



# Our Shepherd Lutheran School Ram News

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School

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Our theme for this year is 2 Corinthians 5:17:  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.

## Calendar August

<i>Friday</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Service 6:30pm</i>	
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Worship Service 8:00am</i>	
<i>and 10:30am</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Wednesday Chapel 8:40</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>20th</i>
<i>Back to School Night</i>	
<i>6:30</i>	

## Ram News

### Welcome Back to School

This has been a great first week of school! We began this new year by worshipping together as the family of Christ. It was wonderful to begin our school year with Pastor Rigdon and many parents and grandparents. It is such a blessing for teachers to teach and children to learn in a place where Jesus' love is felt all through the day in everything we do.

### New School News

It was just a year ago, on August 10th, that ground was broken for our new building. Now twelve months later our beautiful church and school are nearing completion. There are still many final touches that need to be done, and we continue to pray for the safety of the workers and the sale of our old church and school. A moving date and dedication celebrations will not be for a number of months, but I'll continue to share information as I have it.

### Ram News

This newsletter from the school office is a major communication channel from school to home. Please look for it every Friday. Important information is shared that often affects your child. We value the strong home/school partnership at Our Shepherd, and Ram News is a way to keep this partnership strong. Thanks.

### Tech and Rec

What is it, you ask?? Come to Back-to-School Night to discover the answer!

### Back to School Night

Thursday evening at 6:30 will be Back-to-School Night. Everyone's invited and we'll meet in the church. There will be much information about the new school year. Teachers enjoy sharing classroom news, and it's always fun to see where your children are and what they're doing each day. Please remember that all parents are invited to visit school whenever it's convenient for you.

### Lil Rams Soccer

A Huge Thank You to Tom Hansing for his leadership in securing funds and equipment for the soccer program. The league received a check for \$3000 from the Phillips Van-Heusen company and they provided uniforms for soccer and basketball. Additionally Dick's Sporting Goods partnered with us and will provide over \$1000 in soccer equipment. We were also able to purchase 8 new goals. Praise God for everything!

There is a coaches meeting next Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30pm. Athletes can pick up their shirt at Dick's in Avon on Saturday, August 22 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The first practice is Wednesday, August 26.

### Ram Volleyball

Practices are underway and the first game will be at home against the Orchard School on Thursday, August 27. We have over 20 girls on the team right now. Remember that we play our home games at 10<sup>th</sup> Street Sports Center. Nicollette Mierow, Kristine Karnick, Jessica Coffey, and Iris Peisop-Grau are the coaches for this season- Thank You to them for their dedication to the athletic program.

### Special points of interest:

\*Back to school night 6:30pm

**Ram Cross-Country**

Kim and Andy Jipp will head up the team this year. Away meets at Orchard highlight the season where each runner will cover 3000 meters for the races.

**Ram Soccer**

We are still recruiting athletes in the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in soccer. We need a few more athletes to field a competitive team.

**Sports Reminder**

Unless your child in the 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade gets their permission form and physical taken care of, they cannot participate in athletics at Our Shepherd. Also, the sports schedule can be accessed at [www.ourshepherd.org](http://www.ourshepherd.org) under the Ram Athletics page.

**Accelerated Reader Online!!!!**

We have moved to the online version of Accelerated Reader! Your child can access the AR database to see if their book is included in the offered quizzes and they can also take a quiz outside of school. Mrs. Hedges has a link to the AR website on the left side of her homepage. To access Mrs. Hedges' page, type *teacherweb* in your browser search bar. Click on Teacherweb. Click on Find Your Teacher. From this point, follow the prompts for state, school, and teacher. For ease of future access, bookmark the AR homepage or add it as a shortcut on your desktop!

**Yearbook (Missed it?? You can still order!!)**

The 2008-2009 yearbooks have arrived and been distributed. If you missed the order form last May, or have decided you would now like a book of memories from last school year, you can still place an order until the end of August. Please see the attached order form and return it with payment to Our Shepherd Lutheran School to Mrs. Schuch.

**A New Ram News Feature**

Beginning today, Christian parenting tips will be included in Ram News. They are provided by Kim Devlin. Thanks, Kim.

**Positive Parenting Plans**

Shhhhh..... The subject of this week's "home"work is quiet. Quiet time is difficult to find after your child leaves the age of naps. Schedules are busy and we are constantly on the go. Even when we can spend time at home, it gets quickly filled with TV, computers, video games, and texting. Most children don't have any quiet time until they are actually asleep. With all the worldly things that are continuously being heard by our children, at what point will they be able to hear from God? The answer comes from the Bible. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him." (Psalm 37:7)

As parents, we teach our children many good habits that we hope will provide a strong foundation for when they are adults, such as how to dress appropriately, keep clean, eat healthy meals, study effectively, and go to church regularly. Quiet time is another good habit that can be taught at home. You can start with just 10 minutes a day, sitting still, being quiet, thinking about and listening for the Lord. Find a regular time to do this every day, such as just before dinner. Commit to teaching your children this important discipline that is becoming increasingly rare in today's fast-paced, media-filled world. Don't expect it to be easy or learned in one day, but do expect to find that following God's instructions brings rewards.

Have a great weekend! See you Thursday evening at 6:30.

