic Book Fair this week. The schedule of when your children shops went home last week. It is not too late to sign up if you have not done so.

Picture Day – Wednesday, October 26! Forms to order pictures will be sent home. A separate form must be filled out for sibling pictures. If you do not choose a background, a default background will be chosen for you.

*Children are to wear their school uniforms! **There are no retakes!***

Terranova Testing begins October 12 for grades 2-8. Children do not study for these tests. They are based on what they have already learned. The best way you can prepare your child is to ensure that they get a good night's sleep each night and eat breakfast.

Midquarter for Grades 1 – 8 is October 7. Midquarter progress reports will be sent home on October 14. Please sign and return to your child's teacher.

Bell Choir and School Chorus will be starting this month. Permission slips will be given out shortly.

Looking ahead:

Christmas Boutique – December 2

Christmas Carol Sing – December 21 at 4:00 PM (Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten) and 5:30 PM (Grade 1 – Grade 8).

Christmas Boutique

Shopping, caroling from the School Chorus, food to buy, visit from Santa Claus.

VENDORS NEEDED! Friday, December 2 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Contact the school office if you or someone you know would like to be a vendor at this year's Christmas Boutique. We are looking for people to sell jewelry, toys, pocketbooks, homemade items, Christmas crafts, candles, etc.

***Empowered by the love of God in Christ, St. Mark's Lutheran School
prepares students to be lifelong learners and servant leaders.***