

# CONNECTING YOU TO CHRIST!

## WILDCATS' WEEKLY NEWS

### CALENDAR

- Mon, 12/8—Girls B Basketball Practice at 3:15pm
- Mon, 12/8—Girls A Basketball Practice at 4:45pm
- Tues, 12/9—Cheer Practice at 3:15pm
- Tues, 12/9—Boys B Basketball Practice at 3:15pm
- Tues, 12/9—Boys A Basketball Practice at 5:15pm
- Tues, 12/9—School Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- Wed, 12/10—Girls B Basketball Practice at 3:15pm
- Wed, 12/10—Girls A Basketball Practice at 4:45pm
- Thurs, 12/11—HOME Girls B Basketball Game vs. St. Luke's, Oakfield at 4:00pm
- Thurs, 12/11—HOME Boys B Basketball Game vs. St. Luke's, Oakfield at 5:00pm
- Thurs, 12/11—HOME Girls A Basketball Game vs. St. Luke's, Oakfield at 6:00pm
- Thurs, 12/11—HOME Boys A Basketball Game vs. St. Luke's, Oakfield at 7:00pm
- Fri, 12/12-Sat, 12/13—HOME Early Bird Basketball Tournament (Girls A & Boys A)



**There will be one final scrip order before Christmas on December 12. Get your orders in by then, and you'll be able to pick them up on Wednesday, December 17.**

Monday,  
December 8, 2025



### SCHOOL THEME

**"So Much! So Worth It!"  
Grace-Thanksgiving-Glory to God**

*"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God"*  
**2 Corinthians 4:15**

### CHURCH INFORMATION

#### Regular Worship Service Times:

Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am  
Monday 6:00pm

### MISSION OFFERING

Mission Project for 1st Semester is Kids Care – Academia Cristo

Amount collected: \$527.88

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## GENERAL NEWS & NOTES

- **Christmas Decorating Day - Cancelled** — We will be cancelling our decorating day that was originally scheduled for Monday, December 22. We will still have decorations for our Children's Christmas Service, but we no longer need a specific day for set-up.
- **Children's Christmas Service** — Each year, our students lead a special service that shares the wonderful message of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem. This year's services will be held on Tuesday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. Our children have spent many hours preparing, and we hope all families can attend. On Christmas Eve, students should arrive in their classrooms by 3:30 p.m.
- **No PTF This Month** — There will be NO Parent, Teachers, and Friends of Grace (PTF) meeting this month. We will see you on Tuesday, January 13!
- **Grace Staff's "Favorite Things"** — If you are looking to show appreciation for some staff members by purchasing Christmas gifts, but have no idea what they might like, check out their interest surveys for all your gift giving needs :)  
Click on this link to view: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JFsRAbdPbhrkY972415z8\\_Oc6aDoCd7F/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JFsRAbdPbhrkY972415z8_Oc6aDoCd7F/view?usp=drive_link)

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S NOTE

### **Early Bird Tournament Schedule**

Come cheer on your A-team Wildcats as they play in the Early Bird tournament, hosted here at Grace on Dec 12-13.

Wildcats take the court

#### **Friday**

4pm Boys vs St. Peter

5pm Girls vs Faith

7pm Boys vs Trinity

#### **Saturday**

9am Girls vs Bethany

7pm Boys vs Neenah Lutheran

8pm Girls vs Mount Olive

\$2 per person/day (players and coaching staff are free)

\$10 for a family weekend pass

Children ages 3 and under are free



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## GENERAL NEWS & NOTES

### MRS. WARNKE'S, MRS. KURBIS'S & MRS. EHLERT'S CLASSROOM NEWS

We're excited to begin another wonderful week of learning and exploration in Pre-K!

**Bible Story:** This week, we will hear how *God Rescues Three Men* from the fiery furnace. The children will learn how God protects His people and keeps His promises.

**Literacy:** Our focus letters will be **D** and **E**. We'll also explore **Concepts About Print** by noticing and talking about environmental print the children see every day.

**Math:** We will explore **patterns** through seriation—ordering objects by size, shape, or other attributes.

**Science:** Our class will learn about **animals and habitats**, discovering where different animals live and what they need to survive.

