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Dear Immanuel families:

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Advocating for the Special Needs Child -- A Growing Christian makes the Best Parent!

A quick glance at our congregation on a Sunday morning will reveal more than a few families with a special needs child. These children and their families are a blessing to our community; continually reminding us that God loves each of us and has a plan for us. These families are presented with unique challenges, especially when it comes to education, both in the school and the church.

For many children, the diagnosis of their needs comes at birth. This is a critical time for parents as they often feel overwhelmed by new information and concerns as well as dealing with the practical aspects of keeping this new little one healthy and safe.

School time is another critical time for these children and their parents. A whole new world of questions and concerns open up as parents begin to work through issues of what is the best way to meet the educational needs of their child. This is a time for parents to become advocates for their child and to learn and practice the skills necessary to determine what is best from what is available.

The Info Center -- As parents, you have a unique role in your child's education. Your child comes with extras, like medical/psychological experts, equipment for health, mobility or senses, test results, and education plans. A parent is the information center for such a child. You are the one who can relay a doctor's suggestion or a therapist's recommendation.

Be sure to keep careful and well organized notes. A file or binder that holds your notes from doctor visits as well as copies of tests done and medical information is essential. Be sure it is well organized and know in advance which parts of the file you feel comfortable sharing with educators. The more information your child's teacher has available, the better he or she can serve your child. It is a challenge to bring people together for educational meetings, so complete and well-organized information can help meetings be more efficient and can prevent delays. Part of the information you keep on your child should be a copy of your child's educational rights. This can be obtained from your local school district office or your state department of education.

Take Action -- For some children, their disability is not readily apparent. Many children have hidden learning or emotional disabilities that go undetected or do not qualify for special education programs. If you suspect your child has a learning issue, work through your child's teacher to get him or her tested.

You have the right to request this of your local public school. If testing does not qualify your child for special education assistance, you may need to collect more information on your own and work with your child's teacher to create a productive learning environment for your child.

Check with your child's doctor to see if you can get a referral to a neuropsychologist. This kind of doctor is often found at a rehabilitation hospital and can do thorough testing to determine your child's learning strengths and weaknesses. This can give you important information to share with your child's teacher.

Know the Teacher -- Establishing a healthy relationship with your child's teacher and school is essential in your role as an advocate. Parents need to actively work at building relationships with the people who care for their children. Getting to know the teacher will help you when you find yourself frustrated with class rules or routines that hinder your child. Communicate your child's needs with respect and remember that your child has classmates, each with his or her own needs for which the teacher is responsible also. Remember that the least restrictive environment for your child may represent challenges for the teacher and the fellow students. Ask what you can do to help, and then follow through on those suggestions.

In Christ,

David Ingwersen

The **STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TESTS** will be administered to students in grade 1 through 8 **STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**. The test will cover all major academic areas. In addition students in grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 will take the OLSAT tests which are predictors of academic success. The results of the test will be shared at Parent-Teacher Conference on November 15 & 16. ***It is important that students are well rested and ready for testing. Please stress good nutrition and a healthy lifestyle with your children.***

LUNCH BALANCES -- The lunch balances that are sent home on Friday (*per family*) will be **as of Thursdays** each week. This would also include payments received after Thursday morning. If you send in a payment Thursday afternoon or Friday, that payment will be reflected on your balance the following week. If you would like to find out the balance as of Fridays, you can check the Fast Direct internet system over the weekends.

IMPORTANT PARKING REMINDER -- When parking in spots adjacent to any sidewalks, please be sure to leave the walkway cleared. The Crystal Lake Police will be ticketing vehicles that impede the sidewalk.

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REMINDER: BUS SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

CAR WINDOW CLEANING next Friday, September 28th and the following Thursday, October 4! The 7th and 8th grades will start cleaning your car windows at 1:30 p.m. in the school parking lot; so, please arrive early. A free will donation will be taken to help offset the cost of their class trip to Washington, D.C. in April.

