



Celebrating “30” Years in Christian
~Education Excellence~



Welcome to
Back to School Night
August 31, 2011

All families meet in the sanctuary

Securing Each Child’s Future – Equipped

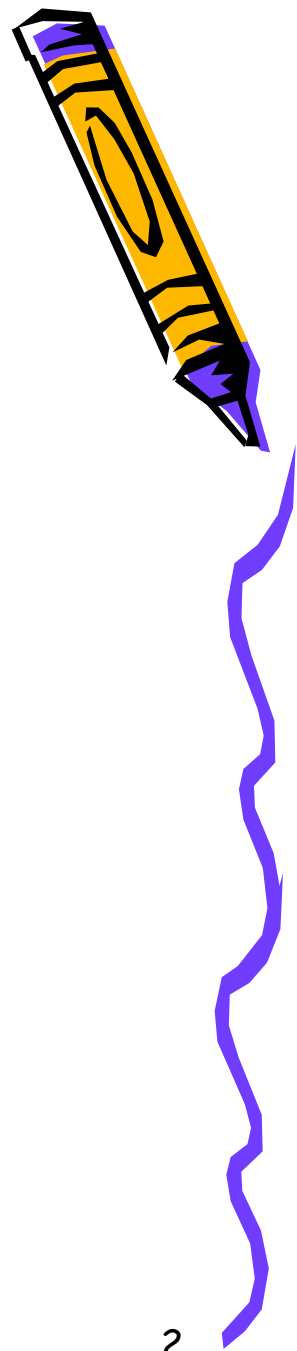
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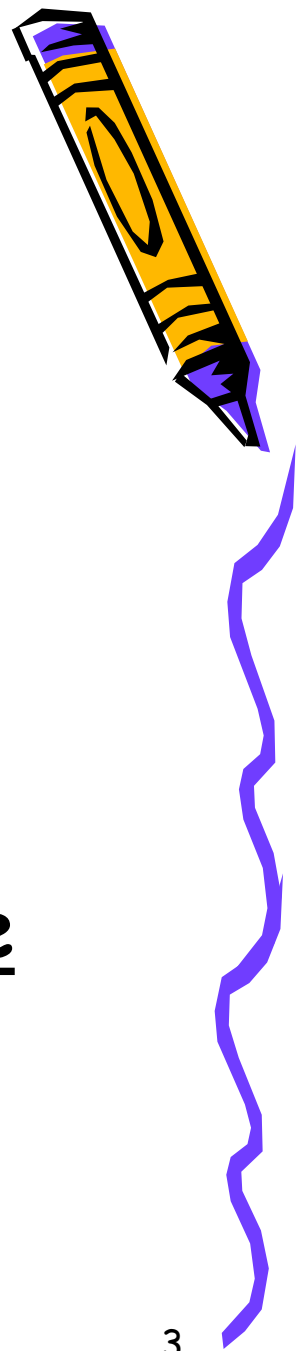
Our Savior
Lutheran Church & School

Back to School Night

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Introductions
- Organized play in Gym for all kids
- Board of Education
- Website Updates
- Misc School Updates
- A message from Mr. Limmel
- Q&A
- Dessert and booths in gym



Why is Our Savior here?



God's Vision

- *To seek and to save the lost*

Our Mission

- *To be a welcoming, equipping, and sharing family of Christ*

Our Educational Programs are here

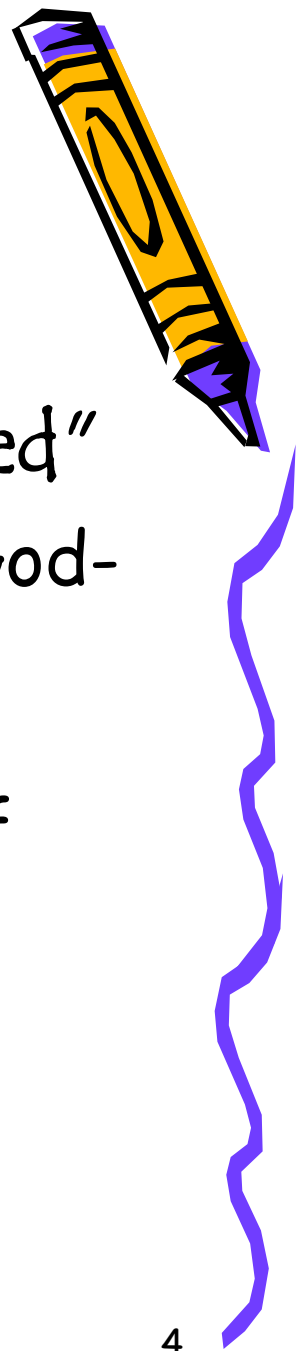
- **Laying the foundation to Educate Minds and Inspire Faith**



