



Concordia Lutheran School

"Where your child is important"

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Walk to School Day,
Thursday, Oct. 6th

Bible Theme Dress Up Day
Friday, Oct. 7th
Dress up as someone or something from the Bible!

Thanksgiving Day
Monday Oct. 10th
No school for students

Terry Fox Run
Tuesday, Oct. 18th
Bring a Toonie!

PSG Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 18th
7:00pm
School Meeting Rm

Professional Development Day
Friday, Oct. 21st
No school for students
Public Health Fair
Friday, Oct. 21st

Skating
Thursday, Oct. 27th
K-6; 9:45-10:45am

In November...

- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- Skating
- Remembrance Day

Fundscrip – Shopping Cards

We encourage all families to help our school by purchasing or ordering shopping cards from our office.

This program generates revenue, **without asking families to spend extra money.** These shopping cards simply replace the money already being spent in your homes on a regular basis. The only difference is that a percentage goes to our school tuition fund! **Families still receive full value for their money.**



Please take the time to read this important information and make the effort to come into the office and purchase/order shopping cards to help support our school.

For example, if a family spent \$600/month on groceries using a shopping card with a 5% rate of return, the school would get \$30/month back! This can really add up with everyone participating over the year!!

With the participation of school and church families in this program, a phenomenal amount of money could be generated by purchasing shopping cards from our school. **The beauty is that our families incur NO EXTRA COSTS.** This is money that families are already spending on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis.

We look forward to seeing the potential of this program grow!

Order forms are included in this newsletter envelope.

Mission Update

Gleaners Field trip

The K-6 students enjoyed a very warm trip to the Oliver Gleaners on Friday Sept. 23rd! The school had a tour of the facility and a snack in the orchard. Then the grade 4-6 students volunteered to pick some plums for the Gleaners. It was an educational mission trip and the students all learned about the important work the Gleaners do in helping the feed needy people in other countries around the world. Thank you to all the parents who helped make this trip a success! Look for photos of the trip on the bulletin board in the gym!

Toonies for Terry

Concordia Lutheran School students will be raising money for cancer research through our annual Terry Fox Run. On the afternoon of October 18th, they will participate in an active and educational event to promote health and awareness of cancer. Students are asked to each bring a toonie to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. There will be a draw at the end of the day for a Terry Fox t-shirt.

Running Club

Running Club will start on Tues. Oct. 11th at 11:30am for any student interested in grades three to six. This club will meet weekly under the direction of Mrs. Kreller. If your child is interested, please sign the permission form included and send it back to school.

Immunizations

Information packages re: grade 6 immunizations were sent home already. The Kindergarten immunization fair will take place on Friday October 21st.

Show Your School Spirit

Once all the new school shirts have come in, we will be encouraging the students to show their school spirit by wearing their school shirt every **Friday** and on all field trips as well!!! Yeah, Concordia!!

Bike Rack

If your child is riding their bike to school, please ensure they bring a lock to use to secure their bike to the rack at the front of the building!



PSG News


Thank you to those parents who turned out for our first meeting! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 7:00pm. Please join us and help us to plan for another great year for our children at Concordia! We appreciate all your input into decisions we make for the school and students. We would like to thank the PSG for the generous donation of school shirts for the new students this year!

Please ensure that your child is wearing indoor shoes with non marking soles! We want to keep our gym floor looking good! Thank you!

Bible Theme Dress Up Day

On Friday Oct. 7th, students and staff will show their school spirit by dressing up in costumes to depict people or things from the Bible. Past costumes have included a variety of animals, Bible characters, costumes representing God's creation! We are looking forward to seeing what new ideas students will come up with this year. Costumes must allow students to sit in their desks and perform regular school activities with minimal distraction. Have fun!

Monthly Book Orders

When placing your orders, please make separate cheques payable to each club from which you are ordering. Please **do not send cash** unless otherwise arranged with your child's teacher. There is no obligation to order from any of the book clubs. October orders for all clubs are due **Thursday the 13th**. 

Cell Phone 

The school has a cell phone for emergencies and field trips. The number is 462-4171.

Professional Development Day

On Friday Oct. 21st, the teachers will be participating in a professional development day to update their first aid certification. There will be no school for students on this day.

