



From the Principal's Desk...

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Parenting Tip Building Character in the Small Things

There's more to giving instructions than just accomplishing tasks or getting children to do what parents say for the sake of convenience. **Valuable lessons for life are hidden within the instruction process.** Through instruction, children learn character and skills that will help them to be successful outside the home. They learn things like how to set aside their agenda for someone else, how to complete a job without Mom or Dad reminding them, how to report back when they're done, and how to be responsible when no one is watching.

Most importantly, children learn to respond to Mom and Dad so that they will have the necessary character to obey God as they grow older. Maybe that's why Solomon talks fifteen times in the book of Proverbs about the importance of listening to instructions. As you concentrate on a routine for giving instructions, you will pave the way for healthy spiritual relationships between your children and God.

By teaching children to follow directions you help them develop the character they need to listen to God's instructions and obey him. It's a lot of work but the time you invest now has benefits that will last a lifetime. After all, as adults, we must also comply with instructions that we don't particularly like. Sometimes God asks us to do something we don't fully understand or wish we didn't have to do. **Obedience usually requires work, self-discipline, and humility,** qualities not easily found in society today.

The instruction process builds character by helping children learn to follow directions without arguing or complaining. When parents give up on giving instructions, they miss valuable teaching opportunities. That doesn't mean parents should just overpower their kids. If you work to implement an instruction routine, both you and your kids will benefit. The ramifications are important because as you do the daily work of parenting, your children are learning how to respond not only to you, but also to their future employers, team leaders, and ultimately to God.

For more on how to build a good **Instruction Routine** with your children, consider the book [Good and Angry: Exchanging Frustration for Character in You and Your Kids](#) by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN.

CELEBRATING LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK March 5-12



Sunday, March 5 Teacher Prepared Breakfast and Bake Sale in the Fellowship hall 9:30-11am (Freewill Donation)



Monday, March 6– Clash Day- Plaids with stripes? No problem today! How crazy can you get? Book Carnival “Spring into Reading” from 5-7pm in the school.



Tuesday, March 7- International Sports Day. Pick your favorite sport. Tennis, anyone?



Wednesday, March 8- Pajama/Slipper Day. Students will come to school dressed in pajamas and slippers. In the afternoon, the students will be treated to a movie and popcorn in the gym.



Thursday, March 9 – Hawaiian Beach Day – Students wear shorts, sunglasses, sandals (no bathing suits please). We will have a hot dogs, chips, juice boxes, popsicles (free) lunch in the gym seated on our beach towels (Don’t forget to bring them). We will also have volleyball (beach ball) during recess.

Friday, March 10 – School Spirit Day and Grandparents/Special Persons Day. Students will wear school colors (forest green/white) and/or clothes with the school logo.



8:30-9:30am - K-8th Classroom visits

9:00-9:30am - Preschool & Kindergarten Readiness Classroom visits

9:40-10:15am– Chapel service in the church.

10:30am- Band Concert and School Talent Show (PreK-8) in the gym. Dismissal will be after the show is done.



Sunday, March 12- Lutheran School Sunday. Students and their families are requested to attend both worship services, **8:30am and 11am**, where the students will sing during worship. If not attending the 8:30 worship, please have your child there by 9:15 to sing at the end of the service. We welcome and encourage the children to attend Sunday school between services. The children will sing at the beginning of the 11am service. Following the 11 am service, a free spaghetti dinner will be available to everyone. A bake sale which will benefit the TLS Scholarship Fund will also be a part of the day’s events.

During the week, the students will compete for the Spirit Trophy which involves the following criteria and will earn points for each class (points are based on class enrollment):

*Students must dress according to each day’s theme.

*Church attendance on Sunday, March 12 will be counted.

*Servant Event- Students will earn points for each item (cans and boxes of food or hygienic supplies) collected for Eleanor’s Pantry.

IMPORTANT DATES:

PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER: Friday, March 3

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE:
Sunday, March 5

BOOK CARNIVAL: Monday, March 6 from 5-7pm

BIG T NIGHT: Thursday, March 9 from 5-9pm.

GRANDPARENTS/ SPECIAL PERSONS DAY:
Friday, March 10, 1/2 day!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Sunday, March 12

END OF 3RD QUARTER: Friday, March 24

“LAMB OF GOD” CONCERT: Saturday, March 25 6:30-9:30pm

SPRING BREAK: Monday, April 3-Friday, April 7

RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, May 5 & Saturday, May 6



Lamb of God

Saturday, March 25 from 6:30-9:30

The Lamb of God is a sacred musical retelling of the final days of the life of Jesus Christ, His Atonement and Resurrection, told through the eyes of those who loved Jesus and knew Him best. This stunning masterpiece is presented by a cast of over 200 orchestra, choir, and solo performers from the Kalamazoo area.

We will be renting a bus and making the trip together to Chenery Auditorium in Kalamazoo. Tickets are \$20, which includes the concert and bus. Please see Deanna for more details.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mackenna Barnes
Wyatt Brooks
Bayley Bryant
Jacob Carter
Gavin Cole
Riley Sieling
MaKayla Trumbull

THANK YOU...
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THANK YOU!!!

Thank you very much for your generous donations of food for the dinner and items for the bake sale during Lutheran Schools Week!

SCRIP DATES:

ORDERS DUE: MONDAY
3/13 & 3/17
ORDERS DELIVERED:
3/27 & 3/31

Spring Rummage Sale

Fri. May 5 & Sat. May 6

Please start saving items for our spring rummage sale. All proceeds will go towards items for the school, especially PE, Art and Band. Thank you for your support!

2017-2018 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!!

By enrolling early you help us immensely in planning out our summer curriculum purchases. Financial aid applications are available in the office or in the hall outside of the office. Enrollment fees go up each month, so don't delay. Please help us spread the word about our great school!