

The Principal's Page

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SILO WINS RCLS INVITATIONAL

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As the basketball season draws to a close, our teams continue to represent Silo very well. Our boys team won the RCLS Invitational Tournament over the February 15-17 weekend. As you read this they are in preparation to participate in the Minnesota State Lutheran Basketball Tournament hosted at Concordia University in St. Paul. First round opponent, game times, and a complete schedule will be placed on the immanuelsilo.org site when we receive them.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK REPORT

Previous to this school year, National Lutheran Schools Week has been celebrated during the first week in March. Although each school maintains the option to celebrate NLSW when they choose, the officially recommended time has been moved to the last week in January. This move was done for two reasons. First, many schools choose to use this week as a community recruitment opportunity, thus earlier is better. Secondly, the first week in March often overlaps with Lent, and some saw it as a conflict to celebrate NLSW during the somber time of Lent.

The weather was not very cooperative this year. The first three days of the week were either shortened by a late start or cancelled entirely. While this did affect some of the activities, the highlight activity for the week went on as scheduled.

Dr. Jeff Burkart, emeriti professor from Concordia University, St. Paul served as our resident artist for Thursday and Friday. Dr. Burkart worked with each classroom, each in a different way. Grades five through eight classrooms were given the script of a play several weeks in advance so they could assign parts and begin to rehearse and memorize parts. These plays were written by Dr. Burkart and conveyed a Christian message. Two weeks be-

fore being on site with us, we conducted about a 30-minute Skype coaching session with Dr. Burkart being in his office at CSP and our classes in the gym. This worked extremely well as it seemed like he was right there with us.

With the other classes he conducted a Pantomime Play, which was thoroughly enjoyed by both the students and their parents and grandparents.

The song that was sung by the students in church services on the Sunday leading into NLSW (January 27), at the Friday morning chapel service (February 1), and as a finale for the Friday afternoon presentation was written by Dr. Burkart.

Also at the Friday chapel service Pastor Meilner and Mrs. Burns were both recognized for Kingdom Service anniversaries. **Pastor Meilner is in his 30th year of ministry and Mrs. Burns is in her 25th year of Kingdom Service. Congratulations!**

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED

Snow White and the Nine Dwarfs is the title of this year's operetta presented by the Silo students.

The date for the performance is March 22. You will notice that in the past, and in fact previously advertised for this year, it was presented on two dates of Friday and Saturday. After discussing this at various levels, it was agreed that the vast majority of people at both performances were the same people: parents and grandparents. Hence, this year the performance times are going to be changed.

There will be two performances, both on Friday, March 22. The first performance will be on Friday afternoon (the exact time will be announced very soon), and the second will be at 7 pm on Friday night. We anticipate that the afternoon performance may be more friendly to the needs of many grandparents, while the Friday evening performance remains unchanged.