School Theme

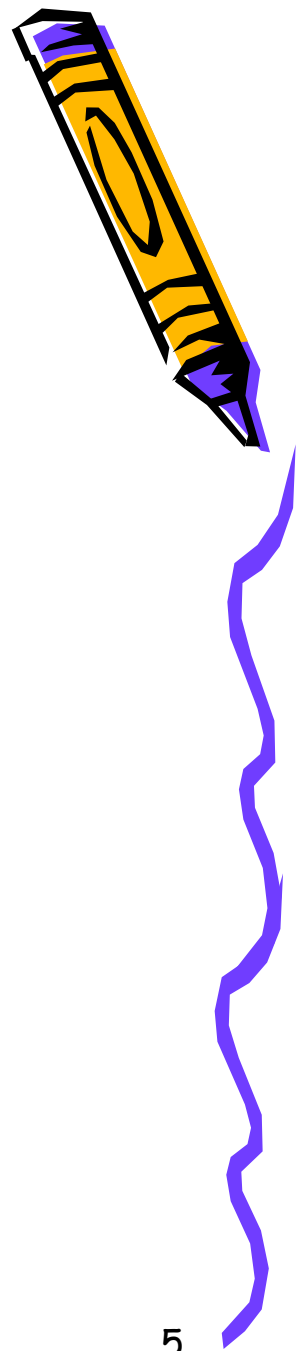
"Securing Each Child's Future – Equipped"

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

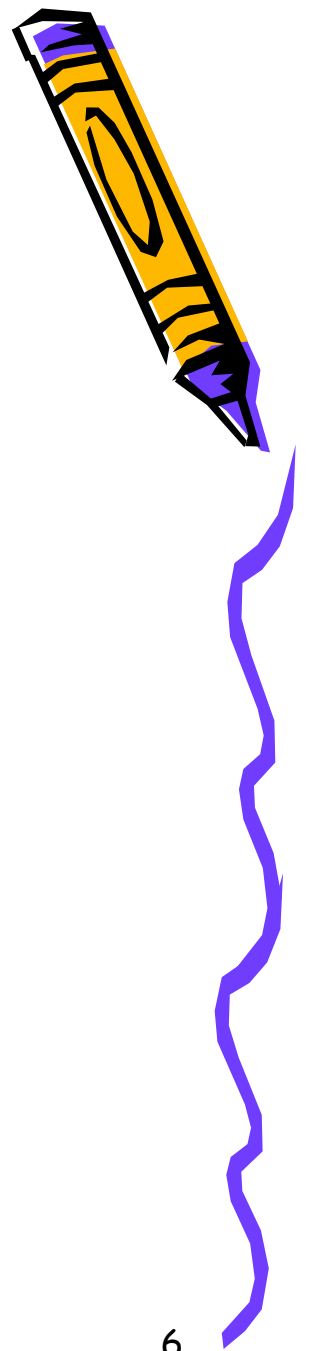


Introductions

- Kindergarten - Mrs. Limmel
- 1st Grade - Mrs. Bergan
- 2nd Grade - Mrs. Rosamond
- 3rd & 4th Grade - Mr. Limmel and Ms. Stempel
- 5th & 6th Grade - Mr. Zittergruen
- 7th & 8th Grade - Mrs. Stark
- PE, Health, Religion - Mr. Aurich
- Spanish - Mrs. Paine
- Administrator - Mr. Limmel
- Secretary - Mrs. Taggatz
- Counselor - Mr. Matt Lichty



School Family Introduction

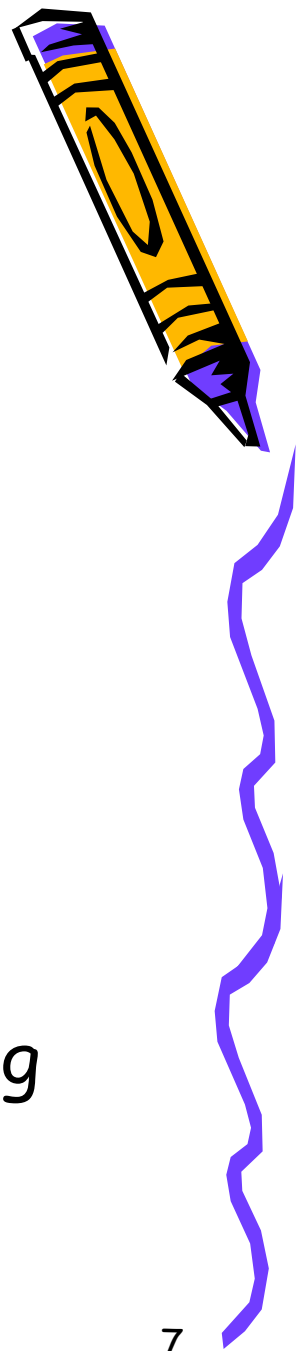


- Children and parents from each grade - please stand as I call your grade
- Welcome New families, please stand
- After introductions, all children are excused to the gym for organized activities



