



# Shine Like Stars!

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**SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
SAINT'S EXPRESS**

## *From the Principal's desk:*

### **Philippians 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.

There are billions of stars in the galaxy and many of them cannot be seen by the naked. We don't often view stars as being gigantic balls of gas. They look small and meaningless to us and they barely give off any light. The sun is an ordinary star that is 93,000,000 miles away from earth. One million planets the size of earth would be able to fit in the sun. This puts everything in perspective for us.

Is this the way we feel in this gigantic world? We are small, ordinary people in a gigantic world. Just to put things into perspective, there are more honor students in China than people in the United States. It can be disheartening when you start looking at the numbers. We are so small and the world is so big!

However, God created all the stars and he created us. The sun gives us the light and heat we need to survive, and it's just ordinary. He put the sun the perfect distance from the earth so that it could be inhabited. He knows the location of the billions of stars in the galaxy. Does he know your location? Does he know what you are doing? Yes, he knows everything about you. He placed you at Salem Lutheran School because that is exactly where he wants you (parents and children alike). This is where God expects us to "Shine Like Stars". I have used the word ordinary several times in this article and there is a reason. Our Heavenly Father took an ordinary planet and made it do very important things. The Bible teaches us over and over that God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things? Have a great weekend!

## **Mission Offering for 2011-2012**

This semester our mission offerings will go to **WELS Christian Aid & Relief**. They bring medicine, food, clothing, and supplies to places like Haiti after the terrible earthquake, to Japan after the tsunami, and many other places around the world. So far this year we have collected over \$900.00.



# ☺ SMILE : PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 31



## MNSAA

Are you on a committee or interested in being on a committee? On Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting in the 8th grade room in regards to the MNSAA strategic plan for 2011-2012. There are four committees: curriculum, library, special needs, and communication/marketing, and each committee could use a little more help. If you would be interested in listening or helping, please feel free to attend—we would love to have you there!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the “Caps for Kids” day. We saw some very interesting caps - FUN!  
☺ Our school raised and will donate \$135.25 to the organization! Way to go!

## YARD SIGNS

**Thank you to all the Salem families who displayed yard signs!**



**If you still have your sign, please RETURN it ASAP!**

## WE ARE ALL TEACHERS!

The Salem Lutheran Faculty is spending time, before school, brainstorming ideas of how to make Salem the best school it can be. Right now we are reading an article that has ideas on making schools more effective and we would like to start implementing these ideas. The first area we are going focus on is experiential learning. We are looking for parents, grand parents, aunts, and uncles etc... that have knowledge to share. For instance, maybe your husband is a dentist and he could come and give a presentation about teeth or maybe you know a nutritionist that would like to talk about healthy eating habits. If you know of someone or if you are that someone, please contact your child's teacher. We thank you in advance for your help. We would love to learn what you have to teach.

# Thank You...

*to everyone who helped make Grandparents' Day  
such a wonderful experience for our school families!*



## Attention Parents:

We have found that the Salem Use of Student Photographs form is confusing to parents.

Our communication committee would like each family to complete a simplified form as we seek outside communication resources.

Thank you!

**The new form will be sent home with students on Thursday, October 6. Please return this form by Monday, October 10.**

## MR. KRAUSE'S AMAZING Y.E.S. NEWS

In the month of September, the Y.E.S Jr. High was able to have a wonderful day at the Birkholz's house. It was a wonderful sunny day filled with swimming, hot dogs, chips, soda (not pop!), and a friendly game of kickball in which Mr. Krause's team won (obviously!). I would like to thank the Birkholz's for allowing us to use their house and pool for a tremendous day. It was great to see youth from both our school as well as other schools in the area. What an awesome God we have!!!

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Jr. High Y.E.S will again be doing their annual reverse trick-or-treat. It is a great opportunity for our children to share their faith with those who have not heard it in the Stillwater area. The youth will be going up to houses in the area, and instead of getting candy; they will be asking the household for canned goods. We will then give all the canned food to the local food shelf here in Stillwater. Last year the youth got over 800 pounds of food to give to those who truly need it. I hope to see everyone there for a fun and exciting time. Wear your best costume!!!!

