

THE COMET CONNECTION

Your weekly update of news and notes from Calvary Lutheran School

For the week of: **December 19, 2011**

Our Mission

To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known

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SCHOOL THEME:

Our school theme for this year is, "What is My Part of the Wall?" This theme is based on Psalm 90:17. "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands."

MISSION OFFERING:

The mission for this year is **WELS Committee on Relief**. Information is

available on the mission bulletin board outside the Principal's office. Each Friday at chapel we collect our offerings as part of our worship. Please make a regular weekly mission offering part of your family's routine. Our goal for the 2011-2012 school year is to collect \$1,700 for this mission! Our mission offering collected last week was **\$33.13**, making our total **\$793.34**.

COMETS OF THE WEEK: Congratulations to the following Comets of the Week: Paige-3K, Nathanael-K, Ryen-2, Caitlin-3, Jessica-5, Victoria-6, and Tanner S.-7. Look for their photo on the bulletin board outside the office.

MARKET DAY PIES: We have the following pies that were purchased to meet a fundraising goal. Stop by the office, if you are interested in purchasing one of them for the holidays. The price is \$14 (checks payable to Calvary). 2 – Chocolate Pecan Carmel Supreme, 1 – Lemon Supreme, 1 – French Silk, 1 – Red Velvet Cake

CD's AVAILABLE: Susan Ann Lueneburg, a former member sang so beautifully last Sunday in church and between services (along with her family). We have a selection of her CD's which are available for purchase. If interested, please contact the school office.

PIANO NOTES: Students who are playing pre-service music for Christmas Eve should take special note of the time they are to arrive. If you are also a member of Jr. Choir, you will practice with them first then go over to church. Lessons for Second Semester will begin on **THURSDAY, January 5, 2012**. Any questions, call Mrs. Tiefel

JR. CHOIR: There will be no Junior Choir practice this week. We will resume normal practice times after the Christmas break.

EXTENDED LEARNING CENTER: There will be no ELC (Adult Mentoring or Peer Tutoring) until the start of the 3rd Quarter. Thanks to all who gave of their time this first semester.

HANDBELLS: Jr. Handbell members should arrive no later than 2:45 Christmas Eve for a quick practice. You do not need to wear black and white, but be cautious of accessories (buttons, sequins) that may affect bell playing.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC): **Friday, December 23** is the last day of school before Christmas vacation begins. It is also a half day. We will be offering after school care for those who wish to use it; however please **sign up by December 21**. Please indicate what time you will pick up your child so that we can plan a schedule for that day. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. *ASC Staff*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23: Our last day of school before Christmas is Friday, December 23. Our classroom **Christmas parties** will be held in the morning after our final Christmas Eve service practice in church. Family members and friends are welcome to attend this practice service if they are unable to attend on Saturday. We have an 11:30 am dismissal with special bus routes running.

THANKS - ALL ROOM PARENTS: Thanks to all of our room parents for the wonderful job you all do for assisting our classrooms in such a special way. Your planning and organization of the classroom parties will be greatly appreciated by all.

CHRISTMAS EVE ARRIVAL TIMES: Our students (PK-8th grade) sing for our Christmas Eve service **December 24 at 4:00 pm.** Parents/students should follow the schedule below for arrival time based on their earliest activity. Students should return to their classrooms after practices unless otherwise told by their director.

	Arrival	Location	Special Notes
JR HANDBELLS:	2:45	Church	You do not need to wear black and white. Wear regular church clothes.
HANDCHIMES:	3:00	Church	
PIANO STUDENTS:	3:20	Church	If also in Jr. Choir, go to 7/8 grade room first.
JR CHOIR:	3:20	7/8 Grade Room	
ALL OTHERS	3:40	Classroom	

CHRISTMAS EVE PICKUP: Parents, please pick up your children from their classroom(s) after the service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE – COURTESY: Please remember to show common courtesy to others before our Christmas Eve Service with regard to the saving of seats. Try to limit the saving of spots to immediate family so available seats are open for others as they arrive. Thanks for your courtesy and cooperation. *Mr. Schlieve*

