



Panther Paws



Edition #19

ARMOR OF GOD

February 3, 2012

NEXT WEEK AT ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

- Saturday 2-4** Noon to 2:00 p.m. Little League Sign Up
Conference BB Tournament Finals
6:00 Worship Service
- Sunday 2-5** 8:30 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
9:30 Worship Service
Acolytes: Matthew C./Daniel M.
- Monday 2-6** Midterm Ends
IOWA TESTING ALL WEEK
BB at Litchfield
6:30 Girls A
7:30 Boys A
- Tuesday 2-7** BB at Bethalto
6:30 Boys C
7:30 Girls A
7:00 Voter's Assembly
- Wednesday 2-8** 8:30 Chapel
BB at Prairietown
6:30 Girls C
7:30 Boys A
- Thursday 2-9** Dental Presentation in classrooms
9:00-5:00 Sausage Sales
- Friday 2-10** **Midterm Reports sent home**
9:00-5:00 Sausage Sales
Jacksonville Girls A BB Tournament

MENU

- MONDAY:** Chicken and Noodles, Carrots, Peaches, and Milk
- TUESDAY:** Ham Sandwich, Cheese Slice, Chips, Carrot & Celery Stixs, Chocolate Cake, and Milk
- WEDNESDAY:** Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Pineapple, and Milk
- THURSDAY:** Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tator Tots, Peas, Mixed Fruit, and Milk
- FRIDAY:** Soft Shelled Tacos (Meat Sauce, Tomato, Lettuce and Cheese) Salsa, Corn, Jello, and Milk

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU



Every morning, before school, the staff meets for devotions. At that time they pray for various students, staff and concerns. This week we will be praying for:

Julie Aloisi – Preschool, Teagan Lorenz – 2nd Grade, Amber Girardier – 1st Grade, and Bryce Coalson – Preschool.

Please remember them in your daily prayers.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS



Our third quarter chapel offerings will be given to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. Each \$10.00 collected this quarter in chapel offerings will provide a mosquito net that very well could save a life. We are keeping track of how much we have raised for LMI by covering one mosquito each time \$10.00 is given in offering. You can see this visual reminder of what our gifts can do on the bulletin board outside the school office. We have raised \$234.46 so far.

ZION DINNER AUCTION

Don't forget to buy your tickets for Zion's 20th Annual Dinner Auction!! It promises to be a fun evening of food and fellowship with plenty of great items to bid on!! The auction will be on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at the Crystal Ballroom. Doors open at 3:00 pm beginning with the silent auction which will run throughout the evening. Dinner, catered by Fema's, will be served buffet style from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the oral auction will include several surprises in memory of some of Zion's most beloved members. Tickets are \$17.50 each which includes dinner, drinks, and auction admission. You may also buy and reserve a table of 8 for \$120. Tickets may be purchased at the church or school office, Bill's IGA, Cisler Real Estate, or by calling Donna Henke (637-2757). Please come support the church and school and help us celebrate our 20th annual dinner auction.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Julie Aloisi – 2/5
Preschool



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 2012 REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2012 Baseball/Softball city league season were sent home last week. Please note the sign up dates are Saturday, February 4 and Saturday, February 11th. If you have any questions, please go to www.stauntonball.com.

♥VALENTINE COOKIES♥



Order someone special a BIG Valentine cookie. Choose from chocolate chip or sugar cookies. For only \$8.00, have a sweet treat and help support the SHS Post Prom Committee. All orders are due by February 6. Phone orders can be taken by Margie at 635-2927 or Janet at 635-5306. Return completed order forms and prepayment to your school office in an envelope addressed "Post Prom". Deliveries will be made to schools on February 14th or make arrangements for pick up. Additional forms available in school office.

LUTHERAN SUMMER CAMP

Save the date for the Lutheran Summer Camp at Camp Piasa in Grafton, Illinois. Week One is Monday, July 9 thru Saturday July 14 for students currently in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Week Two is Sunday, July 15 thru Friday, July 20 for students currently in 7th and 8th grades. Camper registration forms will be available in March.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

The next Voter's Assembly will take place on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 at the church. All school parents should take an active interest in the process of how our congregation makes decisions which involves both the church and school, and should make an effort to be on hand at this meeting.

PORK SAUSAGE SALE

Pork sausage will be on sale in the school concession stand on Thursday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE AT MELHS



Metro-East Lutheran High School will host an open house on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 1-3pm. Come tour the facilities, learn about our programs and activities, and meet the teachers. For more information please call the school office at 618-656-0043.

CHAPEL ON FEBRUARY 15

On Wednesday, February 15 Martha Mitkos from Lutheran Malaria Initiative will be leading chapel at Zion. Our third quarter chapel offerings have been designated to this organization. The children will have a chance to learn more about what their chapel offerings are doing and how they are helping children in Africa. Everyone is welcome to attend. Chapel begins at 8:20AM every Wednesday.

DONATIONS OF PIE AND CAKES NEEDED



The annual dinner auction is just around the corner and once again we will be needing donations of pies and cakes for dessert. Dessert donations can be brought to the ballroom on Saturday, February 25 from 8AM until noon. Any desserts are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would be willing to help cut desserts that evening please contact Pam Kleckner at 635-2743.

Thank you to all parents who have already sent in their auction donation for their child's class basket. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation. The proceeds from the auction greatly benefit our school. Auction basket donations need to be received by Tuesday, February 21.

MIDTERM REPORTS

Midterm will end on Monday, February 6 with midterm reports coming home on Friday, February 10. Please watch for this next Friday.

ZECEC OPEN ON PRESIDENT'S DAY

The ZECEC will be open on President's Day, Monday, February 20. If your child will be attending, please sign up on the sheet on the daycare desk. Children attending daycare will need to provide a sack lunch.

MR. MANNING'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

Phil has predicted it... six "more" weeks of winter. Emerging from his lair on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Phil saw his shadow and then retreated back to his wife Phyllis. The good news for us is that if this has been winter that we've been experiencing... bring it on!

The legend, lore, and tradition of Groundhog's Day can be traced back to 18th Century German history. At that time the Germans would observe a badger. (No thanks!) As with many observed dates during the calendar year, the origin is believed come from a pagan festival. Slowly the day became associated with the Christian holy day of Candlemas. On the holy day, Christians would light candles and place them on the windowsills of their homes. Several catchy rhymes were adopted for the mid-point between the solstices. For example, the Old English rhyme was:

"If Candlemas be fair and bright, winter has another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, winter will not come again." Candlemas is now commonly known as The Presentation of Our Lord or The Naming of Jesus. Casual conversation about Groundhog's Day can become a golden opportunity for sharing the story of Jesus. In contrast to Phil's questionable reliability, Christians can celebrate the 100% accurate predictions and promises given by Christ!

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to four of our students for their selection as Gateway East Young Achievers for 2012. These students qualified through academics but then had present personal résumés to be considered for final selection. The students will be recognized on April 29th at McKendree University. Our 2012 awardees are Savannah Welch (7), Daniel Manning (7), Victoria Buck (8), and Sarah Williams (8).

AR NOTE

Testing from home is now available on the weekends!!! Thanks for making me aware of the problem.
~Mr. Manning

CHANGE TO PRAISE HIM CHOIR SCHEDULE

The Praise Him Choir is scheduled to sing Saturday, February 18. Due to the C-Team Shootout, this will only involve Preschool 4 year old through 2nd grade. Third and Fourth will not sing at this service.

IOWA TESTING

We will be giving IOWA tests all next week. Please make sure your child has a good breakfast, is well rested, and in attendance, on time, the whole week.