



# NEWSLETTER

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**December 2024**

## **Note from the Principal:**

The excitement for the holiday season along with the anticipation for a new year has started steadily building. I pray as we all come together with our families to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus that we all remember what He did for us, and we come to love one another even more. May you all be blessed!

## **Coming Events:**

Our Christmas Variety Show will be coming up on Thursday, Dec. 12th. All students should meet in their classroom at 6:15. We invite you to be a part of the show. See the attached information.

Christmas Break is Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, with classes resuming Monday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fundraising Notes:**

We are gearing up for our Spring Carnival and Silent Auction. We need to start asking businesses for donations. If you would be willing to help with this, please let us know.

## **Holiday Blessings:**

Thank you for putting together so many boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Along with Vineyard Church, your kindness supplied 73 children with Christmas boxes.

## **Immunization Updates:**

Some of you received reminders about your child needing immunization updates. Please get this done soon. Be sure to notify the office of any recent immunizations.

## **Hooded VCS Sweatshirts:**

Get your order in today for a hooded sweatshirt, pull over or zippered. We will be putting the order in by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Yearbooks:**

Last year's yearbooks are in. If you ordered one or would like to purchase one, stop by the office and get yours today.

## **Reminders:**

We are still having children bringing food to school that is not in a microwaveable container. Placing food on a plate inside a plastic bag works also. Thank you!

School Hours: Our building and classrooms are open at 8:00 each morning. We ask that you keep your children with you until 8:00. If you need to drop your child/children off early,

they should come to the gym to be supervised. The cost is \$1.00 per day, per student.

If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home. Twenty-four hours of no fever without fever reducing medicine and symptoms subsiding.

## **Congratulations:**

### *The Students of the Month for October were:*

Preschool – *Evelyn Clary*

Pre-K – *Waylon Antonucci*

Kindergarten – *Daxton Davis*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *Ember Newell*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *Deklyn Stansbury*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *Alyssa Ayers*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Fayth Reid*

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Bella Carpenter*

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Braxton Shoemaker*

### *The Students Displaying Christian Character for October were:*

Preschool – *Gemma Freitas*

Pre-K – *Aurora Newell*

Kindergarten – *Presley Radford*

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *Corban Madaus*

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *Wesson Kimzey*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *Juliette Bacon*

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Addalynn Grubbs*

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Levi Pratt*

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – *Lanay Kimzey*

### *Students Receiving Academic Awards in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades for the First Quarter were:*

Honorable Mention (3.0 – 3.49): *Elijah Risser, Jarred Houston, Anna Carlen, Ameiah Wade, Nari Arzner, Aubree Badley, Arianna Rylander, Heston Kudlac, Autumn Hamilton, Caleb Hoyle, Ryder Montgomery, Sam Johnson*

Honor Roll (3.5 – 3.74): *Johnny Steelman, Logan Stobbe, Hailie Kersten, Everett Johnson, Micah Tustin, Tycen Reyes, Rosie Violette*

Principal's List (3.75 – 4.2): *Cason Reinhart, Ellayna Tustin, Hope Madaus, Juliette Bacon, Elizabeth Hoyle, Elyse Shoemaker, Fayth Reid, Keira Carpenter, Lucas Lobato, Madison Elliott, McKenna Ellis, Adelyn Kimzey, Kimber Lackey, Bella Carpenter, Arielle Poole, Braxton Shoemaker, Evie Bender, Lanay Kimzey*

## **Preschool – Miss Bleeker**

We are very excited about how quickly Christmas is approaching! During the month of December, we will be

learning about love as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our memory verse this month is "Be patient with everyone." 1 Thessalonians 5:14b

We will be having our class Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 20th. This will include a gift exchange. Please limit your spending to \$8.00.

The children are doing great with their homework papers! Keep up the good work! The children are so proud of themselves when they bring in their homework and get to put a sticker on their chart.

I hope all of you have a truly blessed Christmas season.

#### **Pre-K - Mrs. Dahl**

Wow, here we are in the busy holiday season already! I hope your child has been enjoying pre-k class. In class we are working hard at learning more letters and recognizing written numbers. You might hear your child singing the vowels song, blends song, days of the week song, or maybe Bible songs. Songs are a great way to learn! If you have any questions about the blend ladders that have been sent home, please don't hesitate to ask. Our new memory verse is Luke 2:11, "For unto you is born this day . . . a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." The kids have been working on the Christmas songs they will be performing for you on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch for coming details about our Christmas party and gift exchange. In the busyness and excitement of the season I hope each family takes the time to ponder what we are really celebrating. Be blessed and grateful, I know I am. Teaching your child is one of those blessings. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Kimzey**

I hope everyone is enjoying getting ready for Christmas Break. I encourage you to take a moment every day to pause and continue in the spirit of Thanksgiving as God is good all the time! In class, we have been learning about the Sabbath day, Sabbath year and even the Jubilee! God created us to rest and remember all that He has blessed us with. I pray you and your family continue to find joy and peace in all that God has blessed you with.

Our class has been practicing our song, "Joy (Sing & Shout)" by North Point kids for the Christmas Variety Show. You may look it up on YouTube and dance along with your children.

Also, please remember that reading daily with your children is very important to help them get additional practice and helps to build their confidence. Their faces light up when they are confident in their abilities. This confidence will benefit them greatly as we near the creation of our reading groups in class.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Mrs. Hoyle**

First, I would like to thank all the parents who made our Sanctuary ONE field trip a success. The kids learned a lot and didn't want to go home. Thank you for all your help!

In math, we're continuing to learn our addition and subtraction facts up to 8. Please continue to practice these with your students at home. In history, we're "visiting"

landmarks around our country and learning about all the people who worked hard to give us our freedom.

Our Christmas program is coming up quickly. The students are excited to sing our songs; I look forward to seeing you there!

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Garrett**

During Bible, we have been talking about the story of Nicodemus, Jesus forgiving sins, and then healing people. We are preparing for our Christmas program; the students have been creating and putting together motions for our presentation. I hope you all have a wonderful winter break!

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Davis**

We have a fun and educational field trip planned for this month. We will be going to Dutch Bros. H.Q. to learn about this hometown company and see how the coffee beans are roasted and processed. We will be going on Tues.; Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> be watching for details coming home.

The students have been working hard in all their subjects and have recently done their first book report. I have seen so much growth in all these students. I am very proud of them!

Wishing all the families a beautiful and blessed Christmas season.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Ellis**

We have just finished our second book and will start our report this week. In history we have just finished learning about the Civil War.

The class is working on their songs for the Christmas Program. Our class will be having a Christmas party on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. This will include a gift exchange. The gift needs to be homemade. I also want to thank all the parents for helping fill our Christmas Child shoeboxes. This was a great success. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Violette**

The holiday season is upon us. The students will start their journey through Africa in history which will continue into January. In science, we are learning all about the earth. Students will be asked to bring in "interesting" rocks from their collection to observe and study. There will not be a book report required this month, but I still encourage students to read a book so they can earn their free drink. Our memory verses for the month are I Samuel 16:7 and Psalms 51:10.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Jones**

With the busy holiday season upon us we will not be doing a book report or current event this month.

Intermediate math will be working on area and volume while Pre-Algebra works on geometry. In Science, we will study the atmosphere. History will continue in the Middle Ages and move into the Modern Age. In Grammar, they are writing an informative essay and then beginning a unit on adjectives.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a class Christmas party. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful vacation.