



# Peace Lutheran School & Preschool Memo

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**Thanksgiving** ~ On Thursday and Friday of next week there will be no school in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will also have only a half-day on Wednesday. There will be a Thanksgiving Worship Service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evening. We hope to see you all there.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I want wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. What a wonderful time to take a break with family and friends and reflect on how richly the Lord has blessed us this year.

**Mr. Wilson's ~ 7th & 8th Grade Classroom** ~ We have moved into a unit on the human body in science. We will be talking about body systems and their functions. The children are especially excited since we will be concluding the unit by dissecting the frog. Should be an interesting few weeks!

We are expecting all children to be in attendance for the Christmas service on Sunday, December 20. If you know your child will not be able to be there (especially if they are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade), please let me know as soon as possible. We have also scheduled two practices in December in order to allow all of the children participating to practice. The two practices will be December 12 and 19 from 9 to 11:00 AM.

Thank you for having your children in church this past Sunday to offer their praises in song and music. As always, they sounded great.

If you didn't get a chance to hand in the questionnaire concerning the extended field trip in the spring, please be sure to have that in by next week. If it looks like everyone is agreement, we will begin planning for the trip.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs. Van Loton's ~ 5th & 6th Grade Classroom** ~ I would like to thank Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Hodgson for driving yesterday on our field trip to the Imagination Station in Toledo. We are very excited that Toledo reopened this museum. It was formerly known as COSI, and has reopened after three years. If you want a great place to take your kids over Thanksgiving or Christmas break, this would be the place to go. Check it out on the web at [www.imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org). You will not be disappointed!

~If you still permission slips at home for our slurpee run and the American House, please send those back in ASAP!! I'm getting thirsty!!

~Thanksgiving is quickly approaching us this coming week. I would like to wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends, and also safe travels. Enjoy the rest and relaxation. Well, and of course the food, too!!!

**Mrs. Murphy's ~ 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom** ~ Our field trip is this Tuesday, November 24. All students need to have a sack lunch, which will be eaten at the studios. We will load cars at 9:00. We should arrive back at school about 2:45.

Many parents have asked me about the Science fair project. Students should be conducting their experiments either this month or the next. They should be taking notes on their experiments and also taking pictures of their experiments. After Christmas we will be checking their data and get it ready to go on their boards.

Book orders are being sent home. If you would like to buy books as a gift, send the order in an envelop and I will hand you the books privately. Orders are due Wednesday, December 2.

**Mrs. Wilson's ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom** ~ This week we worked through reading units about the Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving. The second graders made pocket books with very interesting information that they will love to share with you. First graders will be able to read their Thanksgiving book to you.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade math paper need to have the child's name and date on both sides of the paper. I count these as points to help improve grades. These are obviously easy points – but easy to get wrong too. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will also have to move their worm if they do not pass in their papers in the morning. We are working on responsibility and procedures.

First graders did a great job of returning their big kid readers. I will make sure that they get into their backpacks on the day of their assignment, so keep checking their backpacks. We are beginning a new unit, so we'll be working through a BIG BOOK and they may not bring their reader home again until after Thanksgiving.

Book orders are included this week as well. Please return them before the Thanksgiving break. There are some great Christmas gifts!

**Mrs. Olson's ~ Kindergarten** ~ We finished our Joseph stories and talked about how God can take things that happen in our lives that seem to be bad, but God can turn them into something very good. We have to trust that He knows what is best for us.

An exciting thing for us this week was reading our first story. We are getting better and better at blending sounds together to figure out new words. We met the first two people that will be in our other stories – Doll and Tig.

In Social Studies we are learning about the Pilgrims and their Indian friend Squanto who showed them how to plant and the best places for hunting and fishing. We also talked about the first Thanksgiving. We are working on some Thanksgiving projects.

We wrote a long letter back to the preschool telling them about all the things we are learning. It is so much fun to get letters from them and send letters back to them.

The Christmas part is coming along nicely. Please continue to practice at home. Your help is very much appreciated.

Snack person for next week is Cameron. It is a short week next week because of Thanksgiving.

Many thanks to everyone who made something for the Art Fair. Be sure to check out all the art projects at HVL this Saturday, November 21st.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Mrs. Gorsegner's ~ Preschool** ~ This week in preschool, we learned talked about feelings with the three-year-old class. We also read two great books from the Llama Llama series. The children really enjoyed the books. If you haven't read them yet at home, check them out from the library!

