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Concordia Lutheran School

"Where your child is important"

September 2011

Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Parent Support
Group (PSG) Meeting**
Tuesday, Sept. 20th
7:00pm
Concordia Lutheran
School

First Chapel Times
Mon. Sept. 12th, Wed.
Sept. 14th, Thurs.
Sept. 15th
Offerings collected
weekly for World
Vision child
sponsorship.

**Field Trip to
Okanagan Gleaners
in Oliver, B.C.**
Fri. Sept. 23rd
Morning
Grades K-6

School Photos
Mon. Sept. 26th Morn.

**Meet the Teacher
Open House**
Tues. Sept. 27th
4:00-6:00pm

**Upcoming
Professional Day**
Friday, Oct. 21st
No school for students

In October...

- Bible Theme Dress-up Day
- Terry Fox Run

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✚ Welcome Aboard! ✚

As our staff continues preparations for the coming year, we could not be more excited about working with familiar students and parents again. Welcome back!

We also extend a warm welcome to new students and families joining us for their first year at Concordia. We hope you feel 'at home' right away and are looking forward to getting to know you all better.

Our school has opportunities for growth in all of our classrooms! Please talk with your family members, neighbors, and friends and let them know that Concordia has openings and would love to welcome them into our school family!



Missions: The Okanagan Gleaners



The school will be going on a tour of the Okanagan Gleaners this month to learn about the important work this group does. The Okanagan Gleaners Society was founded in 1994 by a group of Christians in the South Okanagan who were concerned about the hungry people of the world. Local fruit and vegetable prices were dropping, and they saw food being wasted or not harvested in fields and orchards. They felt a responsibility to salvage this God-given abundance of food. With God's leading, the vision for the Gleaners was born. Many volunteers help to produce dried fruit and soup mix which is distributed to deprived countries worldwide.

Our school tour for all students is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Further information on this upcoming field trip will be sent home soon!

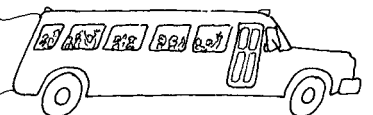
In the Office...



Mrs. Forsberg will be in the office (or around the building!) Monday to Friday from 8:45am to 3:00pm. Please feel free to drop by the office with any questions or concerns.

Our Principal, Mrs. Simard, will be in the school office on Tuesdays all day and on Wednesday mornings. Please phone the school or drop by to make an appointment.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Parent Support Group

PSG elections took place in June. We would like to thank and congratulate the following members for accepting the PSG leadership positions:

- Mrs. Carolyn Burghardt - President
- Mrs. Colleen Jenken -Treasurer
- Mrs. Juli Johnson - Secretary
- Mrs. Adele Gagen – Hot Lunch

This year's first meeting is Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00pm.

The PSG meets to discuss yearly events, fundraising, and opportunities to help serve and improve our school. All parents of Concordia are invited to attend these meetings. If you feel a call to serve our children in this way and wish to share your time and talents, **please come and join in!**

Concordia Lutheran School's Parent Support Group (PSG) will meet once a month. Meetings take place at 7:00 pm at Concordia Lutheran School.

Please call or talk with Carolyn Burghardt (487-2230) if you have any questions about PSG.

School Photos

Practice your smiles! The photographer will be at the school on Monday Sept. 26th to take individual and class photos. Previews and order forms will be sent home shortly after the photos are taken.



Concordia T-Shirts For Sale!!!



The PSG will again be giving free shirts to all new students! If your child has outgrown his/her school shirt, you may purchase a new one for \$15. Please have all orders in to your classroom teacher by Friday Sept. 30^h.

Absent & Late Policy Reminder

The Ministry of Education requires that all absences from school must be explained in a written and signed note from the student's parent. When writing an absence note, please state the date and reason your child was away from school. If arriving late (after 8:45am or 12:30pm), students and/or parents **must report to Mrs. Forsberg** before coming to class.

Concordia School is looking for more substitute lunch supervisors. The job times are 12:00-12:30 pm and the pay is \$8 per lunch. Please see Mrs. Simard if you are interested.



Hot Lunch Starting Soon!

Concordia's students (and teachers ☺) are anxiously awaiting the start of our popular Hot Lunch Program! For a small price, students enjoy one nutritious, hot, (and usually homemade) lunch a week. The other benefits? Parents get a day off from packing lunches and PSG raises funds that benefit our students.

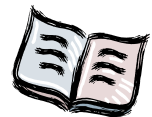
Past menus have included pizza, hot dogs, chicken fingers, spaghetti, tacos, soup and more.