**Music:** We will practice listening for and matching **pitch** during music time.

**Art:** Children will get creative with **rubbing and smearing** techniques as they explore new textures and tools.

**P.E.:** We'll continue building coordination and teamwork with **hockey practice**.

#### Christmas Celebrations & Service Details

We are excited about our upcoming Christmas celebrations! Please read the notes below for more information:

##### December 22 – PreK Christmas Parties

- PreK classes will have their classroom Christmas parties.
- For the gift exchange, by 12/19, please send a **wrapped, gender-neutral book** labeled: *"To: My Friend, From: Your child's name."*
- This will also be a **Christmas pajama dress-up day** for preschool. Please avoid one-piece pajamas and pajamas with Santa.

##### December 23 – Christmas Service at 9:00 AM

- Three-day students may participate if parents would like. Since this is not a regular school day, they may be **dropped off at 8:40** in their classroom after using the bathroom.
- Three-day students will be **picked up immediately after the service** from their classroom.
- If you'd like your five-day student to be picked up after the service, please let your child's teacher know.
- Dismissal for all remaining students is **11:35 AM**.

##### December 24 – Christmas Service at 4:00 PM

- Gym lobby doors open at **3:00 PM**.
- Students should arrive in their classroom by **3:30 PM**, after using the bathroom.
- If your child will not be attending, please notify their teacher.

#### Attire for Both Services:

Please dress your child in **nice church attire**. It is preferred that students have minimal distractions during the service, so please avoid jewelry for girls and ties for the boys.

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## MRS. FOELSKE'S & MRS. O'LAIRE'S CLASSROOM NEWS

### This week in Kindergarten:

**Christ Light(Bible Story)** - We are going through the Old Testament in Christ Light. Moses is now God's leader of the Israelites in the desert. We will see how God wants the Israelites to be his special people. He will give them the 10 Commandments to follow which doesn't go so well.

**Bible passage:** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**SuperKids Reading:** We have been introduced to our fishing loving friend, Frits, and the letter F. Then up next we will meet Ettabetta.

**Math:** We are comparing shapes 2-D and 3-D shapes.

**Social Studies:** We will study globes and climates in our study of maps.

**Science:** We are beginning our unit on Physical Science by looking at the different states of matter, solid, liquid, gas.

**Writing:** We are working on labeling more and more in our Science and Social Studies as well as having more written responses to our Superkids Library books.

### Blending Book: Page 11

- **Show and Tell** - One item! Must fit in your backpack!

This Week (Dec 8) -Ee

Next Week (Dec 15) - None until after Christmas Break

After Break (Jan 5) - Free Choice

**Final Notes: A Christmas gift exchange note was sent home. Please check that out and bring in a gift as you are able by Dec 17.** We have begun our Christmas Service practices and are working hard on telling about Jesus' birth through songs and recitations. Please make sure to plan for your child to participate on Tuesday Dec 23 and Wednesday Dec, 24.

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### MRS. STEINBRENNER'S CLASSROOM NEWS

What a busy week we have had! Lots of singing for our Christmas service, The students have been working hard and we are having fun too! Thanks to all the parents who have brought in novelty items for prizes!

Thank you for sending all the snow gear to school! First graders have been warm while enjoying all the snow! **Please** remember to send your child to school with a water bottle filled with water every day! They also need 2 snacks, one for our 9:45 snack before recess and we almost always have an afternoon snack around 2:00. Everyone has been hungry lately! Brainwork and outside play in the snow definitely contribute to that.

Just another reminder about the gift exchange in our class. It will be on December 23 after our Christmas service that morning at 9. We will have a snack and play some games. The students will be sent home early at 11:35 that day. Please purchase a boy gift for a boy and a girl gift for a girl and write boy or girl on the wrapped gift. Please make sure your gift gets to school by Dec 22.

### MRS. BOLDA'S CLASSROOM NEWS

We continue to work on our Christmas Service. Your child should also be learning and practicing it at home.

Your child will be bringing home the study guide for the science test on Dec. 19th. Please quiz them every-day.