FALL FESTIVAL – This year the Fall Festival will be held October 28th along with the Walk-A-Thon. In order for this fun event to be a huge success, we are going to need plenty of help from you! We are looking for volunteers for the games, the walk-a-thon, the cake walk and more! Don't worry, you can volunteer and still spend plenty of time with your family. For more information and to sign up, please contact Cheryl Poirier at 847-854-2677 or cpoidog@aol.com Karen Audette at 815-788-8109 or texaudette@comcast.net.

WALCAMP FALL FESTIVAL - Sixth grade parents look for a flyer coming home today about Walcamp's Fall Festival on Oct. 7. Pastor Tieman is scheduled to preach the sermon at the 10:00 A.M. outdoor worship service.

CHAPEL OFFERING FOR FIRST QUARTER -- Chapel offerings will be going to two places our first quarter of the school year. **Monetary offerings** will be sent to the **American Cancer Society in honor of Kevin Koenig**. We will also be collecting **items for the Koenig family to take to Rush Hospital**. When asking the family "how we as a school can help," Mrs. Koenig responded with an idea to help all of the children in the pediatric ward. She suggested that we could collect the following items: **new board games, colors and coloring books, puzzles, colored pencils and drawing paper, picture and chapter books, kids' pillowcases, and colorful socks**. Items can be brought in any day of the week. Let's fill the Koenig van with lots of items of love from the Immanuel School children.

HELP WANTED – The school's Extended Care program is looking for a part-time childcare provider for 1 – 3 days per week. The hours are from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. If interested, you can pick up an application in the school office.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE CHOIR will be singing in church on Sunday, October 14th at the 11:00 a.m. service. Meet Mrs. Helm in the church lower level at 10:40 a.m. It would be great to see all the students at church that morning!!
Thanks, Mrs. Helm

DINNER NIGHT OUT -- Immanuel Lutheran School earned \$100.00 from our recent dinner night out at Buffalo Wild Wings! Thanks to everyone who participated. Our next dinner night out will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at Colonial Café in Crystal Lake. Watch for additional details coming soon!

MANNA!! We do have some inventory available in the school office for "cash and carry". Check it out – we may have just what you're looking for!! The Manna dates for the fall are as follows:

Orders Due

Monday, October 1

Monday, November 5

Monday, December 3

Pick Up

Friday, October 5

Friday, November 9

Friday, December

If you have any questions, please contact Joni Haldeman (815-459-4275).

MARKET DAY! It's not too late to get your Market Day order in. Place an order for our October sale (**pickup is September 29**) and help us earn \$400 in FREE books! We need 66 orders!! Every order helps us reach our goal! Order online until NOON on Wednesday, September 26. Place an order and you'll have a chance to win a Market Day bag. Prepay online and get an extra chance to win. AND when you come to pickup your order, get your car washed!! The 7th and 8th grade will be having a Car Wash during our pickup time of 8:00-9:15 a.m. We appreciate your support and we're looking forward to seeing you at our Market Day Sale! Mary Matthei 847-669-5513.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008 DATES -- Mark your calendars now! VBS "Power Lab" is scheduled for July 14th-18th 2008. We will remind you of these dates periodically throughout the next year. Jane Sotos-Cindy Ibbotson-Shelly Davidson

JAMZ-Jesus and Me Zone

Volunteer positions available:

-Photographer-Visit the JAMZ classrooms and take pictures. This would be 1-2 times a month.

-Skit and Drama people- Didn't make it to Hollywood? That's OK, JAMZ has room for you! Actors needed 1-2 times a month for JAMZ large group gatherings.

Wish List Items:

JAMZ would like to build our library and music collections. If you have any **Bible story books** (pre-school aged or up) or **Christian music DVDs** (includes songs, lyrics, and motions) you would like to donate bring them to the Church office or drop off in the back of the Church on Sundays.

Contact Jane Sotos janesotos@sbcglobal.net or Cindy Ibbotson mail@ibbotsonfamily.com with any questions.

HOW CAN WE HELP? If you would like to make a meal for the Koenig family, please contact Sharon Tieman at stieman@imcl.us or call 815-893-0316. We will be sending meals 2-3 times per week to help free Brenda to care for Kevin. Meals can be dropped off at school in the afternoon and sent home with Kristian. There will be a scheduled work day to help with yard work later in the fall. Watch for more information. Keep praying for Kevin to stay healthy in between treatments!