Enclosures checklist

- October Calendar of Events
- Stan and Fran's Health Hints
- Book Order Forms
- Skating Permission Forms
- Fundscrip Order Forms

Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you are missing any of these enclosures.

Microwave use

Thank you for sending students with lunches that do not require the use of a microwave. If your child would like a hot lunch, please consider using thermal containers!

Walk to School Month

October is International Walk to School Month!



Concordia School will have a special *Walk to School Day* on **Thursday, October 6th** in order to mark this event. If you wish your child to participate, please meet the school staff at **8:15am** in the Wal Mart parking lot by the Warehouse One store on the morning of Oct. 6th and the staff will walk to the school with the students! There will be one staff member who remains at the school for those who do not wish to participate. If you have any questions about this event, please speak with Mrs. Simard.

The PSG is collecting proof of purchase tabs from the tops of **Little Caesars Pizza** boxes. The school benefits from free pizza when a certain amount is collected. Please send them to school in your child's planner and we will put them to use!

Stamps for sale

The school is selling postage stamps as a fundraiser!! Great for on Christmas cards and letters! \$12 packs of mixed denominations are for sale. See Mrs. Forsberg in the office.

Upcoming Fundraising - Scoops

Our Fall Fundraiser will run throughout the month of November. Order forms will be sent home on Nov. 1st. We are selling *Scoops* cookie dough and cheesecake. We are expecting every child to sell a profit of \$60.00 (ten items each). As an option, the PSG will cash your \$60 Activity Fee cheque instead.

Money raised will be used to pay for school swimming sessions, gymnastics classes, Children's Festival tickets, and skating sessions. If you would like to sell between Sunday services at Concordia Church, please speak to Carolyn Burghardt to book a time. (250-487-2230)

This will be our only fundraiser until the Chili Cook-Off in January.

Skating

Students from Kindergarten to Grade Six will participate in our annual skating program this fall at the Summerland Arena, 8820 Jubilee Road. Skating trips are scheduled for **Oct. 27th, Nov. 4th, 18th, and 25th @ 9:45-10:45am.**

Students may bring their skates from home or rent them at the arena for \$2.00. Everyone needs to bring a well-fitting helmet and return their signed permission form in order to participate. Younger students will also need to wear snow pants.

We will be taking the bus for these trips and will need a few parent drivers as well. We also would appreciate parent helpers to assist in tying skates and supporting young learners on the ice. **If you have already signed up to drive, please be at the school no later than 9:00am. Thank You!**





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Mr. Hank Shaver
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Mrs. Helen Sarvari
Mrs. Carolyn Burghardt

A Few Reminders

Monthly Newsletters

Each month, Concordia sends home its Parent Newsletter with the oldest child in the family. Please **sign the newsletter** card and have your child bring it back to the school in its pouch as soon as possible.

After School Pick-up

When picking up your children, please park your car in the lot and walk into the school to meet them. We ask that you **do not park your car near the entrance** in order to keep our parking lot as safe as possible.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

All students **must have two pairs** of shoes. One pair for outside use, and one pair with non marking soles for indoor/gym use. To help keep the gym as clean as possible, students need to remove their outdoor shoes before entering the gym.

Dress Code

The following items **must not** be worn to school:

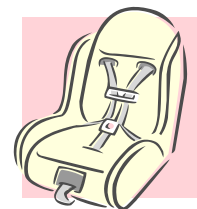
- Clothing with messages and slogans that do not support Christian beliefs
 - Clothing with noticeable tears and rips
 - Shirts which show the midriff, even with the arms raised
- Students dress needs to express a positive, Christian attitude and a readiness for learning. If you are uncertain about an article of clothing, please ask your child's classroom teacher or Mrs. Simard.

Trading Cards/Electronics

No trading cards, electronic toys or devices are permissible at the school, unless prior arrangements have been made with the classroom teacher. These items may be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Car Seat Policy

When parent drivers are being used to transport students on field trips, **it is the responsibility of parents to provide the appropriate car seat for their child/ren on the day of the field trip. You will be notified prior to the trip if your child's seat is needed.**



Please remember to respect the school zone speed limits when bringing children to and from school.