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**Celebrating our 14<sup>th</sup> year of Christian Education**

# ***DLS NEWS***

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"She will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins," Matthew 1:21

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus. The Name above every name. Jesus means "He saves." Jesus rescues from sin, death, and hell. He is our only Savior. He who is eternal enters time. He who created all things is "conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary". Christ comes to bleed and to die. He takes your sin and mine, indeed the sin of whole world upon Himself. Bethlehem will yield to Jerusalem; the cradle yields to the cross. The Holy One dies smothered in our sin. His blood cleanses us from all sin. The cradle, cross, and empty tomb all for you. How wide the love of Christ for each of us!

-Pastor Kincaid

## **EAGLE WATCH TRIP**

On January 20<sup>th</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending the Annual Bald Eagle Watch at the Grand River Center. This indoor event is put on by the Army Corps of Engineers and is a valuable and fun educational experience. Live birds of prey including bald eagle will be part of the programs. We could use some drivers for this event. We will need to arrive at the Grand River Center at 11:30 am, so we would need drivers to meet at 11:00 am at the school. The event runs until 2:00 pm. Please let the office know if you would be willing to drive. Thanks!

## **SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

National School Choice Week is January 22-28 this year. We will be putting together a fun school family get-together sometime during this week to shine a spotlight on the positive effects that education options have on children. More details to come soon!

## **UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE PE**

The University of Dubuque group will be back to help us with our Physical Education for the students starting on 2/6. This group is led by Katie Boyer who is a certified educator. They always do a good job and bring some fresh and new ideas to our PE class. Thanks go out again to U of D!

## **LIBRARY FIELD TRIP**

On Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 am, the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be going on a field trip to the Carnegie-Stout public library. Kids will get a tour of the library, work with the card catalog, have a story time, and check out materials using the self-checkout machine. If your student has a library card, please have them bring it on the trip. We will need drivers for this trip. Drivers would need to be at DLS at 9:00 am. If your student uses a car seat, they will need to bring this with them. We are planning on arriving back at DLS a little before noon. If you would be interested in driving for this event, please let the office, Mrs. Harvey or Miss O'Connor know. Thanks!

## Point A to Point B

Every year, near the beginning of the year, I tell my students that they cannot be strictly linear thinkers. A linear thinker would see a single path to accomplishment. To get from point A to point B would be a journey with no turns or side trips. Life seldom fits this vision. If you are like me, you celebrate the few times things go just about as they are planned to go.

Much more likely is a circuitous path that wanders in many directions and around different obstacles. What helps is knowing that God has a plan for us that only follows what is best for us. God's plan is not a path that indulges our every desire, it is seldom the easiest path, and usually it is a path we didn't plan for. We can celebrate the interesting path through the Old Testament that leads to Jesus and His birth. We can also think about the perfect plan God has, resting assured that although the plan may not be straightforward, He has a detailed plan for us.

-Mr. Kuske

## IOWA ASSESSMENTS DATES

Our testing dates for Iowa Assessments this year for our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will be Monday, 4/10 through Thursday, 4/13. Just wanted to get the dates out there for planning purposes. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

There will be Christmas gift wrapping available at Our Redeemer this Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Times will be 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday. Bring your labeled gifts and pick them up beautifully wrapped and ready to go. Proceeds will go to Our Redeemer Preschool and Dubuque Lutheran School. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Kincaid at 582-2157 or Emily Cearlock at 583-1593.

## SCRIP

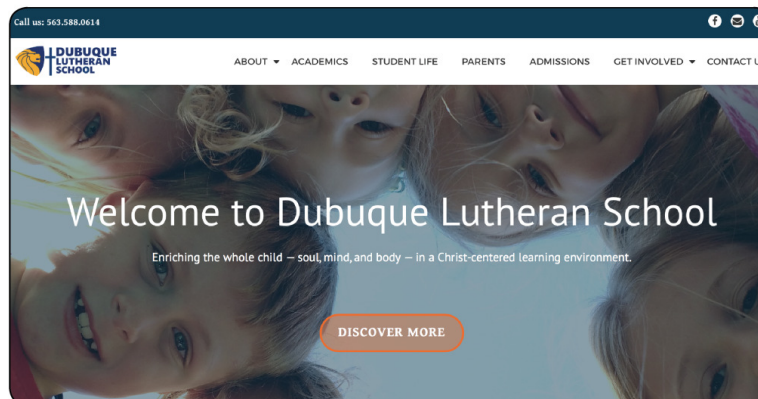
Just a friendly reminder that the final Scrip order for 2016 is due tomorrow by 8:30am. Cards will be ready for families no later than Wednesday the 21st. If there is another late start tomorrow, the order will still be placed by 8:30am; however, you can bring your check to the office at the time you drop your student off. Any questions, please call or text Liz Olsen at [815-222-6476](tel:815-222-6476).

## HOT LUNCH MENU

The January hot lunch menu will be sent home in the family folders today. These are due back in the office by Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

## New DLS Website!

[www.DubuqueLutheranSchool.com](http://www.DubuqueLutheranSchool.com)



## CALENDAR DATES TO NOTE

December 21 – School Geography Bee at DLS  
December 22-January 2 – No School – Christmas Break  
January 11 – Early Release 1:30 – Professional Development  
January 16 – No School – Martin Luther King Day  
January 18 – SCRIP order due 8:30 am  
January 18 – Kindergarten Sneak Peek  
January 19 – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Carnegie-Stout Public Library (Need Drivers) 9:30 – 11:30  
January 20 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Eagle Watch Trip – Grand River Center (Need Drivers) 11:30  
January 22-28 – National School Choice Week  
January 30 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip “Everybody’s Hero” at UD Heritage Center 9:45 am  
February 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip “Pete the Cat” at UD Heritage Center 9:45 am  
February 10 – No School – Professional Development  
February 19 – Students sing at Our Redeemer 10:30 am  
February 22 – End of Trimester 2  
February 23 – Living History Night 6:30 – “Across the USA”  
March 2 & 3 – Parent Teacher Conferences  
March 3 – No School  
March 5 – DLS Trivia Night at St. Paul – 5:00 pm  
March 8 – Early Release 1:30 – Professional Development  
March 13-17 – Spring Break  
April 10-13 – Iowa Assessments testing 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade