

The Principal's Page

Immanuel Lutheran School - Silo

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CHAPEL OFFERINGS DESIGNATED

First quarter chapel offerings are being designated to help a seminary student with expenses. The seminarian who was chosen is Elden Kohn, who is in his last year at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis. The student body became acquainted with him last March when he came during National Lutheran Schools Week to talk about his, and his wife's, experiences doing mission work in Taiwan. Recently the student body gathered to participate in a Skype interview with Elden. The classes generated questions that they wanted to ask and then someone from the class came forward to ask the question. The connection turned out to be a little choppy, but we could see and hear him, and he could both see and hear us.

The recipients for the month of November will be the Food Shelf and the Hat/Mitten Tree. LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) will be highlighted during the months of December and January.

ADMINISTRATIVE SOFTWARE INSTALLED

OpenSIS, a web-based school administrative software package, has been installed and is functioning very well for school. This software makes readily available to teachers data for each student and family. OpenSIS keeps in one location addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, baptism anniversaries, emergency contacts, and much more. All of this is then available to any teacher who has an internet connection.

In addition to all of this, it also serves as an electronic, web-based, grade book. This program will allow parents to log in to the OpenSIS web site for Silo and view how their child has done on individual assignments. This is currently being tested by a couple families and seems to be working very well. During the month of November that service will be opened and made available to all families. At the start of the second quarter information will be coming home how you (if you have a child in school, that is) can access this service.

FALL FUNDRAISERS SET

As I write this the window of opportunity for the Schwan's fundraiser is closing. The proceeds from this sale go into the school checking account and are used to support school activities. Examples of these activities would be class trips, National Lutheran Schools Week activities, etc.

Two more projects are being planned for the fall

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season. Information about the **That's My**

Pan! program will be coming home soon. The other one planned is the **Cookie Walk** on December 15, 9-11 am in the gym. For the latter two, the organizers are requesting that the funds be designated to purchase one or more water coolers for the school. The cooler in the main entrance to the school has decided that it doesn't care to function any more.

STUDENT COMPUTERS ONLINE AND FUNCTIONING

The 25 laptop computers that have been purchased with the Fischer Foundation grant are all configured and working well. These need to be carried to the classrooms for use when needed from a central storage location. All of the units have the same software loaded on them so it is easier for the teachers to give instruction in the classrooms. The school has two routers that serve as wireless access points for the building. We are finding that these two access points serve the building very well.

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Have you visited our website recently? You can keep up with the latest announcements and see pictures of activities at school. Recently posted pictures include grades 5-8 on the Cemetery Walk, Preschool at the Pumpkin Patch, grades 5-6 doing a service learning project, and grades 5-8 participating in highway cleanup. You can see this and archived copies of the same by visiting this site. Both church and school calendars, as well as Sunday bulletins, can be found here. Spend some time browsing the site to see what's there.

SPORTS REPORT - CONGRATULATIONS SILO SOCCER

The Silo soccer team (A team) went through the season undefeated and went on to win the conference tournament also. In the tournament the Silo team defeated St. Martin's (Winona) and Resurrection (Rochester) Lutheran Schools. The latter was in a short-handed overtime victory.

Volleyball season has started play already. This season ends with the conference volleyball tournament at RCLS on November 10. Basketball practice starts at the end of November with the first game being played on December 7.