



Week of September 12, 2021



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Kindergarteners are learning about number families as they begin their quest to count to 100 independently. So far, they can recognize and count the numbers in the single-digit family, the teen family, and the twenty family.
- The First-grade students learned that the silk road was an important trade route between China and Europe.
- Third and Fourth grade students learned the difference between nuclear fusion and nuclear fission
- Fifth, sixth, and seventh graders have requested to watch opera and Shakespeare during their lunch hour.

CHOIR NOTES:

Just a few announcements:

Have you entered your singer's choir dates on your family calendar? Please remember to let Mrs. May know now if you see any conflicts. Thank you!

Choir robes must be returned before we sing on Sept. 19. You know who you are.

K-5 and Grade 1 parents, ask your singers to bless you with their singing of "Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode". We've been working hard on stanza 1!

LEARN-BY-HEART CATECHETICAL WEEK 4



Verse:

Romans 5:8

Catechism:

Ten Commandments-
Seventh and Eighth
Commandments

Leaders:

Verse: Wyatt T.
Seventh Commandment:
Elizabeth B.
Meaning:
Wesley G.
Eighth Commandment:
Nathaniel A.
Meaning:
Nathaniel A..



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 10** - Fish Fry
- Sep 14** - August C.'s Birthday
- Sep 15** - Benjamin V.'s Birthday
- Sep 17** - Pike Lake State Park Field Trip (grs. 1-7)
- Sep 19** - Academy Choir Sings
- Sep 21** - 6:30 Board of Ed. Mtg
Open to all
- Sep 24** - School Pictures
Kali W's Birthday
Fish Fry

ART NOTES

What's going on in Art?

Reviewing the Five Basic Elements of Shape was at the top of the list for all student-artists this week. We'll continue to emphasize these as we move ahead with our drawing lessons. Understanding these elements helps us to find them in all the things we see and to use them to draw what we see.

After completing a few more warm-up exercises, all the classes moved on to creating an abstract design using the available variety of colored and black permanent markers with fine or broad points. The challenge in creating this drawing was students would be guided only by the teacher's oral instructions without the benefit - and inhibiting factor - of a teacher drawn demonstration.

The final drawings showed a lot of creativity in interpretation of the oral instructions. It was a fun exercise!

FORMS:

Thank you to everyone for getting all the beginning-of-the-year paperwork turned in last week. We are still missing a few Handbook read receipts. Please check your Peace Lutheran Academy Parent Handbooks for the forms, sign them, and return them to the Academy. Thank you.



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IN SEARCH OF 16 OZ. PLASTIC CONTAINERS:

Please save and send to school clean and rinsed 16oz. containers and lids from cottage cheese, sour cream, cool whip, etc. These are needed to hold tempera paint in art. Send them to school as they accumulate at home and keep saving them until you are notified that we have enough. Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

School picture day is Friday, September 24. Mrs. Kim Rossing will be working with us during the morning to get every student's photograph (in Loehe Hall) and every class's photograph (in the Nave). Mrs. Rossing will need at least one volunteer to help the process move along. If you are willing to help on that morning, please let Mrs. Ferguson know. Thank you.

FISH FRY!!

The Peace Lutheran Academy Fish Fry is quickly becoming one of the most profitable fundraisers for the Academy. It has been reported that non-Peace members make up a significant percentage of regular customers. While we're grateful for the patronage, we would love to see a larger percentage of members coming through the line. Tonight is the first Fish Fry of the academic year. Consider giving mom (or dad) a break in the kitchen and pick up fish for dinner!

FROM THE CLASSICAL BOOKSHELF

From *The Introduction to Classical Education*,
by Christopher A. Perrin, MDiv, PhD.

G.K. Chesterton pointed out that teaching a child involves disruption and a kind of educational "violence." Students are compelled to lay aside their notions of free play and come to a building where a score of adults insist they work hard at subjects we thrust upon them. Chesterton writes, "Education is violent; because it is creative. It is creative because it is human. It is as reckless as playing on the fiddle; as dogmatic as drawing a picture; as brutal as building a house. In short, it is what all human action is; it is an interference with life and growth." This is to say, classical educators acknowledge that education is hard work- for teacher and pupil. I say this after declaring earlier that students generally delight in a classical education, that we teach them the way they want to be taught...But I also believe that hard work and academic rigor do not exclude delight. Classical educators hold to the paradox that joy and labor can live together. Yes, something is being given up (play, TV, video games, etc.), but something wonderful is being gained (another language, new and thrilling books, the marvels of history, science, and math). Neil Postman* has helped us see how TV has left us with the notion that all education must be entertaining or amusing.

This way of thinking is persuasive, but erroneous. Children can find even deeper pleasures than the TV and find them through rigorous work toward high prizes. **Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business* (New York, Penguin: 1984)

LUNCHBOX REMINDER:

Parents, please make sure to include forks and spoons with your child's lunch, if necessary. As a rule, teachers do not keep a regular supply of eating utensils in their classrooms.

IGNATIUS BOOK CLUB

September's catalog is available online. Similar to the Scholastic Book Club that many of us remember from our school days, the Ignatius Book Club works in cooperation with schools. For every order that is placed using our code, the Academy receives points. Those points can be redeemed by us for books and other educational items. To shop, go to

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