

# Wednesday News

Wednesday, September 27, 2023



Principal's Message	This Week at a Glance, etc.	
PARENT CONVERSATIONS  Have you parents checked out the Forward in Christ periodical lately? They are found under the stairs in the narthex. Help yourself. Especially look for the regular feature called Parent Conversations.	Thurs., Sept. 28	Soccer @ Home vs. Oakhill - 4:00 p.m. Volleyball @ First, LG vs. St. Francis- <u>5:30</u> p.m.
	Fri., Sept. 29	Subway lunch  Afternoon with an Artist - Grades 5-8  SPAGHETTI DINNER & Movie - 5pm
	Mon., Oct. 2  *New game >>	NO BUS SERVICE Grades 5-8 on field trip *Volleyball @ Oakhill Christian - 4:30 p.m.3
Here is a <u>link</u> to the online version.	Tues., Oct. 3	Soccer @ Home vs. Mt. Zion - 4:00 p.m Volleyball @ LG vs. Mt. Zion - <u>5:45 p.m</u>
There are many articles with questions with which Christian parents often wrestle. The topics range from handling stress, instilling gratitude, developing healthy habits, to praying and transitioning to adulthood.	Wed., Oct 4	Toddler Open Gym - 9 - 10:30 a.m. Soccer Practice - 4:15-5:30 p.m.
	Thurs., Oct. 5	Volleyball @ Wisconsin School for the Deaf - 5:00 p.m.
	Fri., Oct. 6	PICTURE DAY!
	Mon., Oct. 9	Soccer @ Our Redeemer - 4:15 p.m. Volleyball @ Our Redeemer - 5:30 p.m.
	Tues., Oct 10	Volleyball @ Home vs. St. Andrew - 5:30 p.m.

<u>Wrap-Around Care</u>	FRIDAY LUNCH
Director: Mrs. Sandy Christian	This week Friday will be a Subway lunch day. Forms are coming home today with each student. Completed forms (and money if you do not have a student account) are due by 2:40 p.m. (end of school) on Thursday. Please indicate on the bottom of the form your payment method - cash/check or student account. Please make checks payable to "First Lutheran School." Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.
<b>Hours</b> : 6:30-7:20 a.m. and 10:45-6:00 p.m.	
Contact:262-949-5094 or sichristian60@gmail.com	
WEB: firstelkhorn.com/school	
***Children should bring their own water bottles daily.	

Parents at FLS,

The faculty has observed that the school year has begun rather smoothly in many cases. Our classroom routines are beginning to settle in. However, we do notice a few areas that need to be tweaked. One such area has to do with our handbook's guideline for "dress and appearance" on page 28. As a faculty we annually review our handbooks, and this is one area that we may be refining for the next school year. We do ask that you would please peruse that section again for the current year. For example, take note of the bullet point where it mentions skirts 2 inches above the knee. There have been a few cases this year of rather short outfits. Maybe a general guide for this might be closer to mid-thigh since students of different ages have different proportions. Although shorts are not mentioned, we would probably include them in this statement as well.

We appreciate your compliance with this request to review that portion of the handbook, as well as the rest of it. It is a lengthy document, and sometimes the details can slip one's mind.

Thank you. Mike Falk

## **School News**

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL SPAGHETTI DINNER/MOVIE NIGHT**

Our Back-to-School Spaghetti Dinner Movie Night will be held THIS Friday, September 29th at 5:00pm Students and families are all welcome! Contact Leah Bongard for more info. Please call or email the office to RSVP. It isn't too late!

#### **1ST QUARTER MISSION PROJECT**

The students have chosen the victims of the fire in Hawaii on Maui as their mission project this guarter. Our gifts of love for Jesus brought to chapel and in the children's envelopes on Sunday will be used to provide Christian aid and relief.

#### **FIELD TRIP GRADES 5-8**

Parents of 5-8, mark your calendar for Monday, October 2, when we are taking grades 5-8 on a field trip. A form was sent home with all the information about this trip. If your child did not show it to you, please ask to see it.

#### **SCHOOL PICTURES**

Picture Day is Friday, October 6th. Order forms are coming home today. If ordering pictures, you may do so online or by returning the order form on the day of pictures. You do not have to purchase photos. All students will have their picture taken.

#### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

The October School calendar is coming home today. It will also be posted on our website and on the school bulletin board.

#### PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK

If you take pictures and you would like them in the 2023-2024 yearbook please email them to this email:



submit+1614306@edophotos.com

Or use the QR code! Thank you!

### **First Lutheran Athletics**

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

9/26 vs. St. Andrew's

The girls played hard and **WON**!! They lost the first match, but came back and won the next two! Great job Lady Badgers!

#### **SOCCER**

9/21 vs. Oakhill Christian

What a game! The Badger soccer players worked hard and

finished with a TIE: 1-1

9/26 vs. Delavan Christian

A battle to the end! The soccer players came back from losing

0-2 to WIN it all! Final 3-2

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

9/27 : CC party!

2:45-3:30 run to Friends on the Square for ice cream!
\*Please pick up your child at Friends on the Square @ 3:30!\*

The Warrior Grade School XC Invitational is coming up on September 30th. Please contact Rachel if your Cross Country athlete is interested in this race.

Coach: Mrs. Rachel Nolte 920-242-1916

#### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

The school athletic calendar is a Google Calendar. You can access up to date information through our website- click on school - athletics. Or, if you already use a Google calendar on your phone or computer, you can access the information by syncing the calendar *FLS Athletics* to yours. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Look cool and show off your school! Order your First Lutheran School Gear and athletic Badger logo from MyLocker. We receive a commission on sales.

https://www.spiritshop.com/school/wisconsin/elkhorn/first-lutheran-school

Another option available is if you have a specific item(s) you would like embroidered, our school logo is available at a local embroidery shop. Please contact the office with questions.

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS

#### **PIANO**

Piano Lessons are on Tuesdays. Students should remember to bring their books.

#### **BAND/STRINGS**

Our school is again partnering with Shoreland Lutheran High School to provide music lessons on band and string instruments. Lessons are available to students in grades 4-8. Please click on the link below to view a digital presentation regarding the lesson program. If you have any questions or problems viewing the link, please contact Mr. Wordell or Ms. Lawson with any questions (wordellk@slhs.us, or lawsonk@slhs.us).

2023-24 GS Music Spring Info..pptx

## **How Can I Help My School?**

To help with non-budgeted expenses, First Lutheran School participates in a couple of ways to raise funds:

Scan your receipts using the app! Or, have it done in the office!



Shop with Scrip is now



Many cards are available in the office, you can place an order through the office or online. Please contact the office for our Enrollment code.

Please contact the office with questions.

Your support is appreciated!

## **Classroom News**

## Mrs. Kuehl: 4K

- For Show and Tell on Friday, please bring an item with an interesting aroma for our noses to figure out!
- This week in our Bible Lessons we will be learning about God using stars and a special staircase to make special promises to Abraham and his grandson, Jacob!
- Please send a 3x5 or 4x6 photo of your family along to school with your child on Friday. This will be used for a special art project soon!
- We are continuing to get familiar with our names spelled with uppercase letters. We have recently begun our walk through the alphabet to take a closer look at identifying a new letter each day, as well as the basic sound that each one has. Continue to watch for items to come home in folders to review letter basics.
- We enjoy visiting the Math Market to choose a box and do what the special card asks in order to "pass" the box! Boxes contain items to sort by color or kind, pattern making, or matching items, to name a few.

## Mrs. Kuehl: Kindergarten

- For Show and Tell on Friday, please bring an item with an interesting aroma for our noses to figure out!
- This week in our Bible Lessons we will be learning about God using stars and a special staircase to make special promises to Abraham and his grandson, Jacob!
- Please send a 3x5 or 4x6 photo of your family along to school with your child on Friday. This will be used for a special art project soon!
- We have enjoyed some quiet time in our "offices" as we work through various individual assignments!
- We have recently restarted a journey through the alphabet reviewing the sight and basic sound of each letter. We are giving special emphasis to the lowercase letters. We have also started working with some simple books to add to our reading bag here at school. We enjoy sharing them with our parents, daily helpers, and sometimes even with other friends!
- We have been reviewing the numbers 1-5 by looking at various dot configurations and writing each corresponding numeral correctly in the same way each time we write it. We plan to look next at the various combinations of items used to add 2 numbers together up to 5.

