



December 21, 2007

Dear Immanuel families:

The National Lutheran Schools Accreditation goals development continues to move forward as we count down to the visit by the accreditation committee on April 14 - 15. The four major goals with the objectives and strategies will be fully written by January 17. The first goal is the development of an annual fund campaign. Goal two is to implement technology across the curriculum. The third goal is to increase enrollment of the school through retention and recruitment efforts. Goal four is to enhance student learning through the new school facility. These goals will be submitted to the Northern Illinois District NLSA coordinator for comment and approval.

Keith Peters, the program director from Walcamp will visit the Immanuel campus on Tuesday, January 8. He will be sharing with the students the ministry of summer camp and outdoor education at Walcamp. Walcamp is a Lutheran retreat center located near Kingston, IL.

Just a reminder, PTL will meet on Tuesday, January 8 starting at 2:00 p.m. in the mobile classroom building. Kids of the Kingdom will also meet from 2:15 – 3:00 on the same day.

During the hustle and bustle of this Christmas season, take time to reflect on the real reason for the season. Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, came to this earth as a baby. Take time to listen again to the age-old story. Read Luke 2 with your family. Come to church and hear the story through word and song.

May the true Peace of Christmas - found in the stable and lying in the manger - be with you and your family.

Christmas Greetings from the staff of Immanuel Lutheran School.

In Christ,

David Ingwersen, Principal

COMING SOON . . .

PANTHER KIDS

WHO: All students Grades K – 4

WHAT: Basketball

WHERE: Immanuel Lutheran School Gym

WHEN: Beginning Saturday mornings in January
Exact start date to be announced

WHY: To learn basketball fundamentals and have fun!!

LIBRARY CORNER – Many of you may be aware that Mrs. Lawin was not in this week. She had the joy of spending this week in Decatur with Joe and Tanya Calendo and family. On Monday, December 17th, Mrs. Calendo gave birth to their third son, **Jacob Andrew**. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz and was 20 ½ inches. Mom and baby are doing very well. Mrs. Lawin (Grandma) was so excited and very proud. Congratulations to the Calendo and Lawin Families!!

GEOGRAPHY BEE – Over the last couple of weeks, the students in grades 5 – 8 have been competing in the National Geographic Geography Bee with Mr. Becker. We would like to congratulate our finalists as well as our school winners. The finalists were:

5th Grade: David Myers and Riley Krutsch
6th Grade: Claudia Pasche and Tommy Helm
7th Grade: Michael Chapel, Parker Tweeten, and Rachel Roseberry
8th Grade: Steven Gorski, Lauren Simek, and Taylor Kapalin

The Winners are:

1st Place: Claudia Pasche
2nd Place: Parker Tweeten
3rd Place: Taylor Kapalin
4th Place: Riley Krutsch

As first place winner, Claudia will be taking a written test after Christmas break to see if she qualifies for the state bee. Congratulations to all finalists and winners!!

MANNA!! We have some inventory available in the school office for “cash and carry”. If you have any questions, please contact Joni Haldeman (815-459-4275).

FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting an “OPEN HOUSE” on January 8 and January 15, 2008 at the current school location. The Open House is scheduled from 6:30PM – 8:30PM. It gives those interested an opportunity to meet staff, tour the facility, find out about programs and curriculum that are available and get answers to any questions they might have.

Faith Lutheran High School is a Christ-centered high school now operating in Marengo. The school will be graduating its first senior class at the end of this school year. The school’s program of studies is predominantly college preparatory but also serves the needs of other students who would benefit from a smaller setting. Currently, the student teacher ratio is 6:1.

Mark your calendars! For further information call 815-338-3547 or check out the school on the web at www.faithlhs.org.

MARKET DAY -- THANK YOU to everyone who supported our December Market Day sale. We raised \$584. When you order at www.marketday.com in January, you're automatically entered in a contest to win exciting prizes! Prizes include a Disney Vacation package for four, iPods® and \$25 Best Buy® Gift Cards! The earlier you order, the more chances you have to win! Don't forget to check out the Web Clearance for great deals!! Thank you for supporting Market Day at Immanuel Lutheran. Mary Matthei, 847-669-5513

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December 23, 2007

9:30 a.m.: Taste of Immanuel & Christmas with ANAVOX in Concert

11:00 a.m.: Worship (in the gym)

Bring your entire family and join us for a wonderful celebration on Dec 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. Grazing stations will be set up around the gym featuring breakfast foods that you bring. (Juice, coffee, water provided).

CHRISTMAS with ANAVOX will feature seasonal songs and carols by Nashville based Christian recording artists ANAVOX.

Childcare will be open in the Little Ark room right across from the gym. Tables will be set-up in the gym for families dining with small children, or those needing special assistance. All others will enjoy eating at their chairs.