Also, join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15am until 10:15am for a fun Bible Education Hour. We will continue our Study on King David and how what he went through in his life can also apply to our lives. Please sign up for bringing a snack/drink if you haven't yet, and I look forward to seeing all of our youth there.

**October 9<sup>th</sup> – Y.E.S Bible Study in Youth Room. 9:15am until 10:15am**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – Y.E.S Bible Study in Youth Room. 9:15am until 10:15am**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y.E.S Bible Study in Youth Room. 9:15am until 10:15am**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> – Y.E.S Bible Study in Youth Room. 9:15am until 10:15am**



# Sports News



## **Volleyball & Soccer Party**

There will be an end of the season volleyball and soccer party on Tuesday, October 18 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Please meet in the gym. We will play volleyball and soccer for fun. The coaches will also briefly discuss the season. There will be pizza and pop for the players.

## **Cross Country**

There will be a cross country meet for 5th-8th grade boys and girls on Wednesday, October 19th, at 1:00pm. Drivers will be needed to transport students to Maplewood. Please let Mrs. Hansen know by October 3rd if your child would like to participate. Practices before the meet will be as follows: October 10, October 12, and October 17 from 3:30-4:30pm.

## **Basketball Meeting**

The informational basketball meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 pm. It will take place in the lunchroom. This is for all 5th-8th grade boys and girls going out for basketball. Schedules and other important information will be given out at this time.

## **Basketball Practice**

Practices will begin the week of October 31 - November 4.

## **Volleyball**

The A & B volleyball teams spent last Sunday at West Lutheran High School playing in a league tournament. They started out in pool play before moving on to the brackets. The girls didn't win any trophies but had fun working on their skills. This Saturday both teams travel to Living Hope in Shakopee for a tournament. Their first game is at 10:00am. Pick up a schedule and directions if you are interested in watching them play. Good luck girls!

## **Soccer**

On Thursday the boys soccer team will play their quarterfinal game against Crown of Life. If they win, they will play the semifinal game at St. Croix Lutheran next Tuesday. Good luck boys!

## **Jersey**

Please hand in your soccer/volleyball jersey ASAP after the season is over.

## Class News

### Grade 6 - by Will Suit and Haley Djock :

So far this year 6<sup>th</sup> grade has had a busy but exciting year! We had a lot of fun with our grandparents last Friday. We just finished our "very fun" week of Terra Nova testing. On Friday, we will be going to the James J. Hill House and the Dodge Nature Center. In religion we are learning about the creation, Abraham, and God as our Preserver. In Science, we have dissected clams, mussels, and starfish. We are starting to raise mealworms. In Math, we are learning about decimals and place values. We are almost finished reading *My Side of the Mountain*. In Language we are writing speeches. Last but not least, we are learning about lines in Art with Mrs. Grobe. We have had a wonderful year so far.

### Grades 7 & 8 - by Christian Fuller and Ethan Greene:

In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade we have had a busy week! We have just finished Terra Nova testing. We also had our Science test on the bones in our body and we will have another Science test soon on the muscles in our body. In Language we have been learning about pronouns and how they are used. Our Math classes have both been getting a little more challenging each day as well. The soccer players have a quarterfinal game on Thursday, October 6, 2011. The volleyball players have a tournament on October 8<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck Saints!!!

## Weekly Calendar

Wed.	Oct. 5:	9:15 AM Chapel
Thur.	Oct. 6:	Soccer Quarterfinals
Sat.	Oct. 8:	VB Tournament @ Bloomington Lutheran
Mon.	Oct. 10:	Cross Country practice (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Wed.	Oct. 12:	Chapel @ 1:15pm Cross Country practice (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Fri.	Oct. 14:	A-team VB Tournament @ SCLHS
Mon.	Oct. 17:	Cross Country practice (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Tues.	Oct. 18:	VB/Soccer party (3:30pm - 5:00pm)
Wed.	Oct. 19:	Cross Country Meet - 1:00pm
Thur.	Oct. 20:	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Fri.	Oct. 21:	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Mon.	Oct. 24:	<b>NO AM BUS</b>