We'd like to thank **Adele Gagen** for coordinating the program again this year! Parents will be asked to sign up to provide desserts and help in the Kitchen throughout the year. It is a great way to get involved and have some fun!!

Monthly Book Orders

Scholastic Book Orders will be sent home each month in your newsletter envelope. 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.

September orders for all clubs are due **Thursday Sept. 22ND**.



Enclosures checklist

Parent-Student Handbook 11/12

Please read this handbook with or to your child, sign the last page and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

September Calendar of Events

Book Order Forms

Peanut Free

Until further notice, our school continues to be peanut free due to possible severe allergies.

Please ensure that any foods sent to school for student consumption do not contain peanut products.

Student Consent for Access to Networked Information Services

Kindergarten: Immunization Records

Parents of Kindergarten students please complete the enclosed immunization form and return them to the school. Immunization cards will then come directly from the Public Health Unit.

Parent Consent Forms

Please fill out and return the enclosed permission form regarding personal information and return them to school.

Travel Consent Forms

Please fill out and return the enclosed permission form regarding field trips and return them to school.

Personal Information and Privacy Act Forms

Please sign and return to school.

Emergency Cards

Please fill out these cards with all needed information and return them to school.

Legal Residency of Parent – Form A

Each year, an auditor visits our school to ensure that each of families are Canadian citizens or are lawfully admitted to Canada and living in British Columbia. This form enables us to provide this information quickly to the auditor without releasing any additional information. Please fill out these forms and return them to school.

Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you are missing any of these enclosures. *Please return all forms by Fri. Sept. 16th



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Grade 4-6

Ms. Andrea Kreller
Grade 2-3

Mrs. Darlene Belanger
Music, Grade K-1

Mrs. Colleen Emshay
Mrs. Shelly Chapman
Pre-school

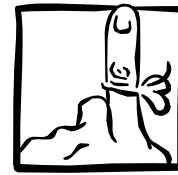
Mrs. Grace Forsberg
Administrative Assistant

Michael Schutz
*Director of Worship and
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School Board

Mr. Hank Shaver
Mrs. Tara Morris
Ms. Sue Gawne
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 the plastic folder 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 of outside-only shoes, and one pair 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.

Fees

Registration fees are paid yearly. The fees pay for school supplies and most field trips and are due at the time of registration. Tuition fees are due at the beginning of each month. Payments can be made to Concordia Lutheran School and given to Mrs. Forsberg or your child's classroom teacher. Activity Fees are a one cheque fee made out to Concordia PSG and post dated for Dec. 15.



Prayers and Offerings for Jimmy

Jimmy Alonso Perez is the child that Concordia Lutheran School sponsors through World Vision. He lives with his family in Peru and he is two years old. Please remember to bring in your donations so that we can continue to support this worthy cause. Each classroom has a 'Jimmy' jar. You can place money in this container at any time during the week. It will be emptied into the offering plate at Thursday morning Chapel.

Meet the Teacher Night

Parents and students are invited to the school to meet with teachers on September 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

This event provides an opportunity for parents to pop in, see the classroom, look at school work, and receive an informal progress report about their children. There is no schedule for the evening. Please feel free to stay as little or as long as you like! Meetings with parents will be done through informal discussions with teachers.

The first formal report card will be sent home on November 18th.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the teachers and mingle with other parents and students.

Come for supper and enjoy a slice of pizza (\$1.00) and a drink (\$1.00) and have your child show you around the classroom and school!

See you there!



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.**

Morning Supervision

Please be reminded that children arriving early to school need to hang up their belongings in their cubbies and proceed to the **playground** to wait for the teacher to bring them in on time. As there is no supervision in the morning, students are not allowed to play with equipment (balls, hockey sticks, etc.) at this time. If you are concerned for your child's safety on the playground in the morning, please feel welcome to stay with them on the playground until it is time for school (8:45am). In the event of rain or severe weather, children are allowed to wait in their classrooms at their desks until school begins.



Shoes in the Gym

In an attempt to keep our gym floors looking as clean as possible, we are encouraging all students to carry outside shoes across the gym. They are asked to put them on in the narthex or in the area near the playground exit door. All indoor shoes should have non-marking, white soles.

News from Ms. Walker

As some of you may have already heard, Ms. Walker has resigned her call at Concordia Lutheran School, and is planning on staying in Australia. She will be missed by everyone here at Concordia and we will look forward to updates on how her ministry 'down-under' is going!

On a positive note, Mrs. Darlene Belanger, our beloved Music teacher, has accepted the full time position in the grade 4/5/6 classroom starting in January 2012! God is good and we are well blessed with amazing teachers!

