

First Lutheran Christian Academy

Tuesday Note

November 21, 2017

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT THE GIVING TREE

During this Christmas season, we wish to reach out in love to members of our community with gifts for children in need. Our Giving Tree will be set up in the lobby

from Monday, Nov. 20th, at afternoon dismissal, until Friday, Nov. 24th. It will be covered with ornaments bearing the first names and ages of children in our community, along with a modest gift wish. This year, we noticed that the children seem to be asking for more clothing and practical items and making more modest toy requests. If you are interested in participating in this project, please take an ornament from the tree and purchase a gift for that child. We ask that you bring the <u>unwrapped</u> gift (along with the ornament) between Nov. 27th and Nov. 30th. (*The CAS will pick up the gifts at that time.*).

So that we can maintain a good record of the names distributed, we ask that <u>only adults take ornaments</u> <u>from the tree</u>. Thank you for your support of our service projects.



"O Lord how shall I meet Thee, How welcome Thee aright?
Thy people long to greet Thee, My Hope, my heart's Delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord, most holy, Thy lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please Thee best."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, November 21

- Lego Robotics 3:30 5:00 p.m.
- Chess Club 3:30 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

- Chapel Service 8:30 a.m.
- Boys' Volleyball Practice 3:30 4:45 p.m.

Monday, November 27

- Girls' Volleyball Practice 3:30 4:45 p.m.
- PK/JK/SK Trip to Safety Village

CHESS CLUB

Today after school, any interested students, <u>from</u>
<u>Grades 2 to 5</u>, who would like to participate in chess are welcome to attend.



The Chess Club will meet after school from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. Any students in **Grades 6 to 8**, who are not in Lego Robotics, who wish to play chess are welcome to attend and get in some practice matches. The **full Chess Club** will begin meeting **on Tuesday, Dec. 5**th. The chess club meets most Tuesday afternoons until the end of February. If you have any questions about Chess Club, please speak to sponsor teacher, Ms. Raiger.

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

There will be Lego Robotics after school today, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.



VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

The school volleyball teams will practise on the following days:

<u>Girls</u>: Mondays

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Boys: Wednesdays

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.



The Volleyball tournament will take place at Academie Ste. Cecile on Friday, December 1st.

COLD & FLU SEASON

During these cold weather months when we spend more time indoors with others, we are exposed to seasonal maladies. For more information on symptoms of both colds and influenza, you can read the poster in the school lobby or visit the Windsor Essex County Health Unit's website at www.wechu.org.
Of course, we will do our part in reminding the students to practise frequent hand-washing and safe sneezing.

As it says in our school handbook, in order to help safeguard the health of our students, it is suggested that parents consider keeping a child home from school if:

- 1. the child has a fever
- 2. the child has a severe cough or cold
- 3. the child has an unexplained rash, skin eruption or skin infection
- 4. the child is experiencing diarrhoea or vomiting
- 5. the child has reddened, sore eyes
- 6. the child feels ill and complains of a sore throat

When students are ill, we know it is important for them to focus on resting and getting well. Teachers will ensure that students have every opportunity to catch up on any missed class work or assignments.

<u>About medications</u>: Other than asthma inhalers or cough lozenges, any medication which a student needs to take while at school should be brought to the school office.

<u>Just a reminder</u>: if your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to phone the school office and let us know. Also, if he or she is signed up for hot lunch, tell us that too, so that we can cancel it in a timely manner.

You are invited to ...

Our 23rd Annual Christmas Pageant



Tuesday, December 12th 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 30 Giving Tree Gifts due

Dec. 1 Volleyball Tournament at ASC
Dec. 2 Lego Robotics at St. Clair College

Dec. 3 Advent Begins

Dec. 5 Chess Club (Grades 2 – 8)

Dec. 12 Christmas Pageant 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dec. 22 Christmas Recital

Final Day of Classes
Early Dismissal 2 p.m.

No After School Care

Jan. 8 School resumes

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ADVENT APPEAL ... We Need Your Help

This week in the mail, you will receive a copy of our Advent Appeal for 2017. For the past twenty-three years, God's love has provided First Lutheran Christian Academy with a Christcentred learning environment where parents, children, and teachers together foster academic excellence, integrity and compassion in students as they "grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". Here, that precious message of the love of God in His Son, Jesus, is freely shared as we prepare our students for their calling in life and for eternity.

Each year during the Advent season, we ask you to share in this work with us. Over the past years, we have been the grateful recipients of much needed help through your generous donations to our Advent Appeals.

The dollars raised through our major fundraisers are directed right into the operating expenses of the Academy. These expenses include things like salaries, cleaning supplies and utility bills. Eighty percent of the operating budget comes from tuition fees and twenty percent through your fundraising efforts. Over our twenty-three year history, we have come to realize that this is the most equitable division for our families. It allows us to keep tuition at an affordable level while providing those whom God has blessed with plenty with an opportunity to share. (Families with multiple children pay discounted fees for their second and any additional children, making donation and fundraising efforts even more important.) Some say that "we should just pay higher tuition" but for many this would be unattainable and would inevitably result in decreased enrolment, which we never want to see.

Won't you please consider helping us again during this Advent Season in order that we might continue to share the Gospel with our students and their families. Your response to our Advent Appeal is especially needed this year as we strive to meet the fundraising portion of our 2017 budget which is \$84,000.

Use the pledge card which you received in the mail to indicate how you would like to provide a sustaining gift for First Lutheran Christian Academy. You may return it to us via regular post, or stop by the Academy office.

Our hope is that you will be encouraged by the difference that Christian education is making in the lives of our children and that you will support their future with your financial gifts... your time... your prayers. Join us as we build upon God's foundation and prepare our children for life and for eternity.

