

THE CRUSADER CONNECTION

January 19, 2012

From the Pastors

Dear Parents

When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart" (Proverbs 4:3,4)

What a privilege we have as parents to teach our children to lay hold of God's words. What a blessing to hear those children, hearts filled with those words, proclaim them in word and song. We get that blessing as the children weekly recite the passages they have committed to memory. We get it also as they sing their Savior's praises in church as they did last Sunday. Continue to make God's words part of your daily conversations with your children. The Lord will put those saving words in their heads and in their hearts forever.

Pastor Seifert / Pastor Quinn

From the Principal

Dear Parents

MLS Tournament

Our Boys' A Basketball Team will play at the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Large School Basketball Tournament on Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th. Our first game is at 10:30am on Friday. A complete schedule can be found attached to your Crusader Connection.

This will be a normal day of school for students. We plan to take all students to this tournament to help cheer on our Crusader players. Participating players and cheerleaders will leave at approximately 9:15am, and remaining students will leave close to 9:30am. All students will return to school at approximately 12:30pm. If you are able to help transport students for this event, please speak with Mr. Fetcenko. We feel this is an exciting opportunity for our students to cheer on our Crusaders!

MLS Fine Arts Fair

44 days remaining! The MLS Fine Arts Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd. Many 3rd through 8th grade students have already begun their research and work for their projects. Science boards are available, free of charge, through Mr. Fetcenko. If you have questions or concerns, please always feel free to go to your teacher for assistance or advice!

Spirit Week

February 20th – 24th will be Good Shepherd's Spirit week! We are very excited for this event, and are encouraging all students (and teachers!) to participate throughout the week! A schedule for the week includes:

- Monday – Favorite Sports Team Day
 - o Support your favorite team! Whether you come wearing your favorite Red Wings jersey or wearing your new Crusader wear, show support for your favorite team!
- Tuesday – Class Color / Competition Day
 - o Let the games begin! Watch the Crusader Connection for more exciting news on this day to come, including the class colors for each room.
- Wednesday – Dress Your Best Day
 - o Time to look your sharpest!
- Thursday – Twin Day
 - o Find another student, or students, and dress up like each other's twin!
- Friday – Crusader Day
 - o Wear your Crusader Wear proudly!

Please do not feel obligated to go out and buy things to wear, but rather encourage your child to get creative around the house! Continue to watch the Crusader Connection for more upcoming information. We are looking forward to showing of our Crusader Pride!

NO LES: We have our semester break coming up when the second quarter concludes at the end of this month. There will be no school on **Monday, January 30th or Tuesday, January 31st**. Monday will be an in-service day for our faculty. Our teachers and staff will receive/renew CPR training on that

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day. On Tuesday our Parent/Teacher consultations will be held.

Parent/Teacher Consultations: Parent/Teacher consultations are scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st. Please sign up on the school bulletin board for this important opportunity to discuss your child's education with his/her teacher. Parents of 3-8 graders will have the chance to review your child's Terranova3 achievement test scores at this parent/teacher consultation. If you are unable to attend that evening please make arrangements to meet with your child's teacher at another time. Our teachers eagerly await the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your child's progress, challenges, and blessings. **Please note that there is a boys' basketball game in Tawas City that evening. If you are participating in that event please speak with your teacher to set up an alternate consultation time.**

Hot Lunch Forms: Hot lunch forms are included with this note. Please be sure to fill it out and return it to the church office by January 27.

Box Tops: Please continue saving Box Tops for Education coupons. Good Shepherd received a check for \$431.40 for 2011. Please place coupons in the container in the fellowship hall or give them to Mrs. Tafel. The proceeds from Box Tops for Education go into the Home and School Society fund for events and projects which they adopt.

Home and School Society: The next meeting will be on February 6 at the West Midland Family Center starting at 6PM.

Worship Opportunities

Worship Services: Sunday Services: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM; Bible Class and Sunday school: 9:15 AM.

