

THE CRUSADER CONNECTION

February 18, 2010

From the Pastors

Dear Parents

6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 and 143. They're not lucky numbers. They are the Psalms which, for 100's of years, Christians have identified as the Penitential Psalms. Give them some attention this Lenten season. They are easily read responsively as a family. They are a blessing for your personal devotions as well. Each of these Penitential Psalms helps us express our repentance

- our sorrow because we know we have sinned against the Lord
- our confidence in the Lord's full and free forgiveness because of the work of our Savior

For example:

I acknowledged my sin to you

and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"
and you forgave the guilt of my sins.

and

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.

God bless you as you repent with words used by God's people for thousands of years.

Pastor Seifert / Pastor Quinn

From the Principal

Forensics Dinner: Please join us on Sunday, February 28th for our annual Forensics Dinner. Following our late service there will be a meal planned by our Home and School Society. After the meal our 3-8 graders will perform their forensics and music selections which they have prepared for the MLS Science and Fine Arts Fair held in Saginaw on March 6th. All families and friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend. **Attached with your Crusader Connection today is a list of family names and what you are signed up to bring to the dinner. There is a also a**

list of people who are signed up to be kitchen helpers, to bring griddles and/or to help set up.

Examination/School Play: Due to some scheduling issues the examination of Good Shepherd's confirmands will be held on Sunday, April 11th this year. Traditionally the examination has taken place on the last Sunday in April, the same Sunday as the school play. The school play will remain on April 25th. **Confirmation will take place the next Sunday, May 2nd.**

Boxtops, Campbell's Soup Labels, Capri Sun Pouches: Please keep bringing your Boxtops and Campbell's Soup labels. Our school is already up to \$150 in Boxtops alone. This is an easy way to provide "extras" for our school and classrooms. We can now also collect Capri Sun Pouches to earn points towards items for school. A box to gather the pouches will be placed by the Campbell's Soup label box in the Fellowship Hall.

Kindergarten Parent Orientation: If your child will be five by December 1, 2010 he or she will be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall. Please come to our Kindergarten parent orientation for information on Good Shepherd's Kindergarten. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, at 6:30 PM

Weather Related School Closings: Weather related school closings and delays are communicated through the following: **Radio Stations:** WSGW 790 AM, WCEN The Moose 94.5 FM, WTLZ 107 FM, WGER Magic 106.3 FM, WXQL Cool 100.5 FM; **Television Station:** WJRT – TV 12, WNEM – TV 5; **Website:** www.abc12.com (click on the link entitled "School Closings") We should hear us listed as **Good Shepherd Lutheran, Midland. We will be closed if Midland Public Schools, Meridian Schools or Bullock Creek School are closed.**

Principal Quinn
835-4181

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From Mrs. Seeger

Dear Parents

SCIENCE & ART FAIR

The science and fine arts fair is only 2 short weeks away. (3 weekends) Encourage your child to work on memorizing their forensics whenever they have extra time. Also encourage them to start writing their science fair reports and putting together their boards. Boards can be gotten from my classroom. I am willing to help proofread things or guide their work if they like, provided that they bring it to me in advance. (I will try and back off on the homework a little in the next two weeks...but that comes with an understanding that the students are working on their projects.)

FORENSICS DINNER

There will be a forensics dinner after the late service on **Sunday, February 28**. There will be a dinner also. Please join us for fun and fellowship! ☺

IMPRESSION 5 SCIENCE CENTER

We will be going to Lansing's Science Center next week on **Friday, Feb. 26**. The cost for the trip will be \$6.75. Please send the money to school in an envelope with your child's name on it. Also thank you in advance to Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Fournier for driving. ☺ We will be leaving here promptly at 8:00.

LENTEN SERVICE SINGING

The students will be singing at next week's Lenten service.

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS

Time is flying by and there is about a month before the quarter ends. During the 2nd quarter I gave the students Progress Report cards so they could see where they were in their classes. They expressed that they appreciated knowing the information. So, next week on Monday or Tuesday, look for their progress report cards to come home. I haven't looked, or added up the scores recently, but based on a couple of their last homework grades, I would guess that spelling is low. Make sure you encourage them to study for their Friday posttests.

Mrs. Seeger

From Mrs. Seifert

Dear Parents

Students of our school sing for next Wednesday's Lenten service, February 24, at 7:00 P.M. Please have them meet in my classroom at 6:45. If they cannot attend, please let me know.

