

SMLS Middle School Newsletter

Week of April 30, 2018

6th-8th Lutheran Schools Field Day

Field trip forms were sent home. Please return by this Wednesday. Thank-you!

7/8 Trip to Michigan's Adventure

Field trip forms were sent home. Please return with payment by this Friday.

I have 2 chaperones/1 driver so far. If you can come with us on the trip, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank-you!

8th Grade Parents - Pics Needed!

Please send photos to me by Tuesday, April 30. Thank-you!



Fitness Week & Screen Free Week

Screen Free or not Screen Free? That is the question. We debated whether asking families to give up screens for a whole week was even realistic in today's world. Reality is that screens are overused and can be detrimental to brain development. Reality also is, screens are everywhere and can be used to access good and bad information. As adults, we need to guide our kids and coach them along this path.

The first week in May is National Screen Free Week and Fitness Week at SMLS. We are encouraging families to lessen their screen time. Give up tv. Give up mindless browsing on phones and devices. Take more time to be a family. Take more time to play outside. Take more time to be still.

7th Grade Parents -

Graduation Reception

I have not had anyone step forward to coordinate the reception. If I don't have any volunteers by the end of this week, then I will plan to assign responsibilities to each 7th grade family for the reception. Thank-you!



LAMP Collection Boxes

We are once again collecting spare change for SMLC's annual trip to do a VBS at Lac Brochet. Collection tins are in each classroom, and we'll be collecting until the end of the year. Please give if you are able!

Take more time to praise God. Take more time to read The Word. As you take time away from screens, we will ask children to share some of these experiences in our classrooms.

In the past, we have offered extra recess time as an incentive to being screen free. This year, as classroom teachers, we will take time to get the whole class outside and get moving. The PTL has purchased some new items for the playgrounds that will help kids move more. We will have Fit Body Boot Camp here for a special activity. Each child will also receive a special gift from the PTL that can be used both to promote our school and to get outside and move with their families.

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6th Grade Bike Ride, Picnic lunch and Ritters

The 6th graders will be going on a bike ride, picnic lunch and a Ritters stop on June 5th. This is when the 7th and 8th graders are at Michigan Adventure. Please watch for more details.



7th/8th Bible - A Note from Mr. Johnson

In 7th/8th grade Bible Class the students have been looking at controversial issues in society today and comparing the messages we are receiving from our culture with what God's Word says about those issues. Topics have included the media, profanity, living together before marriage, euthanasia, abortion,

homosexuality, creation v. evolution, and a review of various worldviews. God's Word shares a message that stands in stark contrast to what the students are hearing from our culture. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would apply the truth of God's Word to the hearts of these students so that they can be lights for Christ!

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
8th grade slideshow pics deadline	4/30
Lutheran Schools Field Day	5/10
8th graders last day - Chapel presentation	5/25
No school; Memorial Day	5/28
8th grade Graduation; 7:00	5/30
7th/8th trip to Michigan's Adventure	6/5
6th grade bike ride	6/5
7th graders late start time (10:20 AM)	6/6
Last day of school; half day (11:30 dismissal)	6/8

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Academic Highlights

<p><i>Social Studies 6</i></p> <p>We are beginning ch. 26 this week. In this chapter we will explore the history and cultures of East Asia and Southeast Asia.</p> <p>There will be an essay question on the test for this chapter, and students can prepare an outline for the test. The essay question is already available on the study guide.</p>	<p><i>History 7/8</i></p> <p>We began ch. 10 today - Growth and Expansion.</p> <p>For the essays for this chapter, the 7th graders will prepare 3 essay notes as usual. The 8th graders will have an essay question which they will receive on the day of the test.</p>
<p><i>6th Grade ELA</i></p> <p>Vocabulary Week: This week is a vocabulary week. The students will have their spelling and definition tests on Friday.</p> <p>Grammar: We will be finishing up a unit on verbs.</p>	<p><i>7th and 8th Grade ELA</i></p> <p>Vocabulary Week: This week is a vocabulary week. The students will have their spelling and definition tests on Friday.</p> <p>Grammar: We will be working with adverbs. There will be a test on Tuesday,</p>
<p><i>Science 6th</i></p> <p>The students will have a test on Tuesday over Chapter 3.</p>	<p><i>Science 7/8</i></p> <p>We will be having a test on Wednesday over Circulation.</p>
<p><i>Writing 6</i></p> <p>We have taken our time with the research reports, making sure we know how to do well on each piece. Finals are due this Thursday, 5/3.</p>	<p><i>Writing 7/8</i></p> <p>We are using our Writing class periods to play the Game of Life!</p>