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Communication / Rules

The following excerpts are taken from a publication by the title of **Firm, Fair and Consistent** of which the Thumb Area Lutheran Schools subscribe.

Middle Schoolers Crave Communication (In my opinion, I think this can apply to children of all ages.)

Middle schoolers face plenty of sticky situations, and parents want to help. But communicating with kids this age can be challenging. Something they're aloof. They may seem disinterested in hanging out – never mind agreeing – with their parents. But that doesn't tell the whole story.

Research shows that two of the most important things to kids are family and school. Communicating about these and other matters is essential. To encourage this:

Be understanding: Your child's brain is developing in ways that help him/her think critically. Everything isn't "black or white" or "right or wrong." And even if it appears that he's not listening, your child does want to talk and feel supported.

Be relaxed: Instead of saying, "Let's have a talk," spend time together and let things occur naturally. Cook dinner, talk in the car, or play a sport together. This builds a foundation for communicating. When heavy topics arise, discussing them will be easier.

Be a role model. Listen to your middle schooler and his opinions with respect. He'll be more likely to show you the same courtesy. Remember that communication isn't always verbal. Notice what your child is "saying" with emotions. Try to read between the lines.

I think that these are some excellent tips to keep in mind. This also made me think about my relationship with Christ. This situation sounds somewhat familiar to me. We live in a sinful world and there are many challenges in our life. God has given us tools on how to live our life – the Ten Commandments, the Bible, and a wonderful support system of family, friends, Pastors and the like. I still take the greatest comfort in knowing that God is ever-present in my life. He is always there to listen to me – no matter the time, no matter the place, no matter the situation. Remember to keep the lines of communication with God, and with your children open.

Blessings,

Mr. Kumm

Sebewaing Christmas Open House

The Stewardship Board of Immanuel has tables available during the Sebewaing Christmas Open House for anyone who would like to donate a portion of the proceeds to their favorite CTK/Immanuel charity. The Open House is on November 22 from 12-4 at the Sebewaing Township Hall. For more information please contact Joanne Smith at 883-

2074, Barb Gunsell at 883-3691, Or Mary Wissner at 883-3803. We will also be selling SCRIP as well. Please call the school office is you are able to work at the SCRIP table.

Kids Bowling

American Legion Post #421, Unionville, will be hosting kids bowling for children ages 5-12.

The program will begin on Saturday, November 7 and they will bowl every other Saturday beginning at 9:00 am for the next 6 Saturdays. Those interested need to call 989-551-8427 for more information and registration. The cost is \$3 per child per day.

Shoe rental is \$1 per child. There is a discount when 3 or more children from the same family bowl.

Thrivent Matching

This is just a reminder that Thrivent will be ending the Giving Plus program at the end of 2009. Please consider making a contribution to CTKL, our Early Childhood Center, or both entities. Forms are available at the school office, or at both congregations. Your gifts are greatly appreciated and they go to help with general operating expenses which is a vital aide in the Christian Education of our youth.

Technology Needs

We are looking to upgrade our Mavis Beacon Typing software. The cost of upgrading is about \$750. We would also like to look into some network licenses for software at the Unionville Campus, as well as chairs for the lab at Sebewaing. The chairs are about \$50 each. Contributions for these projects can be directed to the school office. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Kumm

Upcoming Fundraiser

The Board of Education is sponsoring a Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 13 at CTK-Sebewaing from 10:00-1:00. Proceeds will go toward general operating expenses. Please contact Tim Neuman if you would like more information or would like to help out.

Sports Corner

Upcoming Games:

Girls "Blue" Basketball:

F 11-6 - HM v. Faith-BC - 4:30
 Th 11-10 - at St. Michael-Richville - 4:30
 W 11-11 - HM v. OLLH-Harbor Beach - 5:00
 Tu 11-17 - HM v. Trinity-Reese - 4:30
 W 11-18 - at St. Paul-Millington - 4:30
 S/S 11-21/22 - at St. Michael Richville Tourn.

Girls "Silver" Basketball:

M 11-9 - HM v. Holy Cross-Saginaw - 5:30
 W 11-11 - HM v. OLLH-Harbor Beach - 6:00
 F 11-13 - HM v. Immanuel-Frankentrost - 4:30
 Tu 11-17 - at St. Paul-Lapeer - 4:45
 Tu 11-24 - at St. Michael-Richville - 4:30

Boys B Basketball:

F 11-6 - HM v. Faith-BC - 5:30
 M 11-9 - HM v. Holy Cross-Saginaw - 5:30
 Tu 11-10 - at St. Michael-Richville - 5:30
 F 11-13 - HM v. Immanuel-Frankentrost - 5:30
 Tu 11-17 - at St. Paul-Lapeer - 5:45
 W 11-18 - at St. Paul-Millington - 5:30
 Tu 11-24 - at St. Michael-Richville - 5:30

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Fri. 11-6 - End of Quarter 1
- Sun. 11-8 - St. Paul Voter's Mtg - after late service.
- Mon. 11-9 - Immanuel Voter's Mtg - 7:30 pm
- Sun. 11-8 - Children's Choir and 8th Bells - Immanuel - 8:00
- Fri. 11-13 - Magazine Sales Kickoff
- Sun. 11-15 - Children's Choir at St. Paul - 8:00
- Mon. 11-16 - NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences
- Thu. 11-19 - LEGO Bolts School Demonstration 12:15 and 12:45
- Sat. 11-21 - LEGO Bolts Competition at Delta College
- Wed 11-25 thru Fri 11-27: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation

School Lunch Menu

- M 11-9 - Meatballs w/ Potato**
- T 11-10 - Goulash**
- W 11-11 - Pizza**
- Th 11-12 - Turkey Casserole**
- F 11-13 - Sloppy Joes**
- M 11-16 - No School**
- T 11-17 - Chicken Nuggets**
- W 11-18 - Thanksgiving Din.**
- Th 11-19 - Ham and Cheese**
- F 11-20 - Nacho's**

Church Attendance

	10/25	11/1		10/25	11/1
Kindergarten:	78%	89%	Fifth Grade:	85%	92%
First Grade:	56%	56%	Sixth Grade:	62%	71%
Second Grade:	36%	64%	Seventh Grade:	76%	65%
Third Grade:	46%	77%	Eighth Grade:	88%	59%
Fourth Grade:	47%	88%	Faculty:	92%	75%
Overall percentage:	10/25: 63%	11/1: 71%			

**** There are some inconsistencies among certain grades with regular church attendance. This is a very meaningful aspect of a child's Christian education. Please prayerfully consider the role of church in your life, as well as the lives of your children and your family. **The challenge is to strive for an overall higher percentage rather than just a high percentage on weekends where a choir sings or a handbell group rings.****

Pre-S/Pre-K Helpers

Parents of Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten students are reminded that we need to schedule parent volunteers to be in the classroom in order to be in compliance with State Guidelines with Student/Teacher-Adult Ratio.

We are still having difficulty with this. Other action or policy will have to be put in place if we continue to have days with no volunteers, or no-shows. A possible consideration is that we as a school will be assigning you a day to work. If is your responsibility to work that day, provide someone in your place, or call from a substitute list and reimburse that substitute a set dollar amount (similar to the hot lunch helper program).

Substitutes are Available

Substitutes for Hot Lunch and Pre-School helpers are available. The substitute list for hot lunch is available on www.ctkl.org, or by calling the school office. Mrs. Vermeersch is putting together a substitute list for preschool / pre-k. It is your responsibility to find substitutes for the day(s) you are scheduled in the event you are unable to work.

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