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St. Mark's Messenger

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CALENDAR

September

- 1 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
- 2 – No School: Labor Day
- 3 – First Day for Preschool!
Runners Club Begins 3:15 – 4:15
Volleyball Practice 3:15 – 4:15
- 4 – Chapel: Mr. Kollmorgen
- 5 – Runners Club 3:15 – 4:15
Volleyball Practice 3:15 – 4:15
- 6 – First Day for 2's

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year – our 23rd academic year! This year our theme is: *Empowered to Serve!* We will be exploring ways to serve each other and the community as we go through this year. Serving is how we show God's love to others – and we want to do that because He first loved us!

Watch us this year as we strive to make serving our superpower!

Empowered to  *erve!*

Isaiah 40:29

MUM SALE COMING SOON!

After the success of the plant sale last spring, it occurred to our sale coordinator (Mrs. Schuchhardt) that people buy mums in the fall. So... We will be selling Mumkins! Mumkins are mums that come in pots decorated with a smiling pumpkin, or you can purchase just the mums to plant yourself. They are coming from Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse and the quality is outstanding! Our kick-off date is September 10 with delivery to the school on October 8.

VOLLEYBALL TIME!

All 3rd - 8th graders are invited to participate in our coed volleyball club. We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, after school until 4:15 PM. Our first practice will be Tuesday, September 3rd. Bring a change of clothes and a water bottle because it gets hot! You do not need knee pads, but you can bring them if you have them.

We will definitely have a couple of scrimmages with Immanuel Lutheran, Hamilton. Those dates are yet to be decided.

I am looking forward to starting another fun year of volleyball! Please contact me if you have any questions! Go Saints! *Coach Rachel Bailey 513-508-4738*

For those of you with other children who will be participating in Runner's Club, they end at 4 PM - be sure to make plans for your child(ren) between 4:00 and 4:15 (if you're picking up all of your children at 4:15) Let me know if you need help with that, as my own family will be in this position, too.

BOX TOP\$ COLLECTION

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We pray that you had a wonderful summer! Box Top\$ for Education is making a change. Over the next few years the Box Top\$ you are accustomed to clipping and send to school or placing in the collection box by the church office, will be replaced with a new a new label that you do not clip. Instead you will buy products that have the new label, then using your smartphone scan your receipt and see how you have helped St. Mark's Lutheran School. To get started get the App from the Apple Store or Google Play. Follow the instructions to designate your Box Top\$ for St. Mark's. Please continue to clip Box Top\$ as long as you find them on products. Remember to scan your receipt as well. You can get double points until the old Box Top\$ can no longer be found. Check out the new program at BTFE.com. There are some items you buy at Walmart or Costco that will give the school bonus points. Thank you for collecting and scanning Box Top\$ for Education. *Judi and Gil Schepmann, coordinators*

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

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| Mrs. Newell (Pre-School 3) | Preschool begins after Labor Day. |
| Mrs. Rehmer (Pre-School 4) | Preschool begins after Labor Day. |
| Mrs. Reynolds (Pre-K) | Preschool begins after Labor Day. |

Mrs. Sherman (K)

Kindergarten began the new school year by focusing on rules and routines. They excitedly enjoyed centers, free choice time and making new friends. Bible time began in the beginning with the story of creation and the song "God Created." During math, they explored and sorted manipulatives, counted down to zero and began their first number book. At reading time, the class reviewed letters A - F, matched rhyming words, substituted the initial sound, and began working in their reader notebooks. They started creating the Color Farm book to help them read and write color words. Each week, the class reads a new poem. This week, they read "Name Chant."

Miss Gifford (1-2)

This week we made observations in science about the environment around our school building. We counted how many trees, clouds, animals, and students we could observe after recess one day. The second graders started working on spelling words and using money while the first graders reviewed handwriting, math, and listened to a Junie B. Jones book!

Miss Rhonemus (3-4)

This week was our first full week in third and fourth grade! We started off math by reviewing how to use math tools such as our Student Reference Book and rulers. Third grade then focused on place value and number grids while fourth graders have started to review geometry. In order to prepare students for our unit on Helen Keller, students are reading a biography of their choice this week and then next week we will dive on into Helen's life. Students are also learning about their rights and responsibilities as citizens as part of our social studies curriculum. We have been discussing the burden of sin and the relief found in Jesus during our religion class. So far we are having an awesome school year!

Mr. Postenrieder (5-6)

In our Bible time we began looking at the creation and fall. In 5th grade math we worked with rectangular arrays and factors. The math groups were still being determined, but should we have a 6th grade class, we will add and subtract money, multiply/divide whole numbers, unknown numbers in addition/subtraction problems. In Literature, we began working on vocabulary and reading *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. In Social Studies we began taking notes and working on the geography of the USA. In Science, the class began with what is science, and how scientists collect information.

Mr. Kollmorgen and Mr. Mayo (7-8)

In Religion, 7th and 8th graders are learning how God uses sinful people to do his perfect Will. Math for the two groups (8th grade and Algebra 1) are working through review lessons to recover some of the summer atrophy. In History, with only two days under our belts, we've learned quite a bit about the ancient civilizations that were already here when Columbus arrived. We haven't gotten to what happened AFTER Europeans found these civilizations. We'll get there! In Literature, we are reading a story about a young lady in school, who's from a country that used to be part of the Soviet Union. She learns English quickly, and then has to translate from a principal to her father and back again. We can see how she is not exactly giving what is said by either party. What can she be up to?