

December 7, 2007

Dear Parents:

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). As you and your family celebrate this season, remember Jesus' birth and how truly wonderful it is to be a child of God.

The Christmas program for grades K – 6 is next Friday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at Eastern Heights Lutheran. Your child should dress up and arrive at Eastern Heights Lutheran no later than 6:45 PM. You and any friends or family members are all invited to attend. Your child may put his or her jacket in his/her locker or in the classroom. Students are to meet in the classroom and to be picked up by an adult at the classroom after the program. I would appreciate anyone taking pictures of the program and developing them for me to be included in the yearbook. Please be sure your cell phones and the phones of those whom you have invited are turned off or to silent during the program. Thank you for your help with this.

Yearbook!?!? Did I say yearbook? Once again this year, I am the yearbook coordinator, and I am looking for volunteers to help put the yearbook together. We usually meet on weekends at each other's homes, school, or (a) church. It generally takes 6 -8 meetings to assemble the yearbook. The yearbook needs to be completed by the end of February (sent to the company for printing). I am in need of enthusiastic volunteers who would like to help with this "BIG" project. So if you enjoy scrapbooking, I am looking for you. Please let me know if you can help. We will begin meeting in January. Also, if you have any pictures of school events or are planning to take photos of the upcoming Christmas Program; please send me any copies or email them to me at jstrom@esplweb.com.

We will have a field trip on December 17th. All students (K – 6) will go to see the play Little House Christmas at the Old Gem Theater in New Richmond, WI. We will leave at 9:00 SHARP! We will eat lunch at Pete's Buffet (an All American lunch) for only \$5 or students may bring their own bag lunch and drink. Students in grades 3 – 6 will be going to the Sun Ray Library when we get back.

Sun Ray Library Update – I am asking that all books be returned to class for our next trip to the library by **Friday, December 14th** so Mr. Strickland and I can pack them in the bus before our field trip on Monday morning. Many students are already done with their book report. If it is possible, please make sure your child is done with his or her book report before December 17th, since we must leave promptly for our field trip. If the weather is good, we will leave at 2:00 PM.

Once again, students in 4th grade **must** memorize all of their multiplication facts, including 11's and 12's. Please work with your child to help your child memorize his or her facts. Your child should be able to answer a question with a 2 to 5 second response time and /or be able to do 100 multiplication facts in 4 minutes with 97% accuracy. How can your child achieve this goal? Practice... practice... practice! I encourage buying or making flash cards, buying musical multiplication tapes, and getting any multiplications games (Leap Frog). The 4th graders will have a test on December 14th on multiplication facts for 0's through 12's. Thank you for your help!

As a service project, grades K – 6 are collecting toys for the Toys for Tots campaign. If your child is able to donate a toy, please do so by December 14th. Your child should bring the item unwrapped. The toy should be a toy that is appropriate for his or her age level. We will deliver the toys to the Kare11 studio on the morning of December 18th. Isn't it great to know how great our students are at serving others? We collected hundreds of toys last year, but so far this year, we've collected very few. **ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT!!!** Giving is truly better than receiving!

Your child will be bringing home a very special Christmas gift for you in a few weeks. Look for this gift to come home.

Set aside January 22nd on your calendar for the next PTL meeting at 7:00. There will be a guest speaker. Please make the time to get involved. PTL needs you!

There are many exciting events happening at our school in the next few weeks. Please refer to the calendar on the back of this newsletter for dates and times. One very special event at school will be on Friday, December 21st. We will be discussing Jesus' birth. We will play a special game and watch the movie "The Nativity Story". This movie is rated PG, so I need your permission (indicated below) for your child to view this movie. I will supply treats for the kids, but they are able to bring their own drink (such as juice or pop). This will be a great way for us to end 2007 as a class and look forward to a new year in 2008.

Our lunch program is in need of donations! Many students come to school without plates, spoons, or forks. Can you help donate these items? Thanks for your help. If you are unable to donate these items, please try to pack plates and utensils in your child's lunch. Thanks to Mrs. Gomez for helping serve lunches when she is able to. Sometimes those days without Mrs. Gomez are quite hectic at the microwave. If you have time to volunteer and heat up lunches, please let Mr. Kloetzke or myself know. Your help is appreciated.

A quick correction from the school newsletter; for the internet search fundraiser, go to www.GoodSearch.com and be sure to enter East St. Paul Lutheran school as the charity you want to support. ESPL will earn about a penny each time you search the web and a percentage of purchases made online. Sorry for the confusion.

As the weather has turned much colder the last few days, please make sure your child has all items for outside play. We go outside almost every day!

Blessings on your holiday season! In this envelope you will find:

1. Class newsletter
2. Other important information

In His unfailing love,

Julie Strom

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I have read this newsletter and have signed my child's assignment book. My child, _____, may / may not watch the PG movie "The Nativity Story" on December 21st.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Questions or concerns:



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					November 30	1
2 Go to Church! Advent Begins	3 Toys for Tots collection begins	4 MOA Field Trip Toys for Tots	5 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Memory Due Early Release Day 1:40 PM	6 Toys for Tots	7 Toys for Tots	8
9 Go to Church!	10 Toys for Tots	11 Hot Lunch Toys for Tots	12 IHOP Night Chapel 11:30 AM, choir sings during chapel Memory Due	13 Toys for Tots	14 Christmas Program 7:00 at Eastern Heights Toys for Tots drive ends after program	15
16 Go to Church!	17 9:00 Field Trip Sun Ray Library 1:40 PM Book Report Due	18 Hot Lunch Toys for Tots delivery	19 IHOP Night Faith Family 9:15 AM Chapel 9:30 AM	20	21 Jesus Birthday Party The Nativity Story video	22
23 Go to Church!	24 Christmas Eve <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	25 Happy Birthday Jesus! Merry Christmas <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	26 IHOP Night <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	27 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	28 <u>NO SCHOOL!</u> Christmas Break	29 School resumes January 2, 2008