

Concordia Lutheran School

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*"Bringing Christ and excellence
in academics to our children
for life and forever."*

EAGLE BANNER

December 16, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Weds. Dec. 16

-Advent services, Faith 7 p.m.
-Advent services, Holy Cross 5 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 18

-Fab Food
-Last day for Food Drive

Tues. Dec. 22

-Christmas Break begins, 3:55 p.m.
- **NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE**

Thurs. Dec. 24

-Christmas Eve Service, Faith 10 p.m.
-Christmas Eve Service, Holy Cross 5 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 25

-Christmas Service, Faith 10 a.m.
-Christmas Service, Holy Cross 10 a.m.

Mon. Jan. 4

-School resumes
-Cans for Classroom drop off week

CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS

The last day of school prior to the Christmas break is **Tuesday, December 22nd**. **Dismissal on this day is at the regular time of 3:55 p.m.** Childcare will not be made available in order to allow our staff opportunity to travel or prepare for Christmas. School will resume on Monday, January 4th, 2021.

MORE ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Lutheran Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church have opportunities each Wednesday for you to prepare for Christ's coming during this Advent season. You are invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. service in the church here or the 5:00 p.m. service at Holy Cross. We hope you can join us in celebrating this wondrous season filled with the joy of the Christ Child. Oh come – let us adore HIM!

CARE PACKAGES

Please let us know if you would benefit from a nonperishable care package. A true outpouring of love has been shown during the food drive. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can share these blessings with you. Simply send a note, Dojo message, or email to the office, Mrs. Klein, or teacher asap. 😊

NO EARBUDS PLEASE

There are occasions when our students utilize listening devices such as earphones or headphones with the Chromebooks at school. We do ask that students not bring cordless earbuds from home for this purpose, however. Thank you!

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

January 15th for families currently enrolled in the school. This provides you with two weeks lead time to register your children before enrollment is opened to new families. All families are encouraged to complete this online process promptly. More information on "how to" will follow soon.

TARDIES ADD UP

Students are allowed in classes as early as 8:25 am and we ask that you make every effort to **arrive prior to 8:50 am.** Students not in class by 8:50 a.m. are marked tardy. Loss of instructional time and interruptions affect everybody in the class.

CHRISTMAS PARTY GOODIES

While we ALL would love to indulge in some home-prepared goodies, it is important to remind you only store-bought and **factory sealed individually wrapped items** may be served at school at this time. Thank you for observing this requirement when sending goodies for parties or other occasions!

LOOKING AHEAD

Virtual Open School Board Meeting
Mon. Jan 11, 6:00 p.m.

Virtual PTL Meeting
Tues. Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Many families find the Christmas season a difficult time to make ends meet. Concordia is hoping to lift this weight from our church and school families who are struggling with this challenge by providing care packages for those in need. As such, we will be collecting non-perishable food items. **The class collecting the greatest number of items by December 18th will earn a party in the new year complete with a treat and special incentive selected by the teacher and students.** Start sending your non-perishable items right away! Please check expiration dates on all items before sending. Thank you!

PTL PJ FUNDRAISING DAYS RETURN

Every Thursday in January, students will be allowed to wear pajamas to school for \$2. Please remember that the pajamas must meet the other dress code requirements (shorts must be appropriate length, no holes, no inappropriate slogans or advertising, etc.). Slippers are not allowed, but you may wear footed pajamas as long as you bring shoes to wear whenever outdoors. A flyer is coming home in your child's folder today.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL OF LIGHTS

Did you miss the opportunity on December 3rd to visit the Christmas Carnival of Lights and support Concordia? You can still go and support Concordia. Visit anytime between December 26th to December 30th and let them know you are supporting Concordia. Please see the attached flyer for the address and times. Thanks!

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful to the Mrs. Cathy Koshak and Mrs. Julie Maiwald for their recent bottled water donations to the school. Thank you for responding to this need!

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

To celebrate the coming of Jesus, we're having a Christmas Countdown. Each day will have a Christmas song to sing and some fun dress up days. Tomorrow is We Three Kings, so wear your crowns! See the accompanying schedule for all the fun. Note the worship opportunities on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day to celebrate the coming of Christ. We look forward to seeing you!

TRAVEL CONSIDERATIONS

Please refer to the email sent on Tuesday, Dec. 15 regarding precautions strongly recommended for families that are planning to travel at any time. Contact Mrs. Klein with any questions you may have.

