

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL – NEWS FOR YOU



“With God All Things Are Possible”



Monday, January 18, 2010

## LAW and GOSPEL

In a recent Bible History lesson (Matthew 11:7-15; 14:3-12), we learned how Herod rejected God by rejecting His messenger. John the Baptist was trying to lead Herod to repent of his sins, but instead of repenting, Herod killed John.

We are God’s messengers when we point out our children’s sins: failing to do their chores, failing to tell the truth, failing to show love to their brothers and sisters. Our children’s natural response, according to their sinful nature, is to lie (“I didn’t do it!”), make excuses (“He hit me first!”), or get angry at us (“Leave me alone!”). Like Herod, they get angry at the messenger rather than heed the message, swallow their sinful pride, and repent.

How can we teach our children to admit their errors, to ask God and us for forgiveness, and to avoid sinning in the same way again? This is the Spirit’s work. He works repentance through His message (the Word) as delivered through His messengers (us).

- We teach our children the law: “God says this is wrong.” (This step sometimes includes consequences – grounding, no TV, no phone, etc. – to show them that sin is serious and that it has consequences.)
- We teach them about their Savior: “God has forgiven you because of Jesus’ life and death.”
- The magnitude of this gift, that they have been forgiven though they don’t deserve it, encourages them – compels them – to thank Jesus by obeying God’s commandments.



We can also remind them again and again that our discipline stems from love. We can confess our own sins to our children so that “I am sorry” and “Please forgive me” become part of everyday conversation. And we can all pray for forgiveness of sins together.

*The law uncovers guilt and sin, and shows how vile our hearts have been;  
The gospel only can express, forgiving love and cleansing grace. (Hymn 286:2)*

## Faculty In-Service Meeting Highlights

Preschool / Kindergarten Open House: Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Big Event will be taking place on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Plays: “One Act Rhymes for Bible Times”. Mr. Chad Ingle and Pastor Bartels shared ideas with the staff regarding school web site ideas. H1N1 immunizations will take place Monday, February 8, 2010 (rescheduled). Please submit these sheets to the school office. We watched and discussed an educational video: Improving the School Climate. We also fine-tuned the 2010-2011 school calendars.

## Questions and Answers

*(Kristen J. Amundson, The Parent Institute)*

- Q. During the winter, my child misses a lot of school. She catches cold easily, and she also gets the flu. What can I do to keep my child healthy? And what can I do to make sure other kids aren’t spreading germs through the school?
- A. Walk into any school or office this month and you’ll probably hear the sounds of coughing and sneezing. Kids do catch a lot of colds, and the younger they are the more likely they are to get sick. There are some things you can do to keep your child healthy:
- \* Teach your child to wash her hands often – before every meal, after sneezing or blowing her nose, and after playing outside.
  - \* Don’t let her share things that have touched another person’s mouth.
  - \* Make sure your child gets extra sleep at night. If she is run down, she may catch more colds.
  - \* Keep her at home in bed if she has a fever or shows other signs of sickness.
  - \* Encourage healthy eating and exercise as part of a daily routine.

## JANUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 8:15 a.m. worship 10:30 a.m. worship	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Martin Luther King 9:00 a.m. In-Service	19  Boys BB practice	20 Chapel & Missions South Korea Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. presentation, 5-8 Girls BB practice	21  School Board (Ibeling) Boys BB practice	22  Basketball Away Lebanon, WI	23
24 8:15 a.m. worship K3-K4-K5 sings 10:30 a.m. worship	25  Girls BB practice	26  P.T.O. (Ibeling) Boys BB practice	27 Chapel & Missions Kids' Connection  Girls BB practice 8th grade testing, LL	28  Boys BB practice	29  Basketball Home Eastside, WI (no girls A)	30  8:30 a.m. 8th grade testing, LL
31 8:15 a.m. worship Jr. Choir sings 10:30 a.m. worship Jr. Choir sings						



### Holy Cross Lutheran School Athletics

Congratulations to our cheerleading and basketball squads for their continued dedication and displays of Christian effort and sportsmanship. Last Friday our school competed against St. John's, Jefferson and did well. Thanks as always to our coaches, parent volunteers, the pep band, and all of our helpers and volunteers. This Friday Holy Cross travels to Lebanon, WI for some more competition. Go Crusaders!

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 we host the annual B-Team Basketball Tournament, sponsored and run by the cheerleading and basketball parents in grades 5-6.

