



Immanuel Lutheran School

2017-2018

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today
and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

Thursday Notes

From the Principal’s Pen

This week, we thank our PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE for their commitment to our children and families. The purpose of our PTL is to support and nurture a partnership with our teachers, our students, and our families. It is our work together that is crucial in providing a caring, Christian, learning environment. Through God’s Word, our children, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are made aware of His redeeming love. Daily, our children continue to learn of this precious gospel message.

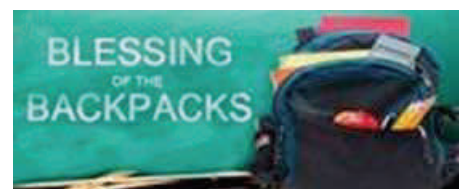
The first of our two PTL Back to School Nights will be next week. Next Wednesday (August 30), we welcome our 6th through 8th grade parents and then on Wednesday, Sept. 6th, we welcome P2s through 5th grade parents. In both evenings we want to strengthen the relationship between home and school. Our partnership is important. Together, we are preparing children for the future and equipping the people of God for service. Thank you, PTL, for hosting our special evenings and for all the work that you do throughout the year supporting this special relationship. We “Praise the Lord” for you!

In Christ,

Diana Meers

Key Dates– Mark your Calendar

August	26-28	Backpack Blessing
	28	Sunday School Kickoff
	30	Back to School Night Grades 6-8 6:30
	31	Faith Family Lunch 11:40-12:50
	31	Kinder Mixer
Sept	4	NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY
	6	Back to School Night Grades P2-5 6:30
	8	Fam Jam 6-8pm
	10	2nd Grade Bible Presentation
	15	Midterm Ends
	15	LESA In Service K-8-NO SCHOOL



Bring your backpack to Worship this weekend (8/26-8/28)!

Five Worship service opportunities for your child and youth to bring their backpack to church and prepare for the new school year by learning about Spiritual fruit and receive a blessing! Each student will also receive a backpack tag they can attach to their backpacks to identify who they are and to Whom they belong to. You won’t want to miss it! ALL students are welcome, invite your friends too!!! If you have any questions please don’t hesitate contacting Pastor Ron rmillard@immanuelstcharles.org.



Stop Sign Removal on the Corner of 7th and Jefferson

This week the stop signs on the corner of Seventh Street and Jefferson Street were removed and replaced with Student Crossing Signs. Mrs. Meers is in contact with the St. Charles City Council regarding the safety issue this has created for our students, families, and staff. If you share this concern please consider respectfully writing our councilwoman Mary Ann Ohms at maryann.ohms@stcharlescitemo.gov or your local St. Charles Councilman.

Parking Lot Reminders:

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start. The faculty and staff of Immanuel are continually looking for ways to improve especially when it comes to the safety of your children. Below are a few reminders regarding drop off and pick up for before and after school in the parking lot and 7th street areas. Please help us as we work together in creating the safest environment we can for our students.

1. If you are dropping off your child at any of the doors in the morning please have them exit your vehicle on the passenger side. This will ensure that your child is not stepping into oncoming traffic.
2. If you need to get out of your car to help your child before or after school please park in the designated areas. This allows the flow of traffic to keep moving in the drop off and pick up lanes.
3. Patience and slow driving is also a key to keeping all of our students safe.
4. If you are driving, please refrain from using your cellphone in the parking lot. Even the slightest distraction could have major consequences.
5. If you are looking for shorter lines, go through the parking lot to the 7th Street Ramp.
6. Please **DO NOT park on 7th Street** along the entire length of the building. This spot is designated for flowing drop off and pick up traffic.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders and for allowing us the opportunity to educate your children. Each and every child is a precious gift from heaven!

Tardy Policy Reminder:

As a reminder, we are enforcing the tardy policy as stated in the student handbook. The tardy policy applies to students in grades 1-8. The Parent Handbook States:

“A student will be counted tardy if he/she arrives **after** 8:15 a.m. and **before** 10:15 a.m.” and, “When a student has accumulated 4 unexcused tardies, a Saturday morning detention will be given. A clean slate is begun after each set of 4 (as they apply to the receiving of a detention) and at the end of each quarter.”

Tardies are only considered excused if your student is coming from a doctor, dentist, or other educational appointment (offsite testing, speech, etc). Please remember to ask your doctor/dentist for a note so that it can be marked excused in the office. If you have any questions on what is considered excused please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to help provide for your child the very best education possible.

Health Forms

Immunizations, Kindergarten, and new student physicals are required to be on file in the school office by the first day of school in order for children to attend. Any time your child gets another shot, please give the office an updated immunization list. Check the “Health” folder on the parent portal for forms and information. Please contact the office with any questions.



2017-2018 Lunch Reminders PK—Grade 8

- Students will **NOT** be permitted to charge lunches or milk to an account with a negative balance. If the account is not replenished, the student will receive a “special” lunch.
- Low balance reminders are not sent home. Please monitor your students lunch account either thru the mySchoolBucks® smartphone app or thru their website. Be sure to set up your account and low balance reminders.
- If you are dining at school with your student, please email the school office receptionist at receptionist@immanuelstcharles.org. This will ensure the cafeteria will prepare the appropriate number of meals for the day.
- Remember, no fast food may be brought in the cafeteria for the parent or child. Please feel free to pack a lunch for yourself.
- Student lunch is \$2.85 and milk is \$.40. Adult lunch is \$3.00. Exact change is appreciated.
- Please send cash in an envelope with child’s name indicating amount enclosed. If sending a check, make payable to ILS Lunch Program and note on the memo line how much you want in each child’s account if multiple children family.
- If student’s last name differs from the check owner please indicate the student’s name on memo line.