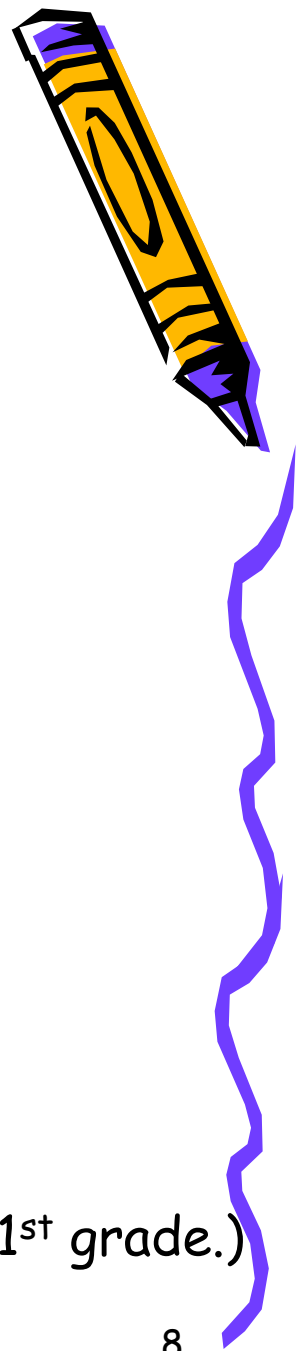
Board of Education (BOE)

- Meets every 2nd Monday/month
- 6:30-7pm - Parent/faculty welcome in an open forum
- Our function:
 - Support faculty and parents
 - Develop and implement policy
 - Recommend Budget/Tuition
 - Oversee Marketing and Fundraising
 - And anything else to help improve and enhance our school



Board of Education Members

- Deb Niebuhr- Chair
- Melanie Caulfield- Secretary
- Valerie Yanez
- Chris Guetzkow
- Dan Nelson
- Janet Miller
- Bill Asplin
- Pam Illies (You may recognize her from 1st grade.)



BOE 2011 Goal

The 2011 BOE Goal is to

Evaluate our Image and Increase our Enrollment

- How do congregations and the community view our school?
- How can it be improved to attract more students?
- Should we implement school uniforms?
- Should we change our name?
- Should we have a separate school website?
- These are some of the ideas that the Board of Education will be discussing this year with potential changes to be implemented as early as next year



If you'd like to be involved in these discussions, or participate in the committee to address school uniforms, please contact Mr. Limmel or any of the BOE members.



Communication

- Communication is key to a successful partnership between the school and the families
- We strive to never hear a parent say 'We didn't know about that'
- Many options are available
 - Fast Direct - On-line
 - Eagle Print - On-line and distributed in weekly folders - posted on bulletin boards
 - Scrolling screens in school lobby
 - School Reach - text for immediate notifications (school closing or crisis)
 - Mid year update meeting in Jan 2012
 - Website