Monday- -0 to -11 facts test

Tuesday- p. 3 Light of the World; p. 9 For you were...; Money Math Test

Wednesday- Book Report Due- Pinky and Rex

Thursday- Spelling Test #`12; p. 5 "O Come, All You Unfaithful"; p. 8 "When they had seen..."

Friday-p. 4 Everyone who...

### MRS. SWAPP'S CLASSROOM NEWS

#### Mrs. Swapp's 2nd Grade:

We are back into the swing of things and are working hard on our Christmas service. Please continue to review upcoming memory work assignments.

\*Our Spelling test will be on **Test on Friday, December 12:**

know, knew, knee, knock, knife, knot, write, wrote, wreck, wrap, wrong, wrinkle

#### Week at a Glance:

##### Next Week:

M -

T - MT (In those days...)

W- Book Report Due

Th - MT (For God who said....)

F - MT (When they had seen him...); Spelling Test

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## MRS. LAWONN'S CLASSROOM NEWS

December is here! I tried to make it a slow transition with a bit of advent to begin last week before we went full blown decoration mode. Thursday I brought the big box up from the basement. 27 children in our room with our first joint Christmas service practice and no outdoor recess made opening a box of joy a need, not a want. On Friday we built our tree. (As I'm writing this, it's actually Thursday and I'm hoping it goes great! I have many engineer brains in my room and a "build a tree" seemed like a great idea...)

When our excitement levels settled, we ramped them right back up by learning to round by tens, hundreds, and tens in hundred numbers. We even learned how to skip count by 100s in the thousands! I was so thankful I lived through 2,002 and knew how to write that big number correctly!

Last week in reading we learned how people stared at nature and got an idea to make a new invention such as velcro or ergonomic cars. Did you know that "back in the day" aka the 90s, people basically drove boxes around? This year's conundrum with a need for a new invention is the safety of the school bus. Why are there so many children who are not wearing seatbelts?! Some of us felt it would be unsafe to not be able to unbuckle in the case of an emergency because that's what their dad said. The consensus was that the bus driver should have a button to press to automatically unlock the buckles like on roller coasters. Stay tuned - in 15 years, bus safety might look a bit different if these kids have any say...

## MR. FULTON'S CLASSROOM NEWS

### News from the 4th Grade

- Classroom Party - Our last day of school before the Christmas Break is December 23. We will have our classroom Christmas party following the 9:00 am Children's service. If you would like to send a treat, we will use this guide: Last names A-J (Something Salty). Last names K-S (Something Sweet). Last names T-W (Something to Drink). Dismissal on that day is at 11:35 a.m. We will exchange student gifts after snacks.
- The colder weather has not kept us in for recess. Please make sure your child has proper clothing for going outside. If there is snow on the ground they need snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves.
- Please remember that we have our first Christmas Eve service on Tuesday morning, December 23, at 9:00 AM. The children should dress up in church attire for that service.
- Have a great week!

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## MRS. WILD'S CLASSROOM NEWS

### 5th Grade Homeroom News ~

Students should be working on 2nd quarter and Christmas memory work. From now until after Christmas I am asking that all parents remain out of our classroom. We have begun working on Christmas gifts. Thank you for your understanding. Information about our class gift exchange went home last week on Wednesday. Please make sure to read the directions for this activity. Students will be able to wrap the top of their desks with wrapping paper if they choose, but we will not do this until the week of December 15th.

**5th Grade ELA** ~ We have been doing a lot of practicing our Christmas program so we are reading our lines for that and singing the songs. December is a very busy month and sometimes we do not always get to finish or get through all of our intended separate reading and writing activities. These usually get combined with other Christmas activities. Our class read aloud is "A Wrinkle in Time."

**7th/8th Grade ELA** ~ In 8th grade students will begin reading the book "Prisoner B-3087." Our class read aloud in 8th grade is "Echo Island." For the 7th graders, I do not want to start a new chapter book with the students and have them forget about it over Christmas, so we are going to be reading small excerpts or short stories that we will then be discussing plots, characters, and comprehension based on those short stories. Our read aloud for 7th grade is "Al Capone Does My Shirts." Students in 7th and 8th are beginning to make their poetry books.