ANNOUNCING A DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP -- Are you diabetic? Do you know someone who is diabetic? Come to a support group for diabetics and their caregivers. Tuesday, October 2, in the cafeteria at 7 PM will be the first meeting for Immanuel's Diabetic Support Group. If you have questions call Verne or Bonnie Schultz (815)459-2732.

ILC Youth Activities (Grades 6 – 8)

RICHARDSON'S CORN MAZE - Put the date on your calendar... October 27th we'll be going to Richardson's corn maze (the largest corn maze in the world) in Spring Grove, IL. We'll leave at 6:30 pm and return around 11:00 pm. Call Ginny to sign up or for more info. This event is open to all students in 6th – 12th grades.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!! Immanuel Crystal Lake Panther decals are in the office! They are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. You can use them on your car window or stick them on just about anything! Show your **Panther Pride** all over town!!

The spaghetti dinner will be served at 6:00 and the Kevin Purcell & the River Burners band starts at 8:00. The event will be held at the Moose Lodge on Rt. 31 in Johnsburg. You can also enjoy bidding at the silent auction featuring a signed Brian Urlacher football and Bears tickets, cabin on lake... and more. Great raffle prizes too! Tickets are only \$20 per person at door. Please come, have a great time, and help out in a great cause. For more information you may contact Ginny Illich. ***A listing of items that will be included in the raffle and the silent auction are available by request in the school office.***

MID-POINTE -- Mid-Pointe meets in the gym at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This week's presenter will be Keith Baldwin and the topic is "There's a knock at the door . . . Sharing God's Grace with Domestic Cults". We hope you can join us!!

Immanuel Lutheran Church Worship Services:

Saturday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
JAMZ, Confirmation & Mid-Pointe	9:30 a.m.

Lunch items offered daily are:

Hot Dog on Bun	Chicken Patty Sandwich
Salad Entrée	Cheeseburger
Pepperoni Pizza	Deli Sandwich

SCHEDULE AND LUNCH:

Saturday 9/22 Varsity Girls Volleyball Tournament at Immanuel, Belvidere
Boys Volleyball Tournament continues at St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods

Monday 9/24 **Soft Shell Taco, Spanish Rice, Corn, Fruit Mix, Milk**
ACHIEVEMENT TESTING BEGINS
4:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at St. John, Algonquin
5:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at St. John, Algonquin

Tuesday 9/25 **Oven Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fruit Mix, Milk**
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom

Wednesday 9/26 **Macaroni & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Dinner Roll, Jello with Fruit, Milk**
8:00 a.m. Chapel
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Boys Volleyball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice

Thursday 9/27 **Stuffed Potato, Corn, Fruit Mix, Animal Crackers, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Boys Volleyball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice
6:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Westminster

Friday 9/28 **Foot Long Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk**
Varsity Girls at St. John, Elgin Tournament

- Saturday 9/29** 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Market Day Pick Up
Varsity Girls at St. John, Elgin Tournament
- Monday 10/1** **Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Corn, Orange Section, Dinner Roll, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Boys Volleyball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice
- Tuesday 10/2** **Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Pears, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Pudding, Milk**
- Wednesday 10/3** **Pancake Wrap w/Syrup, Hashbrown Potatoes, Peaches, Coffee Cake, Milk**
8:00 a.m. Chapel
4:30 p.m. Boys Volleyball Game at St. John, Elgin
5:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at St. John, Elgin
6:30 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at St. John, Elgin
- Thursday 10/4** **Corn Dog, Tater Tot, Corn, Applesauce, Churro, Milk**
NO BUS SERVICE
5:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Good Shepherd, Elgin
6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Good Shepherd, Elgin
- Friday 10/5** **Chicken & Noodles, Dinner Roll, Green Beans, Peaches, Brownie, Milk**
NO BUS SERVICE
4:30 p.m. Boys Volleyball Game at Home vs. Immanuel, Dundee
5:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. Immanuel, Dundee
6:30 p.m. Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at Home vs. Immanuel, Dundee
7:30 p.m. Varsity Girls “B” Volleyball Game at Home vs. Immanuel, Dundee