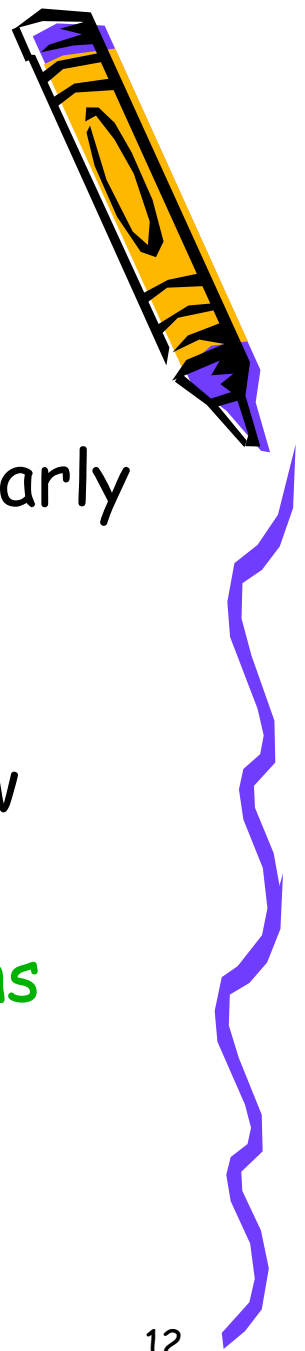


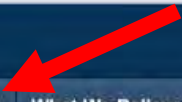
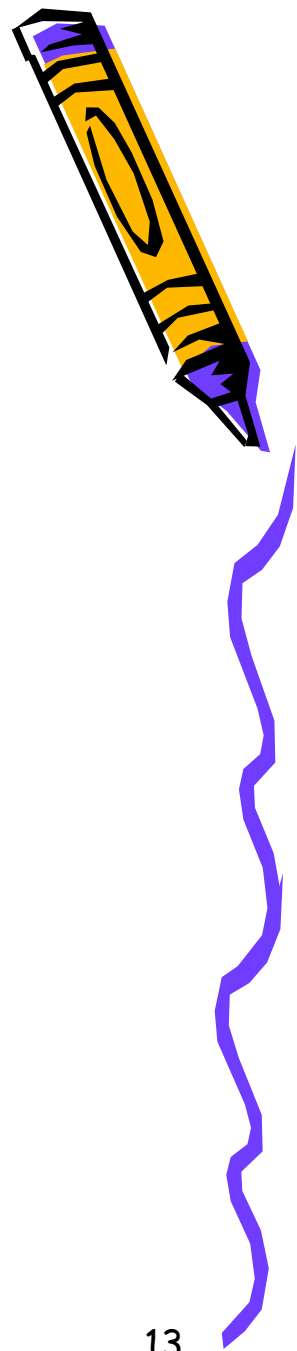
- Like us on Facebook
 - Search for Our Savior Lutheran School
 - Posts for events, pictures, news and more
 - Recommend us to your friends



School Website

- Church and School Site
 - oslcs.org - website is reviewed regularly
 - Current work underway to improve search engine and content
 - Consistently improving to attract new families and communicate with you
 - Contact us with improvement suggestions





SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00am - Blended
A thematic worship service using a variety of music styles.

9:30am - Traditional
A traditional service full of familiar and inspiring hymns, using one of the classic Lutheran liturgies as found in the Lutheran Service Book.

11:00am - Contemporary
An expressive style of worship using guitars, piano, drums and vocalists.

SCHOOL NEWS

 Our Savior Christian School Video Introduction

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New Families - [Click here](#) to learn about our Christian School.

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [A typical day for a student](#)
- [Take a photo tour of the school](#)

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Savior is a community of people who enjoy a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus Christ. We are not caught up in "trying to be perfect". Instead, we are forgiven people, washed by the blood of Jesus and fully aware that He loves unconditionally.

Welcome in the name of Jesus! We assure you that God loves you and there is a place for you here!

GET INVOLVED

- Small Groups
- Adult Bible Studies and Classes
- Support and Connect

WAYS TO CONNECT

Check out some of the many ways to connect with the community and fellow Christians at Our Savior.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Grow in our faith, as well as grow in our ability to serve God by serving others.


WHAT'S HAPPENING


Summer Day Camp

SERMON SERIES

WHAT DID ONE EARTH SAY?

- August 14.....The Greatest Teacher Ever!
- August 21.....Marriage & Divorce
- August 28.....Sex
- September 4.....Pride and Humility
- September 11.....Satan
- September 18.....End Times



Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today

About the School

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K-8 Christian School

Extended Care

Camp Genesis Summer Program

About Our Savior Lutheran School

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL!

Our Savior Lutheran School offers a caring environment where children can thrive as they learn. We are committed to excellence and view each child as a special and unique gift of God. Our goal is to provide experiences for each student that they might grow spiritually, physically, socially and intellectually.

As a nationally accredited preschool through 8th grade, Our Savior Lutheran School offers a well balanced and challenging curriculum to strengthen values, develop Christian character and shape caring individuals. Students consistently score in the upper 10% in achievement tests and 70% of our graduates regularly obtain honor recognition in high school.

Our Savior Lutheran School is a community of people who enjoy a place to have meaningful relationships, be encouraged, and learn more about God and His love for all people in Jesus Christ.

Come and see why Our Savior Lutheran School is the best place for your child's development.



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Typical Day

Photo Tour

Parent Resources

This section provides access to important parent resources associated with Our Savior Lutheran School.

[Welcome Back Newsletter](#)

Access the most current issue of the School newsletter.

[Parent Screening Tool for Illness](#)

When to keep your child home and when you should inform the school.

[Scrip List](#)

Scrip are gift cards that you buy at face value, but the school can buy them at a discount. So each time you buy a gift card, the school earns money. Click the above link to see the list of participating retailers and the percentage the school will earn.

