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Dear Immanuel families:

Discipline is Teaching

Your children are your disciples. You are the model of what you want them to grow up to be. If these sentences are a bit scary, they should be. The answer to that fear is to pray. Pray fervently, pray often, pray with confidence that God stands ready to answer your prayer in ways that you cannot imagine. God loves you and chose you to be the parents of these children. He will gladly support you in the task He has assigned to you. Here are some of the blessings God will use to answer your prayer for wisdom and guidance:

God will create a community of love and support.

God will help you treat your children with respect and gently, but firmly, hold them responsible for treating you and other family members with equal respect. Your family should show and feel unconditional love for each other at all times.

God will give you honesty.

God will help you be honest about your mistakes. Apologize and accept forgiveness. Explain why you were wrong and what you should have done instead.

God will bless your home.

God will help you provide an environment that encourages your child to obey. Is there a temptation that your child is not mature enough to resist? Remove the temptation. For older children, take care to watch and help them learn to resist. Know what is going on when you are with your children and when they are at school, child care, or a friend or relative's house. Take advantage of communication opportunities and develop relationships with the families and people who care for your child.

God will bless your family with boundaries.

God will help you to set limits and hold firm to them. Children have a love/hate relationship with limits. They desire the safety and security provided by limits but are in a near-constant state of challenging them as they grow and learn. Some limits do not change; others need to change as your child grows and matures. The acts of setting limits, enforcing limits and changing limits should come from you and be accompanied by necessary teaching. Remember, however, that your child is at a different stage of development than you are and therefore does not understand limits in the same way you do.

God will bless your family with trust.

God will help you to show unconditional love. Consistency and courtesy in your words and actions will build a solid level of trust between you and your child. Trust depends on your child's personality and developmental stage. With infants, we learn whether or not to trust them with small objects. With teenagers, we need to learn whether or not to trust them with large vehicles. Past experiences and past decisions play a big part in developing that trust. Children grow and learn. Our level of trust needs to grow alongside that physical development.

God will bless you with timing.

God will help you deal with a misbehavior as close to the event as possible. In terms your child can understand, explain what was wrong and what behavior is desired. Children have a habit of misbehaving in public places. They seem to know they have an advantage in such situations. Dealing with misbehavior may garner critical looks but know that there are others standing in silent support.

God will bless you with serenity.

God will help you to stay calm when disciplining your child. Remember that you are modeling desired behaviors all the time. Children learn how to push parent "but tons" as readily as they learn to push sibling "buttons." We are adults and can learn to ignore the button-pushing. In doing so, we teach a powerful lesson about dealing with disappointment. When you and your child stay calm, you have better access to the reasoning side of your brains. *(To be continued next week)*

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In Christ,

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REGISTRATION – Please return your registration packet and deposit TODAY to ensure your child's spot for next year.

PANTHER KIDS

Saturday, March 1

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Please be sure to wear or bring gym shoes!

MID-TERM REPORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON FAST DIRECT -- If you are in need of a print out of the Mid-Term Report, please contact the school office.

**NO BUS SERVICE HOME
ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008**

**BEGINNER AND ADVANCED CHIMES WILL BE PLAYING
DURING CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5.**

INTERNATIONAL FAIR, SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & OPEN HOUSE – Join us on **Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** for the Immanuel Lutheran School's International Fair. This will be held during National Lutheran Schools' Week!

DINNER NIGHT OUT AT CULVERS – We will have our next dinner night out at Culver's Restaurant, Crystal Lake, on Monday, March 3, 2008 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. We hope you can enjoy a dinner out at Culver's while benefiting our school! No flier is necessary for Immanuel to receive credit for this event.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH SERVICE TRIP -- Are you in 6th – 8th grade? Are you ready to serve? Want to have an amazing week this summer? Then you're the perfect person to go on a service trip, August 10th – 16th to St. Louis, MO. Bring yourself and a parent to an informational meeting on **Sunday, March 9th from 4 – 5 PM in the T.H.E.A.T.E.R.** You'll learn all of the details and discover an awesome opportunity to help others. Contact Mrs. McCoid if you've got questions.

3rd & 4th GRADE CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 a.m. service on March 2nd. This day kicks off Lutheran Schools' Week. Have your child meet in the church lower level at 7:45 a.m. I hope to see you there! Thanks, Mrs. Helm

BUTTER BRAIDS -- Don't forget to order your Butter Braids! Your sales will help send the 7th and 8th graders to Washington DC. Please remember to turn your order forms and money collected in to the school office by Monday, March 10. The orders will be available for pick-up, after school, the following Monday, March 17, between 2 and 3pm. They will be here just in time for Easter! If there are any questions, please contact Leslie Covington at (815)355-1656. Thanks so much for your support.

LIBRARY CORNER – Hello Parents!! As you know we are weeding books from our library and getting ready to automate this summer!!! We have come across some books that may have value. Is there someone reading this who is willing to put some of these on e-bay or help us find out the value? Please see Mrs. Lawin in the library if you can help. Also, please let me know if you would like to help with the automation process.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAUDIA PASCHE!! Claudia came in 2nd place at the Regional Spelling Bee this week that was held at Hannah Beardsley Middle School. Claudia competed against school winners from Fox River Grove Middle School, Cary Jr. High School, Prairie Hill School, Prairie Grove Elementary School, Prairie Grove Jr. High School, Hannah Beardsley Middle School, Lundahl Middle School, South Elementary School, St. Peter and Paul Catholic School and St. Thomas Catholic School. Claudia will now go on to compete at the McHenry County Final Competition on Wednesday, March 5th at McHenry County College Conference Center. Way to go, Claudia!!