Mrs. Ross will help me transport students to the "Waterworks" exhibit at the MCTFA on Friday, February 26. We will leave school at 12:30. Please send \$2 for the cost of admission if you have not already done so.

We're working everyday on our forensics presentations with which we will entertain you on Sunday, February 28, following a noon lunch in the fellowship hall. The musical and forensics presentations should be over by 1:30 P.M.

Our fine arts fair entry forms will be delivered to MLS by the deadline tomorrow. I will take care of all the forms and fees for my classroom. The Fine Arts Fair will be held Saturday, March 6. You will be given a schedule of events as soon as we receive one next week.

Thank you,
Mrs. Seifert

3-4 Graders From Mrs. Seeger

I saw a lot of great work on the biome reports! ☺ I'm excited to see the finished product! Rough drafts are nearly finished. So, I would ask for your help with this over the weekend: I have been reading rough drafts and helping individuals throughout the week. The thing that I have noticed from nearly every student was a lack of transitional sentences/phrases and an introduction/conclusion. One example of this might be: *The rattlesnake has a rattle at the end of his tail that warns predators.* This is a good sentence but shouldn't be the first sentence of the animal part of the report because it doesn't connect the animal to the biome. A transition sentence or two would be needed. *There are many interesting animals that live in the desert. One of the most interesting is the rattlesnake. The rattlesnake has a rattle at the end of his tail that warns predators to stay away.* We've talked about it in class, but it would definitely be helpful if you could

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check over their report and see if their sentences and thoughts flow together smoothly and clearly.

3rd graders do not need to make a food web. 4-5 graders should make a food web.

Also, I know that there are many activities going on right now with the Science/Art Fair, so the due date for the entire diorama and report will be on **Monday, March 1**. Of course encourage your child to work on it whenever they have extra time.

Also, I haven't set a limit as to how much they can write as long as they have talked about each of the topics I asked them to research. I mostly want them to demonstrate that they did the research, learned how to take notes, and were able to put what they learned into their own words and write it down on paper. At this age, the process is nearly as important, if not more important than the product. Of course, good preparation and going through the process well will naturally lead to nice finished product. ☺ Again, if you have any questions please give me a call, or come and talk to me.

From Mrs. Tafel

Dear Parents

School will dismiss tomorrow, February 19 at 2:00PM due to a basketball tournament. Bus students may still ride the bus.

K-2 students will sing during the Lenten service at 7:00PM on Wednesday, February 24. Students should meet in our classroom. At 6:45PM. Please give me a call if your child is unable to attend.

K-2 students' families are invited to the Forensics dinner to be held immediately after the 10:45 service. Students in grades 3-8 will present their forensics and music for the Science and Art Fair. It is a good opportunity for lower grade families to see the dress rehearsal for the fair.

Mrs. Tafel

From the Athletic Director

Dear Parents

Missing games/practices without contacting the coach or athletic director is UNACCEPTABLE. Parent or

child **MUST** contact the coach or myself. In the athletic handbook that was handed out to every student states that: "An unexcused absence results when the COACH is not notified in advance of absence from a practice or game. Repeated unexcused absences will result in the following disciplinary actions: First offense - the player will sit out a portion of the game; the time will be determined by the coach. Second offense - the player will receive a one game suspension. Third offense - the player will be dismissed from the team." This policy is going to be strictly enforced. Contacting a teacher, parent, or another player is NOT and excused absence. A COACH or athletic director **MUST** be contacted.

Boy's Basketball and Cheerleading: The last games of the season for the A team will played this weekend at the B.A.L.L. Tournament. The tournament is being played at Trinity in Bay City. Our Crusaders play at 3:15pm on Friday afternoon. School will be dismissed at 2:00pm, and players and cheerleaders should arrive at Trinity no later than 2:45pm.

Volleyball: There will be a parents meeting after late service on Sunday with coaches Carrie Hennig and Diana Johnson. Please attend to hear very important information regarding the season. The first week of practice will be next week on February 22, 23, and 26 (Monday, Tuesday, Friday) at St. John's in Saginaw. A full schedule of practices and games will go home today with your child.

Track and field: You may not believe it, but spring really is just around the corner. Which means that the track season is too! This year it is Good Shepherd's responsibility to host the small school track meet. The meet is scheduled for May 21st at Cardinal field in Saginaw. We will need LOTS of volunteers for a variety of different jobs. There will be a sign up sheet on the school bulletin board, please set aside this date to help and show your Crusader pride!

Mrs. Quinn