

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL – NEWS FOR YOU



“With God All Things Are Possible”



Monday, March 1, 2010

The Widow's Offering

Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4

The poor widow showed her love for God by giving all that she had. God does not expect us to give Him our entire income and have nothing to live on. But we may show our love for God by giving Him the best offerings that we are able.

You can help your children better understand this by talking with them about the way you earn your income. Explain your job and emphasize that being able to work is another blessing from God. Show how God has given your family the money to get the things it needs. Also talk about the way that you budget your money. Explain how you decide what amount to give back to the Lord.

You are the children's model for giving. Let them see you prepare your gifts to give to the Lord. Maybe they can help by being responsible for bringing the weekly offering envelope to church. You can help your children learn how to give to the Lord out of faith and love.



Visitor from Martin Luther College

Mr. Thomas Mackey visiting the upper grades classrooms this week as part of the Early Field Teaching Experience of Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Mr. Mackey also plans to participate in various activities to get an early glimpse into what it's like to teach in a classroom. We thank him for the visit and ask the Lord's blessings on his continued studies in the teaching ministry.

Early Registration

Are you returning to Holy Cross for the 2010-2011 school year? Registration sheets are coming home today. Please update any information, sign, and return this week by Friday. Thank you.

Read to Succeed

Mrs. Pat Becker

Holy Cross School has been offered a short window of time to participate in the Six Flags - Weekly Reader Read to Succeed Program. Students in grades K through 6 who complete six hours of reading before March 9th (outside of school) can earn free admission tickets to a Six Flags Park.

Reading logs to record the reading will come home on Monday, but students may start reading immediately and keep track of their reading to enter on to the logs that will come home Monday. The reading must not be homework assignments, but can be books, magazines, or newspapers. A parent, guardian, or teacher must initial each entry. The entries must be in by March 9th, so start reading!

Sports Stories Can Motivate Middle School Boys To Read

Parents Still Make the Difference

Many middle school kids would say they prefer sports to reading. If your child would agree, remember that it's possible to combine the two. The result can be a child who reads more often because he likes the reading material.

Jim Release, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, is one expert who is strongly in favor of sports reading. He especially suggests it as a way to interest boys, since surveys show they spend less time reading than girls. You can:

- Put the sports page in front of your child during breakfast or snack time
- Ask your librarian to recommend some good sports authors.
- Pick up a copy of a sports magazine for your child.

Reading for Information

Resources for Educators

Whether reading a textbook, using an instruction manual, or following a recipe, nonfiction reading is an important part of your child's life. Encourage them to enjoy nonfiction any time – they'll get more comfortable reading for information and develop new interests, too. Suggest books like these:

How-To's: Reading can teach your child to do almost anything. Have her visit the library and check out books like *How to Cook Everything: The Basics* by Victoria Hanley. Then, she can use the book to try what she has learned, such as making fruit salsa or writing creative dialogue.

Memoirs: Reading life stories can help your teen see the world from others' points of view. She might read *Red Scarf Child* by Ji-li Jiang for an account of life in the 1960s China, or learn about school desegregation in warriors *Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals.

Facts: Books like *The New York Times Guide to Essential Knowledge* or *Guinness World Records 2010* are ideal for busy kids because they can be read in short bursts. Suggest that your child bookmark interesting facts to share with family members at dinner.



March Calendar Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Spanish, Latin, Art #2 Fellowship Hall <i>Spirit Week: favorite jersey or athlete day</i> Girls BB practices A	2 <i>Spirit Week: crazy hair, glasses, & shoes & speak with an accent day</i> Boys BB practices A	3 Chapel – 8:00 a.m. Missions – S. Korea <i>Spirit Week: dress-up & extra nice day</i> Girls BB practices A Lent Service 6:30 p.m.	4 <i>Spirit Week: clone (dress identical to someone else) & extra neat and tidy day</i> Boys BB practices A	5 <i>Spirit Week: Crusader Green – happy day</i> PIZZA LUNCH! 2:00 p.m. Pep Rally BLAC Tournament Girls A / 6:10 p.m. Boys A / 8:30 p.m. both at Ixonia, WI	6 BLAC Tournament Lakeside Lutheran
7 Sunday Worship 8:15, 10:30 a.m. Grades 5-8 sing BLAC Tournament Lakeside Lutheran	8	9	10 Chapel – 8:00 a.m. Missions – S. Korea Lent Service 6:30 p.m.	11	12 End of Quarter Three 46 days	13 Daylight Savings Spring Ahead

Ixonia Tournament

Congratulations to the A-Boys basketball team for a great showing at the Ixonia Lutheran Invitational Tournament this past weekend. They had come-from-behind victories against Watertown and Columbus (overtime) before a championship victory on Sunday against Caledonia! Andrew Natvig and J.T. Ruffin were also given all-tournament awards for their leadership and example on the court. Great effort boys, coaches, parents, and fans – we are proud of you all, your efforts, your support, and your representation of your school and your Savior.

The Crusader basketball season ends next week with the B.L.A.C. Tournament. This week's Spirit Week activities are getting us ready! The first games are held at Ixonia (see the calendar, March 5), while Saturday and Sunday's games take place at Lakeside Lutheran High School. No matter what the outcome, we are proud of you and thankful for the abilities God has given to you all.