[2009-2010 School Calendar](#)

[2010-2011 School Calendar](#)

Calendar, address and phone numbers of staff

[Fast Direct - School Information System](#)

This link will open the Fast Direct school information system. Access to student grades, assignments, report cards, etc. are maintained in this system. The Fast Direct school information system runs on a separate web site and uses its own login for access.

[Library Online](#)

Access the school library system.

[Payment Processing](#)

Check the status of your school accounts.

[PIP Account](#)

View and update your hours associated with the Parent Involvement Program (PIP).

[Typing Master](#)

Access the Typing Master Online system. Students will still need to provide their own username and



OSLS Security System

- **We are Thankful for a safe school!**
- **Number codes:** Check with the school office for the new code.
 - **Surveillance cameras** are active at both the school entry and gymnasium doors. They are monitored by childcare teachers and the church office.
 - **Communication TV**
Take notice of the media screen in the front entry which scrolls upcoming events.



OSLS Accreditation Improvement Process

- **We are Accredited until 2014!**
- The Accreditation Self-Study is available in the school office if you are interested in more information.
- 2011 focus: The Faculty will develop a written plan for handling students' emotional, social, and psychological needs. The BOE is going to study the Salary Schedule for the faculty.





School Handbook for Parents / Guardians / Students

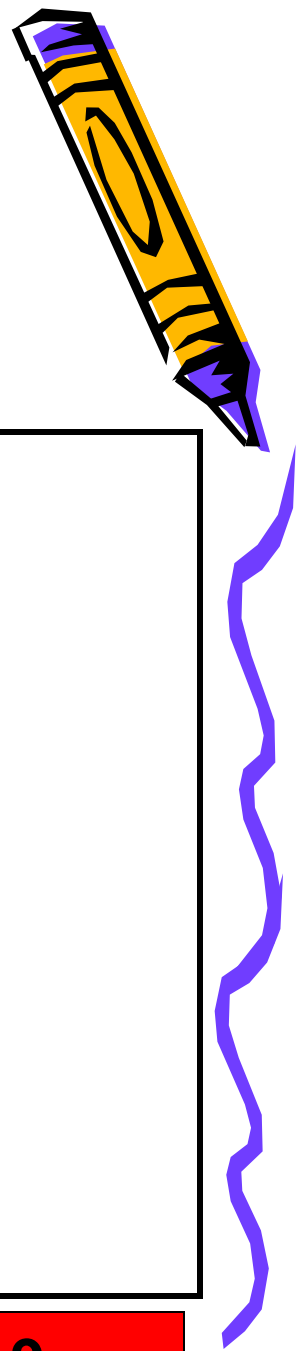
Mission Statement

Admissions & Academics

- Curriculum, Grading, Testing, Chapel
- Expectations
 - Attendance, Homework, Discipline, Technology Policy, Dress Code, Cell Phone Policy, ...
- Other Procedures
 - Student Council, Health Services, Medication, Allergy Policy, Hot Lunch, PTL, Contact Info, ...



Please Read the OSLS Handbook
and sign the Signature Form and
Acceptable Use Policy



Please sign and return by September 9

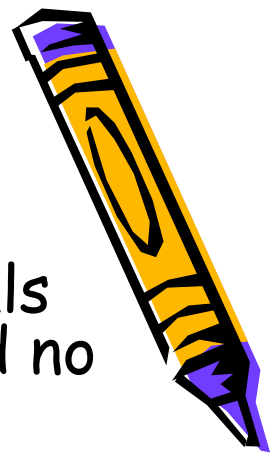
Library

- **Tuesday** is Library Day
- Mrs. Bloom (Mickey) is our Librarian.
- She will be performing book readings throughout the year
- Check out is for a 2 week period
- The library has a collection of over 4,000 titles
- Buy books at the Book Fair and donate them to the Library to improve our selection
- The library is maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers and more help is always needed
 - this is a great way to earn your PIP hours (and work with some great kids and adults)

Contact Mrs. Bloom or Mr. Limmel if you'd like to help



Food Service



- Lancer Dining Services is returning. The meals are healthy, promoting fresh fruit, salads, and no fried foods.
- **Lunch rates :**
 - K-5 - \$3.10
 - 6-8th and adults - \$3.35 - Salads are available again!
 - Milk for cold lunches - \$.35/carton
 - \$60 for snack milk for the school year
- Pre-order hot lunches monthly
- Menus available on school website
 - If hot lunch is ordered and child is absent the family is still responsible to pay for that lunch.





