



Our Shepherd Lutheran School

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For nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Principal's Message

Matthew 11:4-5 says Jesus replied "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor." Wow!! Would you go and tell anyone you knew if you saw things like this or would you keep it to yourselves? Everyday we share the Good News of Christ with your children and with many of you. Sometimes we don't always do this in the best way or in a fresh and exciting way. Sometimes we take what Christ does for granted and don't fully appreciate the miracle and thus don't share it as we should. We also do the same when it comes to successes at school. It is so easy to get upset over a situation and tell as many people as possible but fail to share the good with the same vigor. I recently visited the new Central Library downtown. Wow!! Again. It is incredible! Many have focused on the process and the problems that have arose along the way. However, the new library is sensational and I hope you can take the time to visit. We also have our ISTEP results and they are again very good. We as a staff do focus on the weaknesses and work to strengthen them but sometimes ignore the areas we are doing well in. Will you share this good news with friends and neighbors? I pray that you will tell of the great things God is doing at our school and report back to all what you hear and see. If there are areas you would like to see us do a better job please let us know. Unlike Jesus, our school is led by and full of sinners who daily sin much and always have areas to improve but are humble enough to look at ways to make our school better. Please go back and tell everyone the great school we have and help us spread the good news to more of His children.

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.

PS/PK Christmas Service

Want to know what happened one night in Bethlehem? Come to the PreS/PreK Christmas Service on Mon. Dec. 17th at 6:30 pm. The children will be happy to share what they know about that special night.

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.

Healthy Smiles

Healthy Smiles of Indiana is visiting OSLS on Thurs. Jan10th and Fri. Jan11th. We are a local non profit organization dedicated to helping the children in our community. We provide the following services on site-exams, cleaning, x-rays, fluoride and sealants. If you would like your child to participate in this program and he/she has not had a routine cleaning in the last 6 months please fill out our registration form that was sent home last week and return to the school office. There are extra copies on the table outside the school office. Please call our office directly with any questions you may have. Healthy Smiles of Indiana 894-8370

Calendar

December

Friday	14th
Saturday	15th
Worship 6:30am	
Sunday	16th
Worship Service 8:00am	
Sunday School 9:30am	
Worship Service 10:30am	
Worship 10:45am	
Monday	17th
Girls & Boys BB game	
Home vs. St John 5:00pm	
PS/PK Christmas Service	
Tuesday	18th
Boys BB practice 5:30	
Cheerleading practice 3:30	
Wednesday	19th
Advent Service 7:00pm	
Grades K-4	
Thursday	20th
Cheering leading practice 3:30	
Boys BB practice 5:30	

Special points of interest:

* PS/PK Christmas Service
Dec.17th 6:30pm



Advent Service K-4th Grade

Looking for the perfect gift? Come and learn about one special Gift that satisfies our every need! "Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15) This is the theme of the Advent service on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00pm. In The Christmas Gift, OSLS K-4 students will share the beautiful message of hope, peace, and God's unfolding love. The families of Our Shepherd Lutheran School are invited to worship with the students as we praise God for the greatest Gift!

Points of Information:

Don't forget, you are to call the school office by 9:00am if your child is not going to be at school. Also, you are to send a note the day your child returns.

Please be sure to report to the school office if you need to pick up a child for an appointment or need to bring them something. It is important that you don't just proceed to the classroom without checking with the office. Thank you.

PTL UPDATES:

PTL Christmas Luncheon – Friday, December 21st

All families are invited to come and eat lunch at the PTL Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 21st. Please contact Michelle Fultz (858-8582) or Amanda Morris (334-0138) if you are willing to assist in this event.

PTL Christmas Wrapping - December 19th and 20th

Have you started your Christmas Shopping? Do you need some assistance in wrapping your gifts? Please let the PTL help make your Christmas Season a little less stressful. Drop off your unwrapped gift December 19th and 20th and we will have your gifts wrapped and ready for pick-up at the close of school December 21st. Cost is \$2.00 for smaller items and \$4.00 for larger items – please provide a box with the item, if needed.