The fours learned about the letter G and gum. We made gumball machines and graphed gumballs. We practiced gumball math and graphing. We also chewed gum in class. Some of us chewed for the first time.

This week, Mr. Wilson reminded us in chapel of the things we need to be thankful for, including the items we take for granted. Most importantly, we thank God for his gift of the Bible which tells us of God's gift of eternal life.

We are moving along on our recitation and songs for the Christmas Service. A small correction: practice will take place December 12th and 19th at 9-11 am. Please let me know now if this is a problem for you. We are excited to share the birth of Jesus with you. Also, we are planning on celebrating Christmas with the big school with a party on Friday, December 18th. This will be an extra day for the three's class, but I hope everyone will be able to attend. We will be doing a gift exchange that day. Let me know if you would not like to participate in the gift exchange.

**Panther Athletics** ~ The basketball season is quickly approaching for both athletes and coaches. Mrs. Block and I are trying to finalize coaches and practice times. We are still looking for a couple coaches at this time, so if you know of anyone or would like to volunteer, please talk to Mrs. Van Loton in the coming week!!! Thanks. We will have the annual Parent-Coach Meeting in the next couple weeks. Please keep looking for that date!!

**Picture Retake Day** ~ will be on Thursday, December 10th at 9:30 AM. Fall portraits are head-and-shoulder photography that chronicles your child's passage through the school years. Ideal for framed display and gift-giving, these portraits are also used for yearbooks, class pictures and student ID cards and many other services provided to us, including the Smile Safe Kids Program. The **SmileSafe Kids** program is a picture ID card provided at no cost to every student who gets their photo taken to help your family stay safer and respond quickly if your child is missing. Even if you do not plan on purchasing the pictures please have your child photographed to ensure they will be included in the yearbook and receive their free ID card. On picture retake day your child will need to have their order form with payment.

If you are unhappy with your pictures for any reason you are welcome to have them retaken on the retake day for no additional fees or you may return them to Lifetouch for a full refund. If you are returning your child's pictures to get a different pose, they will need to have their original picture packet that they are returning to present to the photographer on retake day. If you have any questions please contact Lifetouch at (800) 927-5221.

**Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser** ~ We have attached the pizza kit order forms. People have been requesting pizza kits again. It helps during the busy holiday and during basketball season to have a quick and easy dinner. There are also cookies and pies to eat and enjoy or to give as Christmas gifts. The money raised will help pay for a badly needed new phone system. All orders will be due no later than Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The delivery date is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Holiday Craft/Vendor Show at Huron Valley Lutheran High School** ~ on December 5th from 10:00-3:00 pm. Bring your family and friends and come shopping for all your Christmas needs or pick up some home baked good from our bake sale for the holidays!! 45+ crafter and vendors will be available including: cash for gold, haircuts, waxing, and massages. There will also be fund-raising tables for the HVL juniors, seniors, and Hawk Singers. \$1 Admission. Can't wait to see you there!!

**Blood Drive** ~ Wednesday, December 16, 2009, HVL will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross. It will be held from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful way we can show our love in our community. Please consider donating. You may call the HVL office to set up an appointment or just walk in. HVL phone # (734) 525-0160.

**Piano Notes & News** ~ Next week's lessons are either on Monday or Wednesday so please check folders for which day your child's lesson is scheduled. Thank you to Miranda Schaeve and Madison Ott for playing for chapel the last two weeks. You both did a super job! Watch for a schedule next week for the HVL Craft / Vendor Show and a sign-up for Christmas pre-service playing. Thank-you! Mrs. Ott.

**Peace Clothing Orders** ~ Order forms may be found on the table in the narthex or on the coat rack outside of the office. Peace clothing shows church and school pride. We will be displaying samples or pictures on the rack outside of the office. The last order may be placed no later than Sunday, November 22nd so that we may receive the orders before Christmas.

**Friday Lunch** ~ Friday's meal is a PTO fundraiser. If you would like to consider helping us by either serving for this meal or donating deserts or other items our children and our school would appreciate it. Thank you again for this blessing of a special meal.

**HVL ART FAIR** ~ The HVL Art Fair will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009. Start thinking about the art projects you want to make. **Art projects are due today, Friday, November 13.** At that time I will give you a special number to attach to your project before you enter it in the fair. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Olson. Thank you.

**HVL Fine Arts Fair ~**

We are looking forward to the HVL Fine Arts Fair coming up THIS Saturday, November 21st. Below are the rosters for our math and spelling teams.