## Mrs. Szmanda: Grades 1-2

- Bible Lessons: <u>Abraham Trusts God</u> and <u>Abraham and Lot</u>. The main topic of discussion this week is TRUST, or believing someone will do what they say they'll do. We show our faith and trust in God through our actions.
- Sept. 26 is Johnny Appleseed's birthday! We have been reading about
   Johnny and will spend the week doing apple activities!
- We are finishing our <u>Me on the Map</u> booklets this week,. We have learned about the compass rose, continents and oceans of the world, and using a map key. Next we will go into geography and landforms.
- We will start spelling next week, beginning with a review of short vowel words/syllables. Look for your child's spelling list to come home on Monday. Please review the words every day at home, and we will do the same at school. The test is on Friday. We have been reviewing consonant sounds at the beginning, middle, and end of words.

## Miss Buelow: Grades 3-4

- Third grade will have SHARE this Friday, September 29th.
- OCTOBER 6th is the due date for books checked out from the library.
- If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-550-7304 or missbuelow@firstatthecross.com.

## Mrs. Lahmann: Grades 5-6

 Christlight/Catechism: We are studying the tower of Babel and how God scattered and confused his people to remind them of how to honor him.

The Second Commandment- how we are to honor God's name.

- **5th Math:** Writing numbers, relationship between addition and subtraction
- **6th Math:** Lines, rays, segments, perimeter, and the number line
- **5&6 Grammar:** We are finding simple subjects and simple predicates in sentences.
- **5&6 Science:** We are making clouds in jars and on posters. There will be an open book test/review on Wednesday.
- 5&6 History: Mesopotamia, fertile crescent, and how the Sumerians made up a way of communication called cuneiform. We may even try making our own tablets of cuneiform writing!

- Music: We are learning how to play music with spoons and what the staff and treble clef are in music.
- Collaboration: The children have been working on constructing a marble maze using straws. In the coming weeks, we are going to attempt a large maze made of pool noodles where we all have to work together to get the ball through the maze.

#### Memory Work:

- o 9//27-Isaiah 43:11
- 9/28-The Second Commandment
- o 9/29-Hymn 502 vs. 1&2
- Question or concerns?
  - o mrslahmann@firstatthecross.com
  - o 262-573-6710

## Mrs. Kuschel

- ½ Literature: The Giver by Lois Lowry
  This week we discussed how Jonas was
  assigned a job/career. What would be the
  benefits having someone choose a job for
  you?
- 7/8 Creative Writing: 5 W's Poems
   The students' poems are on display in the hallway. Check it out! Who wrote what poem? They are using pen names in this class!

#### % Literature:

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo In our story, Opal helps an elderly neighbor by reading aloud to her. The students discussed examples of how they can help an elderly person they know.

- <u>% Creative Writing</u>: Magazine Picture Story
  This week the students were given a
  magazine picture to base their story on. We
  wrote down questions about the picture help
  create the setting, mood, and characters.
- Phy Ed:

K-2: Following Instructions Games 3-6 & 7-8: Volleyball Unit

• % & % Art: Afternoon with an Artist

On Friday afternoon (9/29) we will be having our first <u>Afternoon with an Artist</u> session. Throughout the year, local artists will be invited to our school to share with the 5th-8th graders their talents and abilities.

This week we have from our very own First Lutheran Elkhorn congregation, *Kay Meyer*. Kay is an established watercolor artist and has created....

The upper graders will be joining together to listen to Kay's presentation then will be creating their very own watercolor masterpiece.

Thank you so much to Kay for taking time out of her schedule to show our students what it's like to be an artist & display how to use God-given talents.

- ★ Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.
  - mrskuschel@firstatthecross.com
  - 320.522.0002

## Mr. Falk: Grades 7-8

- The students have enjoyed recent history projects in which they presented a slideshow to the class. First it was about mining boomtowns, and then we looked at railroad jobs in the 1880's.
- We have finished the first ten lessons in the book. Now there will be a test in lessons 1-5.
   Those skills have been reinforced each day as part of our daily assignments.
- Our English textbook has also neared the ten-lesson mark. There will soon be a test that focuses on lessons 1-5.
- If you have questions or need to share information, you may contact me at 989-415-9421 or <a href="mrfalk@firstatthecross.com">mrfalk@firstatthecross.com</a>