HELP US MULTIPLY THIS BLESSING!

We have been provided with an amazing opportunity! The Kraft Foundation has generously offered to provide matching funds to Concordia Lutheran School for any donations provided up to \$50,000. This donation can be designated to a project of your choosing (i.e. playground fund, technology, etc.) and will be matched through May 15, 2021. What a blessing it is to know that the Kraft Foundation holds Christian education near and dear to their hearts and chose to support Concordia with their gifts. Please consider donating! You are invited to contact Mrs. Klein with any questions.

BOTTLED WATER

Your donations of bottled water are needed and much appreciated! Due to the current pandemic protocols in place, the students may not use the drinking fountains. Water bottles are provided to students that do not have a reusable bottle of their own at school.

CALL THE OFFICE

Please call the office anytime your child is unable to be in school and kindly provide the reason for the absence in your message. The office phone number is (262) 884-0991.

JANUARY ABOVE & BEYOND

The area of academic emphasis for the month of January is Written Expression. Please check your child's classroom newsletter to discover how your child can grow in this area. Go above and beyond!! All students completing the monthly challenge are recognized monthly and at the conclusion of the school year.

CHILDCARE REMINDER

Parents of students utilizing Before and After School Care are reminded to have their child **pack a few things to use to pass the time** during childcare. Due to the protocols in place students may not share items with other students during childcare. We appreciate your help in preparing your child for the time they will spend with us! Thank you.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY/SEX EDUCATION WEEK LETTER

During the week of January 11th, the faculty will be teaching a unit on "A Christian's View of Sex" to students in grades K-8. A letter will be emailed with more details regarding this soon.

ZOOM PTL MEETING – SAVE THE DATE

Mark **Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021** on your calendar! Please come and participate in the planning of our second semester activities. We hope to see many families in attendance at this Zoom meeting! An email invite will be sent the week prior.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Please be certain your child is dressed to spend time outdoors each day. A heavy jacket, hat and gloves are recommended for ALL students. Not coming dressed properly will not excuse children from outdoor activities. **BUNDLE UP!**

NEW SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Please be advised that in the event of inclement weather that requires school to close, **Concordia will provide notification to parents/guardians by email, Dojo and local news. For up-to-date information on closings, tune to Channel 4, Fox 6, or Channel 12 or their corresponding radio broadcast.** Typically, notification is released by 6:00 am. In the past, we followed RUSD's closures. However, with their physical classes not in session, we will provide our own notification to you. Please note, the Before/After School Programs will NOT operate on days school is closed. If we are in school and conditions warrant early dismissal, you will be notified by phone or email.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT AMAZON SMILE...

You can support Concordia by making your Amazon purchases on AmazonSmile. Same products, same prices, same services - but 0.5% of your purchase comes to the school. Use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1143502>. We are listed as Racine Lutheran Inter-Parish School Assoc. That's us!! It's easy and the school benefits!

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCESS

Each day, we work diligently to teach the children how to resolve disagreements/solve problems which they encounter. The first step, according to Matthew 18, is to go directly to the individual with whom you have an issue. This is true for children and adults/students and parents/athletes and coaches, etc. If additional assistance is needed to resolve a concern after a sincere effort has been made with no results, we are directed by Scripture to then seek the assistance of another/others. Thank you for your support in teaching and observing this directive from Scripture which we observe as school policy.

CHAPEL SERVICES AND OFFERINGS

Today was the last day that our offerings will be directed to supporting the Orphan Grain Train mission. Offerings collected this week totaled \$62.47, bringing the grand total collected to **\$422.39**. Thank you!

A VERSE TO REMEMBER

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.
~ Matthew 1:21

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."
~ C.S. Lewis

CONSIDER THIS...

Christmas is about Jesus, that baby – born in a manger as God's gift to us. That Gift would later suffer and die for our sins. How great is that love and what a wonderful gift to each one of us! Join us in worshipping the newborn King this Christmas!

A **Candlelight Service** will be held on **Christmas Eve at 10 p.m.** here at Faith and **5 p.m.** at Holy Cross. Christmas Day Services are scheduled for **10 a.m.** at Faith and **10 a.m.** at Holy Cross. You can attend both, or either one. Come, let us adore Him – together in worship!

*Our faculty and staff send **warm** Christmas wishes to you and your family as you celebrate Christ's birth! We look forward to sharing the new year with you!*