CHRISTMAS VACATION - There is no school December 26 – January 3. On behalf of the entire staff, have a Christ-filled Christmas. Classes resume after Christmas on **Wednesday, January 4.**

LAST WEEK’S SCORES (vs. Good Shepherd, West Bend)

Girls’ B-Team	38 – 8	Good Shepherd
Boys’ B-Team	31 – 16	Good Shepherd
Girls’ A-Team	26 – 16	Good Shepherd
Boys’ A-Team	45 – 10	Good Shepherd

FUTURE BASKETBALL GAMES:

Friday, January 6 (Away) David’s Star, Jackson

Friday, January 13 (Home) 1st Immanuel, Cedarburg

Friday, January 20 (Home) Morning Star, Jackson (No Girls’ A Team – Times: 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00)

(Refer to your basketball schedule for additional games. Maps to athletic events are available in the office. Watch for a home game concession schedule in early January.)

SCIENCE FAIR: Last week the students in 5th-8th grades received a handout regarding all the details of Science Fair. Some of the important dates to remember include:

- January 18 Last day to get topic forms to Mrs. Karnopp
- February 15 Last day to complete experiment
- February 29 Hand in report to Mrs. Karnopp
- March 5 Science Fair Day!

READ TO SUCCEED: Read to Succeed is a free educational program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. The program inspires kids in grades K through 6 to engage in recreational reading. Students who complete six hours of recreational, non-school related reading are eligible to earn a free admission ticket to a participating Six Flags Theme Park. Reading for this program runs **January 4 through March 1**. Watch for more details.

WINTER SPORTS PRACTICES / GAMES: Now that we are in our winter sports season, students are not allowed to hang around school to wait for practices unless practice is right after school. Our After School Care (ASC) program or other options are available. **During basketball games, all students are required to stay in the gym or concession stand area. Students are not to go outside and play on the playground due to safety concerns.**

WEATHER CLOSINGS: It is that time of year again when the chances of school closings or delays are a possibility. If weather prompts the closing or delay of school, please tune into WTMJ (AM 620) and Channel 4 TV for the first contacts. You may also watch for us on Fox 6 and Channel 12 TV as well. Most times the announcements will be made by 6:00 am if possible. We will also post to Facebook.

WINTER RECESS CLOTHING: With temperatures getting colder and snow on the way, please remember to have your child bring hats, gloves, scarves, ear muffs, etc., so they can stay warm at outside recesses. Also, boots must be worn to play on the snow. Thanks for your cooperation in helping to keep our students warm for recesses.

EXTRA CLOTHES BOX DONATIONS: Please consider donating clothes (in good condition) that your children have outgrown for our Extra Clothes Box. We are especially in need of pants if the children tear or get their pants wet during gym/recess.

ITEMS FOUND: If your child lost a purse, we have two in the office. Have your child identify it to Mrs. Behrs.

	Tue., Dec. 20 3:05-5:00 Girls' B BB prac 3:30-4:30 Art Club	Wed., Dec. 21 No Band No ELC 2:40 -3:05 Handbells 3:00-5:00 A & B Team Cheerleading	Thu., Dec. 22 3:05-4:30 Boys' B BB prac.	Fri., Dec. 23 Special Bus Routes 8:00 Chapel/Christmas Service practice 11:30 Early Dismissal
Dec 26 – Dec 30 Christmas Vacation				
Mon., Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation	Tue., Jan. 3 Christmas Vacation	Wed., Jan. 4 Band Lessons No ELC 2:40-3:05 Handbells 3:05-5:00 A & B Team Cheerleading	Thu., Jan. 5 2:45–3:15 Jr. Choir 3:05-4:30 Boys' B BB prac. 4:30-6:00 Boys' A BB prac 6:00-7:30 Girls' A BB prac.	Fri., Jan. 6 8:00 Chapel 5:00 - BB (A) David's Star, Jackson