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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. John 1:1-2

It's Coming!!!!

Will You Be Ready????

Principal's Message

This week's Gospel message from John 4 is Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. Here he asks her for a drink of water which at that time was culturally unacceptable on many fronts. First, he was a man, she was a woman and they shouldn't speak in public. Secondly, she was a Samaritan, Jesus was a Jew. They would never had anything to do with each other. Thirdly, she was an adulteress many times over and Jesus was the holy Son of God. Yet Jesus reached out to her and offered her living water. Who does our school reach out to? Some think that we only should reach out to those who are like us, dress like us, live like us, have incomes like us. Some think we should just open to anyone, that this is our true ministry. I think that a mix of the two is where we are and where God has led our school. We have a diverse student and family population for which we are very thankful. Jesus reached out to a very diverse group and I pray that Our Shepherd will continue to reach out to the community, working to meet their spiritual and educational needs.

HELP Needed on Market Day Pick-up Day

Help is needed to set up, assist customers with filling their orders, and putting the tables away. Set up starts at 2:00, and we are usually done around 5:00.

Sports News

Ram Basketball

Congratulations to the Lady Rams for being selected the recipient of the Christian Sportsmanship Award for the St. John's tournament. The athletic director at St. John's said the award was given to the team because they competed hard and showed great attitude and Christ-like respect for the other teams. He added that Coaches Ken Williams and Brad Meyers displayed great energy and love for the game while keeping the focus where it should be - on Christ!

Another congratulations goes out the the boys team too. Throughout the season the kids competed with great effort and energy. Despite being a very young team they showed true Ram spirit and never gave up! A special thank you to Gordie Lucas and Andy Mears for challenging and developing the kids!

Ram Cheerleading

Thank to the girls this year for providing wonderful school spirit and excitement and thank you to Rachel Mierow and Angie Schneider for coaching the team.

Ram Track & Field

Practices will begin at the end of March. As of right now we have over 30 kids signed up in the 5th-8th grade. The athletes will compete in events such as shot-put, high jump, long jump, as well as sprints and distance events.

Lil Rams Basketball

The season is well under way with almost 50 hoopsters and over 30 volunteers. The season has been great with lots of excitement as each player develops their God given abilities and has fun along the way.

Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy this year.

Calendar

February

Friday	22nd
Saturday	23rd
Worship 6:30am	
Sunday	24th
Worship Service 8:00am	
Sunday School 9:30am	
Worship Service 10:30am	
Worship 10:45am	
Monday	25th
Tuesday	26th
Wednesday	27th
Thursday	28th

Special points of interest:

**Mini –marathon training**

Attention all runners! This Saturday we are meeting downtown at the White River State Park parking at 9:00am to run together. If you have any questions you can contact Andy or Kim Jipp at 247-0085.

Sickness Reminder

Students should not attend school if they have a temperature, if they have vomited, or had diarrhea in the last 12 hours. They must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Good rule of thumb: If you have to give your child Tylenol to help with a slight fever before sending him/her to school, please do not send them to school.

That time of year again

Winter weather is here. School closings will be broadcast on TV channels 6,8,13, and 59. Closings will also be on WIBC 1070am radio. **WE WILL NOT HAVE TWO HOUR DELAYS.** These delays are mostly for buses. Since we don't have buses and parents have to get to work, we will operate as normal. Remember if you don't feel safe getting out then please stay home. A reminder, if school is closed for inclement weather, extended care is also closed.

Spaghetti Dinner

The 2nd annual spaghetti drive thru dinner is set for May 2nd. Proceeds go to the sports program. If you can help with this fundraiser please contact Scott Cox 783-5120.

Congratulations to 6th grader Abby Meyers who placed 10th in the District Spelling Bee last Wednesday!, just one place short of advancing to the Regional Bee. Way to go Abby! We are proud of you!! Abby was our school bee winner, with David Vornholt and Brain Flannery 6th graders taking the 2nd and 3rd places.

National Lutheran Schools Week March 3-7

We are looking for an individual who would be willing to cut out 9 wooden stick people and some letters from plywood to be placed in the front lawn of the church and school entrance. All materials will be supplied. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Rachel Mierow at 209-8672.

Mr. Landskroener is Staying

Mr. Landskroener has declined the call he had to serve at Principal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School in Waterford, Mi. Thank you for all of your prayers and support during this time of deliberation.