<b>Math Team</b>				<b>Spelling Team</b>			
<b>5</b>	<i>Lauren Bargo</i>	<b>6</b>	<i>Lydia Gutierrez</i>	<b>5</b>	<i>Samantha Sultana</i>	<b>6</b>	<i>Madison Ott</i>
	<i>Jacob Hodgson</i>		<i>Madison Ott</i>		<i>Noah Schaewe</i>		<i>Lydia Gutierrez</i>
<b>7</b>	<i>Adam Hodgson</i>	<b>8</b>	<i>Chelsea Board</i>		<i>Jacob Hodgson</i>		<i>Justin Cyr</i>
	<i>Benjamin Kieta</i>		<i>Collin Wagaman</i>	<b>7</b>	<i>Alexis Rende</i>	<b>8</b>	<i>Chelsea Board</i>
					<i>Benjamin Kieta</i>		<i>Sarah Setian</i>
					<i>Adam Hodgson</i>		<i>Collin Wagaman</i>

**Forensics Team ~**

The following students have expressed an interest in representing our school at the forensics competition at HVL THIS FRIDAY.

<b>Story telling</b>	<b>Humorous Poetry</b>	<b>Serious Poetry</b>
<i>Madison Ott (6<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Shelby Watt (5<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Miranda Schaewe (7<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Justin Cyr (6<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Ashley Setian (6<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Alexis Rende (7<sup>th</sup>)</i>
	<i>Danielle McDonald (6<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Rachel Dunivant (8<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<b>Public Speaking</b>	<i>Katie Ramp (7<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Dakota Rankin (8<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Benjamin Kieta (8<sup>th</sup>)</i>	<i>Chris Scheffer (8<sup>th</sup>)</i>	
<i>Lydia Gutierrez (6<sup>th</sup>)</i>		
<i>Noah Schaewe (5<sup>th</sup>)</i>		

**Christmas Service ~ On Sunday, December 20th, in both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services, we will be having a joint Children's Christmas service with the school children and Sunday school children.** The children have the wonderful opportunity to lead the worship service through their narration parts, recitations, and songs. Since most of the children will have individual recitations, solos, narration parts, etc., we are encouraging ALL of the children in K-8 to participate in BOTH of these services. If you know that your child will NOT be able to make these services, we need to know ASAP so they will not be assigned a part. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on that day, so we will have a light breakfast between the services for the children.

~ Due to congestion issues, **we are strongly encouraging our school families to attend the following services** based on your last name. Thanks for understanding.

**Affholter ~ Meyers – 8:30 AM Service**

**Miller ~ Wilson – 11:00 AM Service**

**Christmas Service Practice** ~ Most of the practice for the Christmas Service will be conducted during school hours. However, since this is a JOINT service with the Sunday School, we also want to give those children the opportunity to practice with us. **We will have two joint Christmas service practice on Saturdays, December 12 & 19, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.** Again, it is EXTREMELY important that your children attend these practices. If they can't make it, please let us know.

**Christmas Bags** ~ A number of you offered to help with the purchasing of goodies and the packing of the Christmas bags for the children participating in the Christmas Service. Mrs. Murphy will also be helping to get those together. If you volunteered to help, please let Mrs. Murphy know. She will be able to point you in the right direction – Thanks!

**School Christmas Party** ~ This year we would again like to hold a **school-wide Christmas party before our Christmas break. The party will be Friday, December 18, starting at 10:00 AM.** Similar to our activity day, we would like to have snacks, games, and crafts for the children on that day. **If you would like to help organize this party, please speak with Mrs. Murphy.**

~ The children will also have a **Christmas gift exchange** with other children in their class on that day. The gifts can be from \$5-7, and should be brought to school on or before the day of the party.

**Christmas Present for Peace** ~ Is Peace on your Christmas List this year? By God's grace we have made significant progress on our outstanding debt and are hopeful that one additional push will help us retire these debts. The Christmas Tree in the Narthex is set up with several "gift" options for you to choose from. If you are able to give an extra gift to Peace this year (not your regular offering), we encourage you to look at the display and see if there is a gift that fits your giving range. Every little bit helps and will bring us closer to retiring our debt.

**Midweek Advent Services** ~ Starting on Wednesday, December 2, our church will be conducting midweek Advent services. The service dates and times are listed below. As the world begins to prepare itself for the Christmas season, we hope and pray that you will be able to join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

Wednesday, December 2	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 9	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 16	7:00 P.M.