

Our Redeemer Lutheran School

Ranger News

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Open House

This Sunday, January 31, ORLS will be holding an Open House from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Our goal is to provide a chance for people to see our school and ask questions about our school's ministry.



If you know of someone who might be looking for a place that provides Christian education, please be encouraged to contact them and introduce them to our school. Inviting them to this Open House would be a simple way to direct them.

There are promotional flyers located on the counter at the reception desk in the school entryway. Please take as many as you would like – and help spread the word!

Enrollment Forms

Enrollment forms were due Friday. If you did not return yours yet, we have attached another one to the newsletter today as a friendly reminder to you. These forms are very important as the School Board uses them in developing classroom plans and budgets for the upcoming year. If you have any specific questions or comments, either include them on the form or feel free to contact Mr. Retzlaff or Mr. Dan Schmidt, our School Board chairman. Thank you!



Forensics News

The Level I meet is fast approaching - Monday, February 8, at 4:00 P.M. at Westside Christian. In preparation, all students will be performing their pieces for fellow students in grades K-5 next week. A schedule will be posted on Monday with the times and locations. Keep practicing for your moms and dads and in front of the mirror. Let's show the younger students how much fun forensics is. Any further questions, contact Mary Fisher at 848-7222.

Scrip Update

The addition of Woodman's to the Scrip Program has been a huge success. Sales of Woodman's gift cards have averaged about \$600 per week. That translates into \$30 per week for ORLS from Woodman's alone! This may not seem like much, but it quickly adds up. In addition to Woodman's, PDQ and Kohl's gift cards are also very popular. Kohl's gift cards purchased through a scrip program can be used to pay your Kohl's credit card balance.



Domino's has increased its contribution from 5% to 8%. Gift card values remain at \$10.

If you have any questions, contact either Bobbi Retzlaff or Deaune Gray. Thank you for your continued support!

Second Saturday School Cleaning

January cleaning is set for this coming Saturday, February 13, from 9-11:00 a.m. The team is as follows:

Lauersdorf – leader; other team members: Gullixson, Albert, Cerniglia, Jorgensen, and Hammer.

Pine-Sol, Windex and paper towels are supplied. If you prefer other cleaning products, please bring them for your personal use. Also, please bring pails, rags and rubber gloves for your use. If you need to switch with another team member, please make the leader aware. If you have any questions, please give Denise Skewes a call at 231-6814.



**People who try to whittle you down
are only trying to reduce you to their
size.**

Lakeside Information

Future Freshmen Testing

Lakeside Lutheran holds placement testing for all incoming freshmen on Wednesday, January 27, and Saturday, January 30. The mathematics and reading tests help Lakeside place students in those areas according to ability. There is opportunity for students to test out of Lakeside's keyboarding (typing) requirement on the testing dates.



There will be parent sessions on transition issues to high school, tuition and financial assistance, and course scheduling.

The session on January 27 begins at 6:30 p.m., and the Saturday session starts at 8:30 a.m. The sessions are identical and conclude in about two hours. There is no cost.

For further information on testing or to schedule a special testing time if it is not possible to attend on either date, call Lakeside at (920) 648-2321, extension 208, to speak with Ruth Fenske in the Guidance Office.

Student Visitors

Lakeside encourages all 7th and 8th graders from our federation congregations who are interested in attending Lakeside to “shadow” a Lakeside student for a day. Typically, a Lakeside student will complete a visitor form and return it to school before the visit. Parents may also call Lakeside to request that a student be chosen as a host for their son/daughter.

Visitor forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded from the school's website (www.llhs.org) under the “Student Life” section. Please complete the form and return it to Lakeside several days before the date of the visit. The school's fax number is (920) 648-5625.

For further information on the shadowing experience, contact Principal Grasby at (920) 648-2321, extension 204, or email him at jgrasby@llhs.org.

Family Fest

On Saturday, February 20, Lakeside Lutheran High School is holding its annual Family Fest. They are gearing the event toward the youngest federation members—those in preschool through 4th grade. There will be food, fun, learning and games. Activities will run from 9:00 a.m. – noon. If you're looking for something fun to do with your family on a Saturday morning, make plans to attend.



Visual Arts Fair

Lakeside Lutheran High School is sponsoring their annual Visual Arts Fair on the weekend of February 7. This event is for interested students in grades 5-8. Students can create art projects or turn in ones that have been completed during the school year.