Music

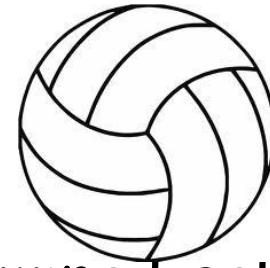


- Grade level instruction
- Choir grades Kindergarten - 4th
- Chime Choir - 5-8th
- Piano Instruction
- Band





Athletics



- OSLS is planning to offer the following Eagles Sports activities during the 2011-2012 school year.

- Girls Volleyball
- Girls A and B team Basketball
- Boys B team Basketball
- Boys Wrestling
- Boys and Girls Track and Field Day

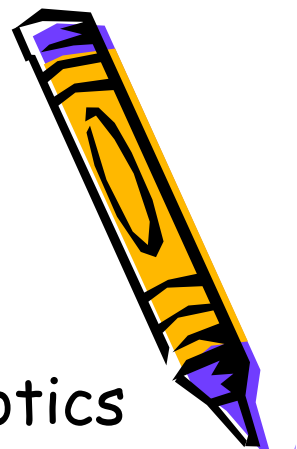


- Get your school physicals!
- Come to games and support our **Eagles!**





Robotics



- Mayer Lutheran High offers after school robotics
- Designed for the 5-8th grade
- Competition in November
- If interested, contact Mr. Gary Lootnjer
(gloontjer@lhsmayer.org)



Scouting

- American Heritage Girls
 - A new charter for girls 5-18 years
 - Information Night, Thursday, September 8 at 6 pm; Fellowship Hall
- Cub Scouts
 - Pack 3428 for boys in 1st through 4th grade.
 - Sign up in our Fellowship Hall, Monday, September 12 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm





Tuition/Fundraising



- Cost to educate a child at OSLS = \$6,566
- Tuition is set at \$4,615
- The difference = $\$1,951 \times 70 \text{ students} = \$136,570$
- The way our congregation makes up the difference is through their church offerings and our....

FUNDRAISING Efforts

• 2011-2012 budgeted goal = \$46,000 about 1/3 of the total difference.

- Specifically: **Fundraising Events** - \$19,000 = Pledge Form
- June Garage Sale** - \$5,000
- Scholarship Gifts** - \$22,000 (\$15,000+)





Pledge Form



• Fundraising - an integral part of our budget - allows us to keep tuition affordable

\$325/student \$480/family

Goal - \$19,000

Pledge Forms

- allow you to project your fundraising goals and OSLS to manage budget
- used to track family progress
- will be distributed quarterly and reviewed at conferences
- offer new opportunities: One Time Pledge if before 12/31/2011, Silent Auction, Annual Fund Drive, Corporate Sponsor (up to \$150), and Target Card percentage





Kick-Off Fundraiser



- Innisbrook (paper goods/gifts) and Club's Choice (food)

Be first to your families and neighborhoods!





Silent Auction

- Nov. 4th at Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska, MN

Mark your calendars - this will be a great event!

Help is Needed for this Big Event -
great way to earn PIP hours
Sign up in the gym tonight!





Gift Cards or "Scrip"



- Gift Cards are sold on Monday mornings and Sunday mornings.
- Percentage of gift cards are donated to the school.
- Ability to pre-order
- List of vendors available on the school website
- Receive 1 hour PIP **per month** when you purchase "Scrip"
- Great for Christmas gifts, rewards and recognition, gas and grocery purchases



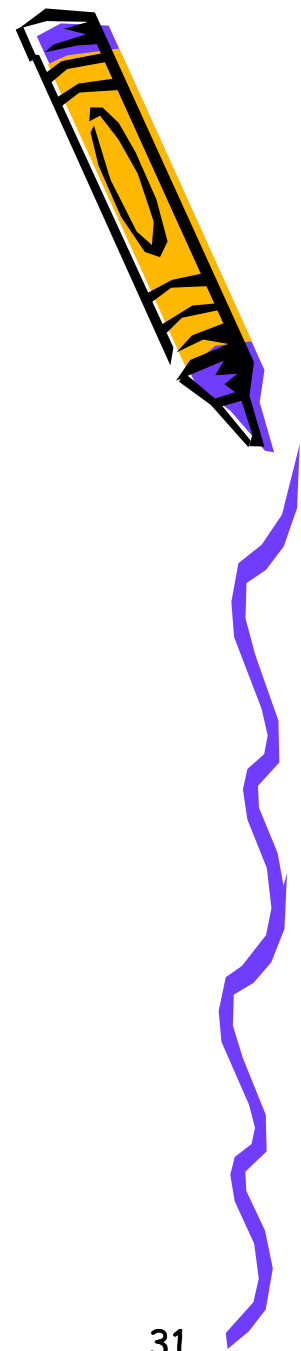
New this year - TARGET!



