



# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL – LOMBARD

## Parent Bulletin

### December 10, 2020



**Perseverance † Kindness † Character † Hope †**

*Love At All Times*

### EAGLE NATION

I received this from our district, and I thought I would share it with you. It is a timely message.

*'Prepare the royal highway,  
the King of kings is near;  
let every hill and valley  
a level road appear.  
Then greet the king of glory  
foretold in sacred story:*

*O blest is he that came  
in God the Father's name?'  
- Fran Michael Franzen*

Are you preparing? What are you preparing for? I see Christmas decorations up in many places I drive. Oops.... let me clarify... I have seen many Christmas decorations up in many places I drive. It seems that some have been up for several months already. I guess some of the public feels decorating somehow brings the holidays closer. Maybe it sends a message of hope during this unusual time of pandemic.

As Fran Michael Franzen wrote so eloquently in his hymn 'Prepare the Royal Highway', we are always to be preparing for the coming of Jesus. We fall short each day due to sin, selfishness, and inward thinking. It is very easy in challenging times, to focus on ourselves and enter that 'me zone'. That is not the zone God wants us in. He wants us to be outward focused on others, their needs, and how we can use our gifts and talents to serve.

Due to our sinfulness, God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world. He prepares our heart by His Law and Gospel. He cleans us up and makes us presentable to a Holy God. It's called righteousness. Each day we must be preparing for that return. Let's be about serving the kingdom and preparing the royal highway for that glorious day.

As we place our faith and trust in God (no matter the stresses we face), we can all be thankful that God holds us in the palm of His hand and gives us what He knows is best for us. So, when trials come, step back and know God's plan is perfect. Stay in the **Word**. Take care of yourself to be **Well**. Use your words and life as a **Witness**.

Remember each day – Christ loves you and holds you close.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Mr. Kalal

### Chapel

We will not have chapel on Wednesday of next week. We will have it on Friday, December 18th. We will not be recording chapel on Friday. All the students will come over to chapel (in separate groups) at some point during the morning.

**Virtual Christmas Program** Our virtual Christmas Program will be available next week. You will not want to miss it. A link to the program will be made available to anyone who is interested in viewing the program.

**Dress Code on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday, December 18th, the students will be allowed to wear Christmas themed shirts or sweaters to school. It is also a denim day, so jeans are acceptable as well.

**Thanks**

Our thanks again to Mr. Romano, Mrs. Davis, and the PTO, for making our Christmas Tree display possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

**PTO DINE & DONATE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16  
HAVE YOU TRIED ROSEMARY & JEANS YET??  
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!!!!**

December Dine & Donate and it is at **Rosemary & Jeans** 116 S. Main St. Lombard  
**Valid ALL Day, 12pm - 7pm**

\*\*\*\*This will count toward carry out and will not include the family meal deal specials currently going on. We will receive 20% back on all other menu items that are ordered.

**REMINDERS.....**

**URGENT COVID UPDATE**

We are following IDPH and DuPage County Health Department regulations regarding the mitigation protocols for COVID. We communicate with the Covid 19 Team at the County weekly, to remain up to date with our procedures and policies regarding quarantining students and staff at St. John's. Therefore, it is imperative that if anyone in your home feels any symptoms and/or if anyone in your home is awaiting COVID test results you should **KEEP YOUR CHILD(REN) HOME!** keep this virus from entering our school. Contact the school office as soon as possible and let us know what is happening. Your information will be kept confidential; and our teachers will work with your child(ren) to make sure they are getting their assignments. Please keep us aware of any contact your child has with a COVID positive person.

Stay home if you have any cold or flu symptoms, if you have a fever, if you feel sick...We are working extremely hard to keep this from affecting our school in a negative way, and we need everyone's help. Thank you

**ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS!!**

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, please consider using Amazon Smile and name **St. John's Lutheran Church and School of Lombard** as your charity. **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support St. John's School every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to St. John's! Please call the school office with any questions.



## TREATS FOR THE TROOPS

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class is putting together care packages for the brave men and women in uniform to say THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS! We are collecting donations through December 15 of the following items: We will put together as many packs as we can. If you know someone serving, please send address to [JLane@sjeagles.com](mailto:JLane@sjeagles.com) Visa Gift Cards are also appreciated.

### FOOD ITEMS

Granola/Protein Bars (no chocolate)  
Instant Mac & Cheese  
Peanut Butter  
Gum  
Chips  
Ramen Noodles  
Flavor Packets for Water  
Tea Bags/ Hot Cocoa Mix  
Beef Jerky  
Small Hard Containers of Snacks

### FUN ITEMS

Puzzle Books  
Writing/Coloring Utensils  
Notebooks  
Envelopes  
Decks of Cards  
Books  
Small Stuffed Animals  
Yo-Yos  
Fidget Spinners  
Rubik's Cubes  
Frisbees  
Fuzzy Socks, Hats, Gloves

### HYGINE ITEMS

Small Brush/Comb  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Chapstick  
Sunscreen  
Baby Wipes  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Wash Cloths  
Small First Aid Kit  
Pain Relievers  
Small Soaps  
Masks



## HELP OUR HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA MISSION

### WONKIE, ELEGANT, OR NOSTALGIC GIFT SALE

Shop in front of the (old school) East Gym before and after services Saturday and Sunday, Dec.12 &13 (and if you worship remotely, during all services). We accept cash or checks.

- Stocking stuffers: Scrubbies (for the kitchen or invigorating shower), Masks, Mask lanyards, Cup cozies
- Children and youth: Baby blankets, Infinity (wonkie) scarf, wild-colored quilts
- Gift card holders: Little jean purses, Santas with their "bag"
- Table toppers or door hangings
- Quilts: A selection of Christmas quilts and throws, some elegant, some like grandma used to make but all add warmth and comfort
- For the kitchen: Potholders/hot pads, Hand towels

## PHONE TROUBLE UPDATE

We are still having phone issues.