Spelling is Unit 16 this week. All words are posted in the students' Google Classroom for this week. Students' assignments are posted in Google Classroom as well. Spelling Pre-Test will be on Thursday and the test for those that do not get 100% on the Pre-Test will be on Friday.

Blessings on your week! 💜



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## MISS ELLINGBOE'S CLASSROOM NEWS

### 5th Grade Math

We will continue our work with fractions. This week we will use mixed numbers as well to add and subtract. 5th grade has been working hard to find common denominators and knowing our multiplication facts have been a huge help!

### 6th Grade Math

We have been writing and solving algebraic expressions as well as inequalities. We continue our work by learning to recognise dependent and independent variables. We will use these variables to write equations.

### 6th ELA

Make sure you are talking about our novel at home! It is getting so good, as our characters explore and work to solve a puzzle to help save their city. I'm enjoying our discussions, and love hearing what the sixth graders think will happen next.

We are going to be taking a look at fairy tales and fractured fairy tales this week. The students will learn about the characteristics of this genre, and will write their own fractured fairy tale based on a traditional one.

We will be in unit 16 this week for spelling. Students will study words with silent consonants occurring in the beginning, middle, and end of words; as well as complex consonants, which are paired consonants that stand for a single sound. The spelling words for this unit are: handkerchief, knowledge, solemn, gnash, Autumn, palm, aisle, numb, column, kneel, honorable, cupboard, almond, align, knack, salmon, isle, hymn, tomb, and debt. Students will complete pages 89, 90, and 93 in their workbooks this week.

### 7th Grade Math

We have been working on expanding and factoring algebraic expressions. This also reviews how to add and subtract positive and negative numbers.

### 8th Grade Math

We are taking our test on analyzing data on scatter plots Tuesday.

## MR. VANDENBERG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

5th grade social studies will complete a study guide on Monday, review on Tuesday, and test on Wednesday.

6th grade social studies will review on Monday and test on Tuesday. Please review with your child before the test.

7th and 8th grade describe the steps the US took to organize and prepare for WWI, explain how the war affected Americans, examine the principles Woodrow Wilson proposed as the basis for world peace, and explain why many Americans opposed the Treaty of Versailles.

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## SCRIP NEWS

**One more order before Christmas on December 12!**



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### Additional Information

- All families that purchase scrip need to have a scrip agreement form on file. This includes grandparents/friends that purchase scrip. Each household will need to have a form on file. This form is available in the office.
- There are 3 easy ways to order:
  - ◊ Use the Raise Right app available for your mobile device
  - ◊ Online at [raiserright.com/shop](https://raiserright.com/shop)
  - ◊ Call, text or e-mail Annette at 920-279-0275 or [annetteprzybyl2023@gmail.com](mailto:annetteprzybyl2023@gmail.com) (On-hand scrip purchases can be made in the office on most school days from 7:00am-3:30pm.)
- Orders for physical gift cards will be placed once a month on the last Friday of the month. Orders will be available for pick-up the following Wednesday.
- We have the following Scrip on-hand available for immediate purchase:  
Amazon.com (\$25, \$100), Apple Store/Apple.com (\$15, \$25), Applebee's (\$25), Festival Foods (\$25, \$50, \$100), Fleet Farm (\$25, \$100), Hardee's (\$10), IHOP (\$25), Kohl's (\$100), Kwik Trip (\$25, \$50, \$100), Kwik Trip Grocery (\$25), Little Caesars (\$20), Lowe's (\$25, \$100), Marcus Theatres (\$25), Menard's (\$25, \$100), Pick 'n Save (\$25, \$50, \$100), Piggly Wiggly (\$50, \$100), Pizza Ranch (\$25), Potbelly (\$10), Qdoba (\$25), Red Robin (\$25), Subway (\$10), Taco Bell (\$10), Target (\$25, \$50, \$100), TJ Maxx (\$25), Walmart (\$25, \$50, \$100).  
**Limited availability: \$5 Starbucks, \$10 Target, \$10 Walmart**

### Questions?

Please contact your scrip coordinator, Annette Przybyl at 920-279-0275 or [annetteprzybyl2023@gmail.com](mailto:annetteprzybyl2023@gmail.com).