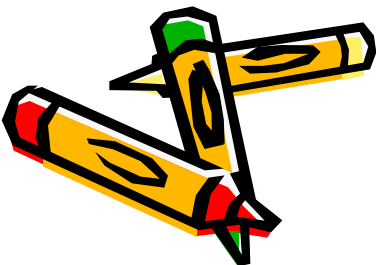
Also available: iTunes, Cub Foods, Kohls, Gas, amazon.com



Walk 'n' Roll-a-thon



- Friday, April 27, 2012
 - Location to be determined
 - Get pledges from friends/family
 - Bike, Blade, Walk or Run
 - Families welcome to participate
 - Lunch is provided





Add'l \$ Options



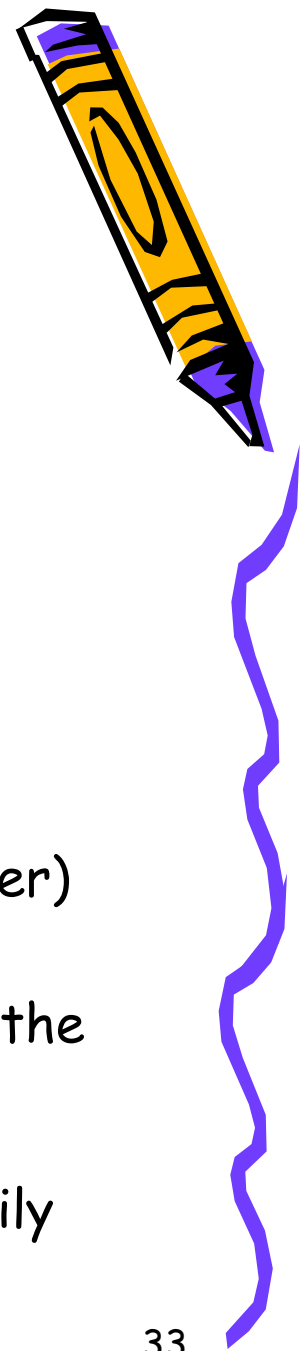
- Collect and send to school your...
 - ✓ Kemps milk tops and dairy labels
 - ✓ General Mills Box Tops
 - ✓ Tyson A+ Chicken
 - ✓ Campbell Soup Labels
- Designate OSLS to receive your Target Credit Card percentages
- Estate Planning - PTL Family Event



Ask your grandparents or neighbors without kids to collect the box tops, labels and caps for you



Fundraising Comprehensive Plan



- **Annual Fund Drive** (May-June)
 - Personal (Grandparents, school families, congregation)
 - **\$17,569 given or pledged this year!**
 - \$11,000 raised last year
 - \$ apply to Technology and Scholarship
 - **Corporate Sponsorship** (August-September)
 - Business
 - Sponsors can showcase their business in school, the gym, on our website, and other school/church publications
- There is still time - if you, your neighbor or family member own a business and would like to be a sponsor, contact Mr. Limmel



30th Anniversary Celebration



- 2011 marks 30 years since Our Savior Lutheran Church opened its doors for Christian Education to this community.

Celebration Events

- Friday, Sept. 30, 6:30pm
 - Open House
 - Book Fair
 - Bonfire with S'mores
- Sunday, October 2
 - School Choir at 9:30, 11:00
 - Chime Choir at Coffee Hour
 - Student Readers, Greeters, and Ushers



Book Fairs

PTL

Parent Teacher League

Carnival



Graduation



Room Parents

Silent Auction

Parent Education

Financial Support

Supporting our School!

Come join our PTL -positions available



PIP

Parent Involvement Program

- Provides opportunity for Parents or family members to be involved (grandparents, Aunt Lisa...)
- \$200/2 parent home -20 hours
- \$100/single parent home - 10 hours
- Complete your hours and receive a refund
- Ideas of PIP hours are in the handbook or weekly Eagle Print
- Record your own PIP hours on Website
- PIP totals will be handed out at Parent/Teachers conferences

- Donate your PIP refund as part of your fundraising commitment³⁶



Referral Program



- If you refer a family who enrolls in OSLS, you will *receive* \$250 per family to the...
 - Scrip Table (Open every Friday and Sunday Morning)
 - Scrip Gift Cards : where a percentage is given back to our school



Moms in Touch



- Prayer is a gift God has given to all Christians
- A Mom's Prayer Group meets Thursday mornings at 7:45am for about 45 minutes in the Youth Room
- Students and faculty submit prayer requests
- It is an honor to be able to lift their prayers to our Lord
- Each session attended will count as 1 hour PIP