Food Allergies

All food and nut allergies need to be documented by a note from a physician each year. In order to be excused from milk at lunch, we are required to have a physician’s note on file stating the child is lactose intolerant. A new note is required each school year. Since we participate in the Federal Hot Lunch Program we are required to serve milk unless we have documentation from a physician.

Immanuel Lutheran School Library Information 2017

Immanuel library will soon be circulating books. We are excited about the new books and other additions to our library. Below are the library policies.

Students: Please read this with your parent.

1. Students may borrow 2 books at a time from the library (preschool students are limited to one book).
2. Classes visit the library every other week (Preschool 4, kindergarten first and second grades visit weekly), and students may keep books for 2 weeks. Books should be returned to the library the morning they are due.
3. If the book is not returned within 2 weeks, an overdue notice will be issued to the student through the classroom teacher or via email.
4. The student will not be allowed to borrow any more books until the overdue book is returned.

Lost books should be paid for (replacement fee) or replaced with a new copy of the book.

Parents:

We recommend that:

- You develop a routine to help your child remember library day and return books to school.
- You help your child make a special place at home to keep the library books.

If a book is overdue or lost:

- Student check-out privileges will be temporarily suspended.
- Notices will be issued through the classroom teacher.
- No fines are assessed for overdue items.

When several overdue notices have been issued, we will presume the book is lost. At this point, we will send a letter home to the parent.

Options:

- Find the book.
- Pay the replacement fee. (found in the letter sent home)
- Purchase a replacement copy of the book.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of reading!

Bonnie Sanguinet, Library Volunteer Coordinator



Field Trip Drivers

Please stop in the office so we may copy your **driver's license** and **current auto insurance card for the 2017-18 school year**. This information is updated each year as previous year's records are destroyed.

Walking Home

Parents, please remember if your child will be walking home at any point this year, we need a note on file in the school office giving permission for them to do so.



We are looking for help with Wednesday afternoon pickup of Aaron & Matthew Wulff from school and dropping them off at Kathryn Linnemann Library which is located on Elm Street. I can be reached at 314-346-6938.

We are looking for help with morning commute a few days a week for Justin Abegg (8th). We live in Presidio (Elm and 3710). It's possible for him to be dropped off by 6:45 am or picked up. There are also days which we could participate in a carpool. If possible, we can be reached at the following: 314-435-6828 or barbmb@yahoo.com.

Many thanks and God Bless
Peter and Barb Abegg



Sunday School Kickoff Party

WHEN

August 27, 2017

9:30-10:30 am

WHERE

Fellowship Hall

WHO

Preschool 4–8th Grade

Bring your folks

Featuring

FUN • FELLOWSHIP • The Science Guy

Contact—christinazuke@gmail.com



Blue Ribbon Wear



Our Blue Ribbon Spiritwear can now be found under Blue Ribbon Wear. Our Athletic Association will be selling Spiritwear with the Eagle logo through another company, watch for details. We will be ordering Blue Ribbon Wear every month until the last Friday of the month.

For students we have a full zip hooded sweatshirt and a dry-fit polo shirt with an embroidered Blue Ribbon Crest available, both are uniform approved. The items will be available from size Youth Small - Adult XXL so place an order for your entire family to show your ILS spirit. For the adults we have a knit polo with an embroidered Blue Ribbon crest, a women's ILS long sleeved Dry Fit shirt. Samples of the children's dry fit polos and women's polos are available to try on in the school office.

Log onto www.myschoolbucks.com to place an order.

Reminder: If you missed purchasing the literature books, hymnal, Bible or small catechism at orientation you may purchase them in the school office. 1st graders need ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING, 3rd-8th graders need an ESV Bible, 7th-8th graders need Luther's Small Catechism.

Also, Theme t-shirts can now be ordered online at myschoolbucks.com. K-5th grade is Kelly green and 6th-8th grade is orange with the logo that appears on the front cover of Thursday Notes.

The deadline for ordering is August 25th.

Junior/Senior Youth News

YEE HAW – Registration forms are out for the Yee Haw event for grades 6-8! Yee Haw is Saturday, November 4 at Trout Lodge. This event typically fills up so be sure to turn in your registration forms and payment early to guarantee a spot. Forms are available in the church office.

DISTRICT JUNIOR YOUTH RETREAT – The fall retreat at Camp Windermere is October 20-22 for all 6-8th grade youth. The retreat will feature music, service, a great speaker, recreation and lots of fun! The sign up deadline is October 2. Registration forms can be found in the church office.

THE DISTANCE – It's time for "The Distance!" All 6-8th graders are encouraged to come to the first gathering on Wednesday, September 6 from 3:30-5p.m. in the gym. We will have snacks, games, devotions and much more. "The Distance" meets once a month - don't miss out on the September 6 event!

For any questions about Youth Ministry, please contact Jolene Siebarth, DCE or Pastor Millard