January's PTL Sponsored All School / Family Roller Skating – January 13th 1-3

When was the last time you were on Roller Skates? Come show your skills or just come and enjoy the fellowship. \$5.00 per person plus \$2.00 skate rental fee

Interested in winning a \$25.00 SCRIP CARD?

Let Our Shepherd say "thank you" for all you've done. For each hour of volunteer work you complete and record on your file card (found in the school office), you will be entered into a drawing to win a free SCRIP card. Drawings will be held at the end of each trimester. Our children thank you for being so generous with your time. First Semester Winner was Karen Falkner

HELP Needed on Market Day Pick-up Day

The next Market Day pick up is next Wednesday, December 19 from 3:30-4:30. 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. Please call Jennifer Honaker at 837-7158 if you are available to help. Thank you.

Extended Care

Please make sure that your account with Extended Care is paid up before the end of the year in order for all your daycare expenses to be included in this tax year. If your child has been in extended care you need to check with an extended care staff member to see if you have an outstanding balance. Please make sure to sign up for January before you leave on Christmas break. Thanks!

Sports News

Lil Rams Basketball

Basketball registration papers have been sent home. To get the lower \$50 registration fee you need to have your forms in by **Friday, December 21**. After that it will be \$60 up until January 7th which will be the cut off date. Roster spots will fill up fast!

Mr. Jipp is looking for someone to be a league assistant this year. If you are interested or know of someone please contact him at 271-9100 or email him at ajipp@ourshepherd.org.

End of the Year Gifts

Gifts made to Our Shepherd Lutheran School are tax deductible. We are a 501C3 corporation. If you have any questions about giving an end of the year gift, please see Mr. Landskroener. Remember that many companies offer matching gifts to education agencies.



Enrollment and Re-enrollment Information

Enrollment and Re-enrollment packets will be going out the week of January 14th. If you are considering Our Shepherd for your child's education please contact the school office to set up a time for an interview. Enrollment for members and current students will begin on February 1st. Enrollment for the public will begin on February 19, although we accept application before hand. If you know of someone who is thinking of attending Our Shepherd, please have them contact the school office, or give us their name and we will contact them.

Open House

Let your friends and neighbors know about our open houses and enrollment dates. Our next Open House is Sunday, January 27 from 1-3pm. Parents will have the opportunity to fill out enrollment papers on that day. Our other Open House is Thursday, February 7 from 4-6pm. This will also be an Avon Chamber of Commerce after hours event but all are invited. If you know of someone who would benefit from a Lutheran education at Our Shepherd, please invite them or give us their information and we would be glad to invite them.

The scores are in and they are very good

Below are our ISTEP scores from this past September. Individual results were sent home before Christmas.

ISTEP 2006-07

	English		Math		Science	
8 th	80%	0%	80%	20%		
7 th	75%	25%	75%	25%	88%	25%
6 th	100%	7%	86%	29%		
5 th	80%	20%	100%	0%	60%	20%
4 th	78%	0%	56%	0%		
3 rd	78%	22%	89%	22%		

The first number is the percent of students who passed and the second number is the percent who scored Pass+. Although the scores are very good we will use these results to address any areas that were particularly weak. If you should have any questions about our ISTEP Scores please contact Mr. Landskroener or one of the teachers.

Spelling and Geography Bees

Our annual Geography Bee is Wednesday, January 16th after Chapel. The school Spelling Bee is January 23rd after chapel. Please join us to celebrate these great days.

Special Person's Day/Grandparent's Day

Our Students are encouraged to invite a special friend or grandparent to school on Friday, February 8 in the afternoon. There will be some entertainment and some time in the classroom.

Floor Hockey Night and Skiing

Two of Our Shepherd's greatest traditions take place in January/February. Our annual floor hockey night is Friday, February 8th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Those students in Preschool through Kindergarten will play between 6:00pm-7:30pm Grades 1-4 play from 7:30-9:00pm and Grades 5-8 will play from 9:00pm-10:00pm.

On January 24th, students in grades 5 through 8 will travel to Cincinnati to go skiing at Perfect North Ski Area. This is one of the greatest days of the school year. Ask a student or two how they did last year. We want our students to be exposed to a wide array of experiences during their education at Our Shepherd and this is just one of many of those experiences.