Important Dates

- School calendar is on the school website
- The weekly newsletter and The Eagle Print will contain key upcoming dates.
- Teachers will post dates on Fast Direct emails
- Upcoming events will be in the front lobby scrolling screen

September

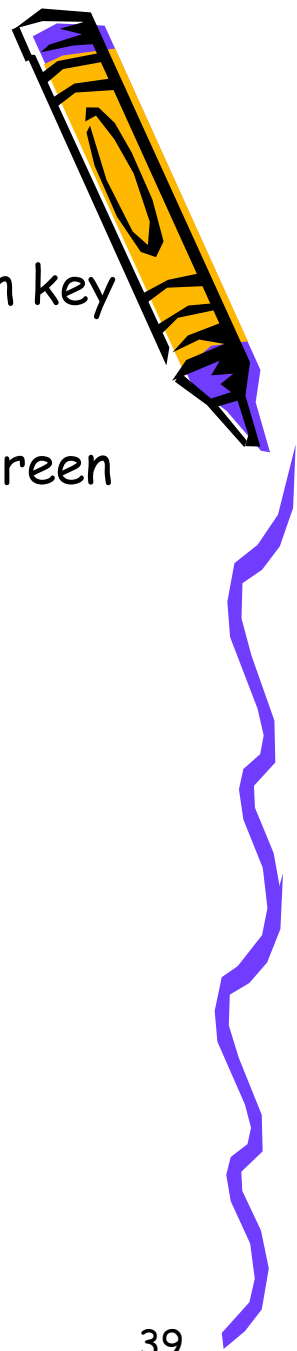
- 2 - No School, EC and CC Open
- 13 - School Pictures
- 30 - 30th Anniversary Celebration, 6:30pm

October

- 20-21 - Preschool -8th Grade, EC and CC Open
Teacher's Conference in Mankato

November

- 4 - Silent Auction at Oak Ridge, 6:30pm
- 10-11 - K-8 Parent/Teacher conferences
- 23 -V.I.P day 7:30-10:30 - early release 11am
- 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break, All Programs Closed



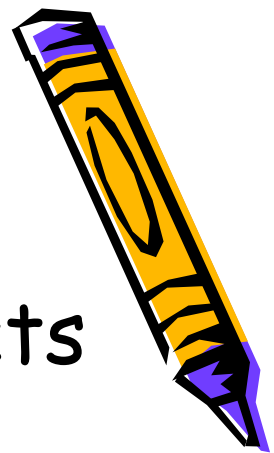
Principal's Page

- Missional Culture
 - Bridging events
 - Focused Servant events
- Mr. Matt Lichty
 - Individual, small groups, and classroom support
- Parent Education Programs - PTL and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
 - Kids and Parents Money Matters- Oct. 13
 - Money Management - January 12, 19, 26, 2012



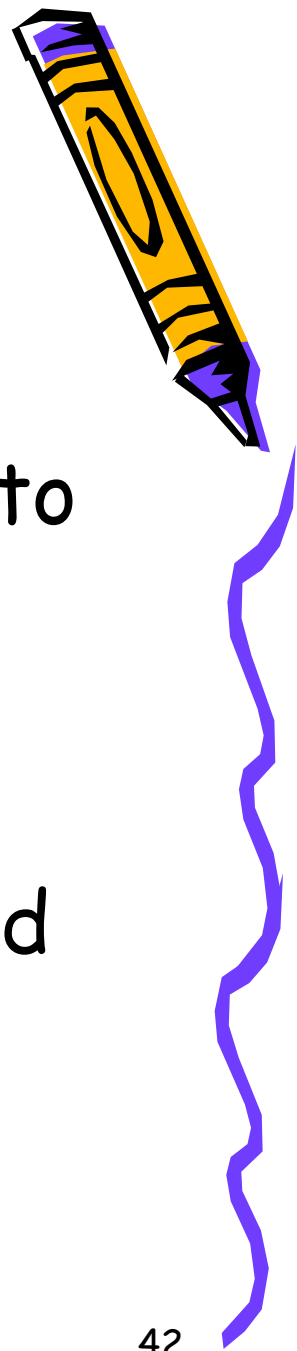
Join us in the gym

- Snacks - sample fundraiser products of pizza and cookies
- Registration - complete any forms or payments
- Purchase SCRIP gift cards
- Volunteer for upcoming events
 - Visit Mrs. Stark outside the gym for Fast Direct instruction.



Question and Answer Session

- Please keep the questions relevant to the group as a whole.
- If you have personal questions, please see one of the staff or Board of Education members afterward.





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Lutheran Church & School



Thanks for coming and for
helping our year start so
successfully!