Thank you to all the students who returned their registration forms. It's great to see that we have a higher level of participation this year. Remember that the actual projects need to be brought to school by Friday, February 4. Please contact Mrs. Pierick if you have any questions.

6th Graders Night

Lakeside is hosting an evening of information and entertainment geared for all 6th grade students. This will take place on Thursday, February 18. There will be a pizza supper and presentation from 6-7:00 p.m. School tours will then be available. If schedules allow, all participants are welcome to stay for the Warrior's basketball game against Lodi that evening. Letters for this event were mailed to each family. If you did not get one, please let Mr. Retzlaff know. An RSVP is expected by February 10.

Box Tops for Education Update

Keep those Box Tops coming! Our first check for the year from Box Tops for Education came in at around \$345! Our next submission of Box Tops is due the end of February, so please scrounge around to find those little Box Tops and bring them in by February 23, 2010. Let's see if we can beat our last year's earnings of just over \$500!



Also, please remember the Box Tops for Education website (www.btfe.com). You can enter drawings for our school to win Bonus Box Tops, find coupons and recipes, and shop at the Box Tops Marketplace. By purchasing items through the Marketplace, participating retailers (i.e. Lands End, Wal-Mart, Container Store, etc.) donate a percentage of your purchase to ORLS. It's a simple process, and now is a good time to check out special post-holiday discounts and deals!

Thank you for your efforts in raising money for ORLS!

Fine Arts Fair Choir

All students in grades 4-8 are invited to join the Fine Arts Fair Choir. This choir will meet on Wednesdays beginning February 3 from 2:40-3:10. We will perform at the spring concert at Our Redeemer on April 11 as well as the Fine Arts Fair music festival at

Lakeside Lutheran High School on April 17 and 18. If you are interested, please join our rehearsal on February 3. Please see Mrs. Fregien if you have any questions.

Lutheran Pioneers

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. We will start the meeting in the church. The topic will be Christian Responsibility and Leadership. The younger children will get a behind-the-scenes look at how lay members contribute to worship services, while the 3rd – 8th grade children will interactively learn and experience various aspects of congregation leadership.



PLEASE have your children bring their pinecars for another progress check. We will have a few scales on hand to weigh the cars. This will be our last progress check before our Pinecar Derby on Saturday, February 27. Come with your questions and cars! If there are any questions that need an answer sooner, please contact any council member via email or phone.

Remember that the Pioneers are serving Ash Wednesday dinner between services on February 17. We will share more information at the February meeting, but please make sure that the dinner is marked on your calendars.

E-mail Communication

Our teachers each have a school e-mail account listed in our directory. The teachers typically check their e-mail messages each morning when they arrive at school and at the end of each school day. Please use that avenue if you wish to contact them with non-urgent information. Since it can often be hard for the teachers to check their messages while they are teaching during the day, be sure to call the school office and have any time-sensitive messages relayed via phone. Thanks for your help!



ORLS Art Show

All are invited to an art opening in the community room gallery on **March 4th, 2010** from **6 – 7:00 pm**. Pre-K through 8th grade will be displaying their works of art. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and atmosphere will be set. Please join us for this sophisticated event. Please contact Mrs. Molitor with any questions.



Basketball News



This past week was a busy one for ORLS basketball. On Wednesday, both A team played at Eagle School where the boys' team got their first victory of the season. The girls unfortunately lost but were able to fight back and make the game close. On Thursday, the girls' A team had a rematch against Westside Christian and brought home their first win of the season. Conference games continued Friday with home games against Helenville. The boys' B team secured a win while both girls' teams lost. (The boys A did not play.) On Saturday, the girls' A team concluded their marathon week of games by playing in the Mustang Tournament in Janesville where they ran out of gas and dropped their two games.

This Friday conference play continues at Zion, Columbus. There will be no girls' A game that night so games times will be: girls' B 5:00, boys' B 6:00ish, boys' A 7:00ish.

Attached to the newsletter of the B team players are the tournament brackets for both the Holy Cross and St. John's, Watertown, tournaments. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Klatt.

Ladies Night Out

Calling all ladies of Our Redeemer Lutheran School – join fellow moms for a night off from cooking dinner and cleaning the dishes. We will gather for dinner at Babes, 5614 Schroeder Road, on Tuesday, February 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come treat yourself to a favorite appetizer, entrée, dessert, beverage or just the time with friends.

Please contact either Julie Wegner, 274-2422, or Sonya Huebner, 833-7768.