

But You Are a Chosen People..... 1 Peter 2:9

MISSION STATEMENT

East St. Paul Lutheran School:

- provides excellent Christian education
- surrounds children with Christ's love and forgiveness
- partners with family, church and community

DECEMBER 2007

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Greetings in Christ!

Luke 2:6-8 "While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

As we begin the celebration of Advent and prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us be mindful of the words of Luke. Let not the hectic, stressful time of the year distract us from the "reason for the season" and keep room in our lives for our Lord during this holiday season.

I encourage everyone to join us for our Christmas program on December 14th and let our students show us how Christians celebrate and help all of us find hope and purpose through this Christmas season.

In His Service,
Mr. K

DID YOU KNOW...

.... **MUSIC NOTES:** The ESPL choir performances in December:

Tuesday, December 4 they will be singing at the Mall of America (Sears Court, first level) at 12:00pm.

Wednesday, December 12 they will be singing at Eastern Heights Lutheran Church in their 11:30am Advent service.

Friday, December 14 they will be leading us in our Christmas Program at Eastern Hts. Lutheran Church at 7:00pm.

Please contact Patti Johnson for more information at the school or by email: musicianp2002@yahoo.com

.... **PTL** will hold its next meeting after the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00pm. We will be having a guest speaker from Project12Baskets and she will introduce our school community to a unique service project that benefits both school and community. Look for more information in the January newsletter.

.... **SCHOOL CLOSURE:** The snow season has begun and there may come a time to close our school due to weather. **Very Important:** If the St. Paul Public Schools close for the day or have early dismissal, we will do the same because of busing. We will always announce that our school is closing as soon as possible. This will be done on WCCO radio and KARE 11 television.

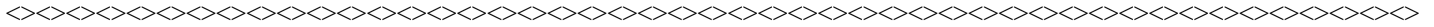
.... **VIP {Very Important Person}** day on November 21st was a huge success based on the feedback we received. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a special day for the students and teachers.

.... **THE GOLDEN COMPASS MOVIE** opens this week and many will be introduced to the works of Philip Pullman, a writer who detests C.S. Lewis's fantasy world. Mr. Pullman is one of the leading atheist thinkers of our day and his trilogy, *His Dark Materials*, presents a strikingly different kind of tale from the ones told by C.S. Lewis. Parents beware: this movie is not innocent fantasy. The author blurs the line between fantasy and reality and he has much anti-God rhetoric throughout the movie. For more information please go to: www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2007/december/12.36.html

....**FUNDRAISING** doesn't have to take up much time. What if ESPL earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charity its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter East St. Paul Lutheran School as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

.... **ART CLUB** scheduling conflict. Due to December meetings, Art Club is canceled on December 3, and 17 but will be held on Monday, December 10th.



ATHLETIC'S AT IT'S "BEST" cbest

League games started this week. See calendar for schedule.
**During the Christmas season teams will take a short reprieve;
We will celebrate Jesus' birthday, in Him we believe!**