

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FAIR OAKS, CA

December 2009



“Education at Faith Lutheran School builds academic competence, Christian character, self-confidence, and connection to community.”

A yellow rectangular graphic with a white scalloped border. At the top center is a four-pointed star with a long tail. Below the star, the text reads: "CHRISTMAS PROGRAM", "Please join us for", "Faith School's Christmas Program", and "On Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.". At the bottom of the graphic is a black and white illustration of a nativity scene, showing Mary and baby Jesus in a manger, surrounded by several sheep.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for
Faith School's Christmas Program
On Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

Please note:

The Fair Oaks Parade is Sat., Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Students should meet at 3:30 p.m. in front of Old Village Landscaping. Students are to wear white logo polo shirts and navy pants.

Grades K-5 will be singing for the patients at Sunbridge Care Facility in conjunction with our visitation team on Tuesday, December 15 at 10 .m.

The Christmas Program is Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Children should meet at 6:33 in P-1 of the gym to get into their costumes and to warm up. **School is dismissed at noon** so children have time to relax, eat and get ready for the performance.

HELP WANTED

People who are enthusiastic, fun and committed to the success of Faith's Crabaganza on March 6, 2010. Come to the PTL Meeting Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. or call 961-4252 to volunteer.

Faith's Crab Feed, our major fund raiser of the year is March 6, 2010. We need folks to serve on committees. Most urgent at this time is business solicitation and silent auction. Committees for decorations, food, serving, set-up and take down will be meeting in January.

Other topics include the Fair Oaks Parade and refreshments for the Christmas Program.

It's our prayer that you and your family will be blessed by these opportunities to participate in the culture of our school.

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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences will be scheduled the week we return from the Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 30 – Dec. 5. Teachers will be sending notices regarding day and times of conferences.

The Fifth Grade Fives

We will be continuing in Art with the Renaissance period specifically studying Leonardo daVinci. This will include many of his works such as the Last Supper and the Mona Lisa. To celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ's birthday, the students will create a nativity scene using oil pastels. Look for their works as they will be displayed in the office for the month of December.

In addition, the students will be spreading the Good News at the Christmas Parade in Fair Oaks on Saturday, December 5th. Come support the school by attending this fun day and giving us a cheer as our "manger-sleigh float" passes by.

Our social studies unit on the Renaissance period was a lot of fun. The students shared their research findings of architecture, clothing, sports, medicine, and military aspects of the Renaissance period. We learned so much from this period in time and even played several games that represented the Renaissance way of life. This month we will begin our studies of the Reformation as we continue our learning about Martin Luther, the spread of Protestantism, and the beginnings of a revolution.

Merry Christmas from fifth grade!

Mrs. Schumann



3rd/4th grade

December is a short month and marks the beginning of the new trimester. We are excited about many new units. The third graders are starting a Reading unit on money, and fourth graders' Reading unit centers around California State History.

In World History we are going to be learning about the Roman Empire. In science we will be exploring the amazing brain, and how our eyes work. We will be continuing these units into the new year.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Mrs. Voges

1st/2nd Grade

The month of December is going to be very busy. In social studies we will be finishing up our unit on Egypt by having an Egypt day on December 7th. We will play games from ancient Egypt, eat food, and dress up plus more fun things!

In science we are starting our unit on matter. What it means and how it can change through the different phases. In math second grade is working on addition of two-digit numbers while first graders are working on learning more number facts and working on subtraction facts.

In language arts we will be working on writing more descriptive paragraphs about weather. We will also be working very hard practicing our Christmas Program. Mrs. Moffitt



Kindergarten

Kindergarten students will have many seasonal activities to look forward to in the short month of December! In Science the class will move into studying the seasons, concentrating on fall and winter.

Language arts lessons will focus on sight words, word families, and letter sounds. The students will continue to practice their journal writing skills also. Literature lessons will include stories, such as The Gingerbread Man, and poems, like Little Jack Horner

Math lessons will continue to include patterns, graphing, story problems, sorting, and counting. Religion will include daily lessons regarding the Christmas season, such as the birth and worship of Jesus Christ.

Also students are looking forward to the annual Christmas program on December 18th where they will be taking part in a musical reenactment of the nativity. They will be hard at work practicing for this performance throughout December.

Mrs. Cantrell



Thank You

....to **Esther Romero** who coordinated the Thanksgiving Feast and to all who helped with set-up, clean-up, serving and food prep. All who attended enjoyed their preview of turkey and trimmings.

....to **Lorena Hernandez, and Larissa Ghazanfari** for preparing hot lunch last month.

....to **Erica Smith** for coordinating the Cookie Dough Sale.

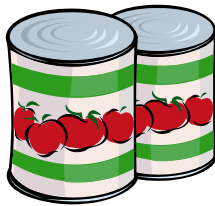
to **Adrienne Belvedere** for chairing the Box Tops for Education campaign.

To all of the lunch time supervisors and classroom helpers who partner with teachers to make our school a great place to thrive and learn.

REMINDER

☞ **Fri, Dec. 4th** is a minimum day. School dismissed at noon. Body & Brains Club open til 6 ☞

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CHAPEL OFFERINGS

As in years past, December's chapel offerings will go towards the Sunrise Food Ministry housed at Advent Lutheran Church on San Juan Ave. Children are encouraged to bring offerings in the form of money or canned goods. The Sunrise Food Ministry provides meals to hundreds of families each month. Please remember those who are less fortunate than us.

Our **Core Virtue for December is Service** which is "helping others with a cheerful heart". This virtue ties in with the field trip to Sunbridge Care Facility where students will entertain the patients by singing Christmas songs. Additionally some classes will be working on giving an underprivileged child a Christmas gift.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

01-05 – Parent Teacher Conferences

03 - 6:30 p.m. PTL meeting

04 – Minimum Day school dismissed at noon

Body and Brains Club open til 6 p.m.

11 – K-2nd gr field trip to Magic Circle

15 – K-5th gr. field trip to Sunbridge Care Facility

**18 – Minimum Day, school dismissed at noon
7 p.m. Christmas Program**

21-Jan. 1 – Christmas Vacation

24 – 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship service

25 – 10 a.m. Christmas Day Worship service

January 4 – school resumes



WELCOME

On January 4, kindergarten students will be greeted by Miss Jenifer Reynolds, who will be finishing the school year with them. Jenifer received her BA and teaching credential from California State University, San Marcos. Most recently Jenifer taught kindergarten and in Washington, DC. A longing to return to California led her to Faith this past summer where she has been the Body & Brains Club supervisor and substitute teacher.

In Preschool, Miss Mallory will be filling the director's shoes while Miss Tiffany is on maternity leave. We expect Miss Moira to return in January and Miss Tiffany to return in March.



The Staff of Faith Lutheran Church & School wish each family a blessed Christmas. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season - not Santa Claus. If you have no home church we invite you to attend worship services at Faith on
Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.
&
Christmas Day at 10 a.m.