St. John Lutheran School

The Cardinal Chronicle



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Christmas Party

On Friday December 20, we will have our annual school Christmas party. We ask that each family donate something yummy to share with the children. A signup genius has been sent to your email. That Friday is an early release day and school will end at 11:30AM. Buses will run and pick up students from St. John at 11:30AM.

Upcoming Events

December 14 - Christmas Eve Practice at church (K-8), 9:00 - 11:00

December 17 - Girls/boys basketball game vs. Twin City Eagles (home game), girls game 5pm, boys game 6pm.

December 20 - St John Christmas party and early release at 11:30am.

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December 21 - Christmas Eve Practice at church (K-8), 9:00 - 11:00

School Cleaning

Dec. 9 - Dec. 15 Eisenbeis

Dec. 16 - Jan. 5 Charapata



Hot Lunch

Hot lunch for this week is pizza given by the Greene family in honor of Kalysta's birthday. The cost is \$2.00.



We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our classroom penny wars. Almost \$1,200 was raised which enables us to get some more

classroom items on our teachers' wish list!

Mission Offering

Our mission offering for the 1st semester will be going to Megumi Lutheran church in Mito, Japan where Mr. and Mrs. List's nephew is currently working teaching English as a second language for Kingdom Workers. This church also helps support families of autistic children, which is a great need in Japan as there is little support or knowledge of how to help these children. Thank you for your generous gifts!



2 Corinthians 9:7 – Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver.

Today is National Gingerbread House day!



Gingerbread House Day on December 12th recognizes a family tradition for many around the country.

A favorite food of an Armenian monk, Gregory of Nicopolis, brought gingerbread to Europe around 992 AD and taught French Christians to bake it. Since gingerbread was often used in religious ceremonies, monks baked to be sturdy to molded into images of saints.

We can thank the Brothers' Grimm for a gingerbread house, though. Through their tale of *Hansel and Gretel*, they introduce an evil witch who lives in a house made of gingerbread. It didn't take long for the German gingerbread guilds to pick up the idea. Soon, they put gingerbread houses to a more festive use making snowy cottages made from the spicy-sweet treat.

Today, we can spend the day baking, cutting, and building to our heart's delight. Kits take some steps out of the process so we can get right down to constructing our winter wonderlands.

Did You Know?

The fruit orange isn't named after the color; it's the other way around. Before the late 15th century, orange was considered a shade of red. That's right: until the Renaissance, "yellow-red" was the only term the English language had for orange.

Seahorses are monogamous lifemates that travel in pairs while holding each other's tails.

A mosquito has 47 teeth. These teeth are located at the end of their proboscis and are used not used to chew food like our teeth. They are used to cut through the skin or layers of protective clothes. Either way, they can buzz off.

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