Since we are ALL sponsoring this event, here's what you need to bring:

1. Your family and friends
2. A breakfast dish to share cut into bite sized pieces. (Breads, Danishes, fruits, casseroles, etc.....)
3. One (1) package of 7" paper Christmas plates.
4. One package of luncheon sized Christmas napkins.

Questions? Shelly Davidson: 815.479.0263 mcdavidson@aol.com OR Don Kearley 815.459.3264 donjuliek@comcast.net

JAMZ-Jesus and Me Zone

ARRRRG! SET SAIL FOR ADVENTURE MATIES!!!

Join JAMZ in our first ever ***PIRATES THAT DON'T DO ANYTHING*** PARTY!!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, during the JAMZ hour 9:30-10:40 a.m.

Come dressed in your best pirate attire (no weapons please) Join us in celebrating the release of the movie at Regal Showplace Theater Piratey games, snacks, movie trailer and ticket giveaways!
Movie's theme is "What Makes a Real Hero?"

For more information, contact Cindy Ibbotson at sales@ibbotsonfamily.com
Be there or walk the plank!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM EVERYONE AT JAMZ!

YOUTH NEWS (GRADES 6 – 8)

If you are signed up to gift wrap this weekend, please, be on time and bring your best smile! If you have questions, call Ginny's cell.

New Year's Eve Bash! 12/30 at 10 pm to 12/31 at 6 am... if you are not already signed up there is still time. Cost is \$40 and contact Ginny in the office for the forms.

Ski outing January 4th leaving at 2:15 pm returning 11:30 pm going to Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Great way to get your ski feet under you before Sr. high retreat! Families are welcome. Sign up with Ginny today so we make sure we have enough drivers.

I want to take just a minute to say THANK YOU to all those who have helped with youth ministry in any way this year. Whether you supported us financially or with your time or encouragement, please know that I appreciate you soooo much! Bless you and Merry Christmas to you and yours! Ginny

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

3:00 p.m. Family Worship
4:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion *at The Pointe*
5:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols w/Communion
8:00 p.m. Worship
10:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

10:00 a.m. Worship

Lunch items offered daily are:

Hot Dog on Bun	Chicken Patty Sandwich
Salad Entrée	Soup w/Roll
Pepperoni Pizza	

SCHEDULE AND LUNCH

Monday 12/24/07 – Friday 1/4/08

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Basketball Practices During Break – Subject to change – please check with coaches!

Jr. Varsity Boys:	Wednesday, January 2	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
	Saturday, January 5	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Varsity Boys:	Wednesday, January 2	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
	Thursday, January 3	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Monday 1/7 **Italian Dunker, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Mix, Corn, Carnival Cookie, Milk**
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity & Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

Tuesday 1/8 **Soft Beef Tacos, Tater Tots, Corn, Jello, Roll, Milk**

2:00 p.m. PTL Meeting
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom
4:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. Zion, Marengo
5:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. Zion, Marengo
6:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. Zion, Marengo
7:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. Zion, Marengo

Wednesday 1/9 **Chicken Tenders, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Green Beans, Peaches, Milk**
8:00 a.m. Chapel

Thursday 1/10 **Beef Ravioli, French Breadstick, Green Beans, Applesauce, Rice Krispy Treat, Milk**
4:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods
5:30 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods

Friday 1/11 **Hot Turkey Ham Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrot/Celery Sticks, Fruit, Milk**
Varsity Girls @ Fox Valley H.S. Basketball Tournament
4:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods
5:30 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. St. Matthew, Hawthorne Woods

Saturday 1/12 Varsity Girls @ Fox Valley H.S. Basketball Tournament
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Market Day Pick Up

Sunday 1/13 Varsity Girls @ Fox Valley H.S. Basketball Tournament

Monday 1/14 **Mini Corn Dogs, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Corn, Peaches, Jello, Milk**
4:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Game at St. John, Elgin
5:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at St. John, Elgin
6:30 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at St. John, Elgin

Tuesday 1/15 **Cheese Quesadilla, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Cookie, Milk**
8:00 a.m. Graduation Pictures & Team Photos
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Jr. Varsity & Varsity Girls Basketball Practice
3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice
5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Practice

Wednesday 1/16 **Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Breadstick, Vegetable, Cookie, Milk**
9:20 a.m. Chapel
4:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. St. John, Algonquin
5:00 p.m. Varsity Girls Basketball Game at Home vs. St. John, Algonquin
6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys Basketball Game at Home vs. St. John, Algonquin

Thursday 1/17 **Pork Rib Patty on Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Milk**
Jr. Varsity & Varsity Boys @ Mt. Prospect Basketball Tournament

Friday 1/18 **American Sub, Baked Chips, Vegetables, Peaches, Jello, Milk**
Jr. Varsity & Varsity Boys @ Mt. Prospect Basketball Tournament