EASTER FEAST FOOD FIGHT – Don't forget to bring in a canned good or imperishable food item for the Kids of the Kingdom food drive. This is being held during Lent. Don't forget that the teacher of the class that brings in the most food will get an Easter Surprise Pie in the Face!

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS – Please be reminded that we need the photographs of your child to put together the graduation DVD. **Please get these to Heather Simek as soon as possible.** You can send them into the office with Heather's name on the envelope and we will gladly pass it along to Heather. If you have any questions, please contact Heather at 847-669-5908.

MARKET DAY – There's still time to get your **Market Day** order in and order your brunch items! Don't forget to place an order this March and help our school earn more profit through Brunch Bonus Days! Every order helps us reach our goal! Order online until NOON on Wednesday, March 5th at www.marketday.com. This is the last opportunity to order before Easter. Spiral sliced hams are only \$2.99 per pound. Pickup is Saturday, March 8th, from 8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Thank you for supporting Market Day at Immanuel. Mary Matthei, 847-669-5513

Immanuel Ministries Crystal Lake Hosts 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 15th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Activities will be indoors this year- Enter through the cafeteria entrance.

Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your child's scheduled Egg Hunt time for your

FREE picture with the Easter Bunny,
egg coloring, decorate your Easter bag, and refreshments.

Scheduled Egg Hunt times

3 and under-10:20

Pre-K and Kindergarten- 10:40

1st and 2nd grade- 11:00

3rd and 4th grade -11:20

5th and 6th grade -11:40

Questions, please call Jane Sotos or Michelle O'Connor.

COOKBOOK UPDATE – The second shipment of cookbooks have arrived. If you did not yet get your cookbook yet or if you need more to pass out to family and friends – now is the time! To get your cookbook see Julie in the school office. They are \$20.00 each and are available immediately! Or call Rick or Julie Goschey at 815-356-6267. Don't delay! Once these cookbooks are gone – they are gone!

MANNA ORDER FORMS ARE GOING HOME TODAY! Please return your order and payment to the school office by Monday, March 3. Delivery will be Friday, March 7.

ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN, SECOND GRADE, AND SIXTH GRADE PARENTS – Please see the important dental examination information going home today. This is mandated by the State of Illinois for students in grades K, 2 and 6. The information must be turned into the school office on May 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Julie in the school office.

VBS-POWER LAB-OOZING WITH FUN! Dates have been set so mark your calendars now! VBS-Power Lab will take place **July 14th-18th**, 9:00-Noon each day. **Water Bottles**-Save your empty water bottles and turn into the school or Church Office. (we will make a cool craft with these) **Lab Coats**- We will be looking for donations of Lab Coats or old white shirts you may have. Drop off in the School or Church office. Questions- Call Jane Sotos, Cindy Ibbotson, or Shelly Davidson

MID-POINTE – Join us Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the gym for Mid-Pointe. Mid-Pointe is large-group Bible study opportunity offered during the Sunday School/JAMZ hour. This week, Don Kearley will be speaking this week on the topic "Our Kids and the Christ Centered Home". Next week our guest presenter will be Greg Bradshaw, who will be speaking on the topic "Our Kids and Christ Centered Sports". We hope you can join us for these very informative topics.

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	Pepperoni Pizza
Salad Entrée	Soup w/Roll	Deli Sandwich

SCHEDULE AND LUNCH

Saturday 3/1 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Panther Kids

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK

Sunday 3/2 8:00 a.m. Worship Service – Grades 3 & 4 Sing

Monday 3/3 **Footlong Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk**
Pajama Day/Comfortable Clothes Day
NO BUS SERVICE HOME
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner Night Out at Culver's Crystal Lake

Tuesday 3/4 **Cinnamon French Toast, Syrup, Breakfast Sausage, Hashbrown, Orange, Milk**
Crazy Hair/Hat Day
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles

Wednesday 3/5 **Beef & Cheese Nachos, Corn, Pears, Cookie, Roll, Milk**
Dress Up Day
8:00 a.m. Chapel
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday 3/6 **Lasagna Roll Up, Salad w/Dressing, Breadstick, Fruit Mix, Animal Crackers, Milk**
Class Color Day
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. International Fair, Open House and Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 3/7 **Fishwich on Bun, Tater Tots, Corn, Peaches, Applesauce Cake, Milk**
Jamaican Me Crazy Day – Island/Tropical Attire – No Swimsuits

Saturday 3/8 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Panther Kids

Monday 3/10 **Macaroni & Cheese, Roll, Salad w/Dressing, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk**
U.S. Paper Money issued, 1862
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal -- Mobiles

Tuesday 3/11 **Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Salad w/Dressing, Pears, Crackers, Milk**
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal – Mobiles
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom

Wednesday 3/12 **Beef Tacos, Tater Tots, Dinner Roll, Corn, Jello, Cookie, Milk**
Franklin Delano Roosevelt's First Fireside Chat, 1933
9:20 a.m. Chapel
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Thursday 3/13 **Pork Rib Patty on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Rice Krispy Treat, Milk**

Friday 3/14 **Egg O'Muffin, Hash Brown Potatoes, Peaches, Coffee Cake, Milk**
Albert Einstein born, 1879
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Musical Rehearsal – Mobiles