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.** Please note that in almost all cases, especially dealing with snow days, Good Shepherd will follow Midland Public

Schools. Extreme and rare situations (ex. Closures related to illness or scattered power outages) would be the only reason that we would potentially differ from MPS.

Principal Quinn
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From Mr. Fetcenko

Dear Parents

Substitute Teacher

I will be attending a Principal's Conference part of tomorrow. Mrs. Schuette will serve as my substitute.

Hymnology

Our hymn for this week is CW# 90 st. 1-5. This hymn assignment is due on February 1st.

Upcoming Days Off in January

Please note that January 30th and 31st are vacation days for Teacher-In-Service and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Our teachers and staff will become certified, or recertified, in CPR/First Aid/AED training. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to sign up for a conference time or to speak with me to setup an alternative time to meet. Thank you!

LES Singing

Thank you to our families who were able to attend last week's Sunday service. I had heard a few remarks from "first servicers" that it was very nice to have the children beautify their worship. Thank you!

MLS Basketball Tournament

Please take a moment to look at the Principal's Section of the Crusader Connection for an important announcement regarding the MLS Basketball Tournament.

Mr. Fetcenko

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From Mrs. Seifert

Dear Parents

You are encouraged to attend chapel this next Monday, January 23. Chapel begins at 8:05 and ends by 8:25.

Friday, January 27, is the end of Quarter 2. Students have both Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and January 31, as vacation days. Teachers will attend a CPR class from 9:00 to 4:00 here at school on Monday. We will prepare report cards on Tuesday and consultations will be held in late afternoon and evening. A sign-up sheet is posted on the school bulletin board. If none of those times works for your schedule, call me, and we'll find a time that will work for you.

If you could help transport students in grades 3-5 to Good Shepherd's tournament game at MLS on Friday, February 10, please let Mr. Fetcenko know. We would need to leave at 9:30 A.M. and would return by 12:00 noon.

Thank you for having your student in attendance for our singing Last Sunday morning.

Puerto Rico was wonderful, but it feels great to be back in the classroom again.

Thank you,
Mrs. Seifert

From Mrs. Tafel

Dear Parents

There will be no school January 30 & 31. Monday will be an inservice on CPR training for teachers. Tuesday will be Parent/Teacher Conferences. Report cards will be handed out at that time. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If none of these times are convenient, please give me a call.

An all school field trip scheduled for Friday, February 10 to MLS to watch the boys play in a tournament basketball game. The game will be held in the morning – if you are able to help with transportation, please give Mr. Fetcenko a call.

Our Bible lessons continue with the study of Elisah and Jonah.

Kindergarten students will begin number recognition of numbers eleven through twenty. First and second grade continue to work on addition and subtraction math facts, plus counting money, telling time, and symmetry.

Mrs. Tafel

From the Athletic Director

Dear Parents

Boys' Basketball

Please note that our Boys' A team will play in the MLS Large School Tournament this year, and not in the Small School Tournament as in recent years. The dates for this tournament are Friday (2/10) and Saturday (2/11). A schedule for our games has been attached to your Crusader Connection, and can also be found online at: <http://gsbbtourn.mlsem.org/info.php>

Also note that Basketball pictures will take place at our practice on Saturday, January 21st at Shields. Please remember to bring your jersey!

Upcoming Important Dates:

1/20 – Game vs. St. Luke's @ WMFC – 6:30pm (**B Only**)

1/21 – Practice @ Shields – 9am

1/23 – Practice @ WMFC – 6pm

1/25 – Practice @ WMFC – 6pm

1/27 – Game vs. Bethel @ Bethel – 6:30pm (**A Only**)

Cheerleading

Please take note of the schedule for these next few weeks. Many of our upcoming dates are A only or B only dates. Cheerleading pictures will take place at our practice on Saturday, January 21st at Shields. Please remember to bring your jersey!

Fees for this season will be \$25 per cheerleader.

Mr. Fetcenko