

Urgent News

Psalter Selection: The song selection for next week is "As with Gladness Men of Old" verse 1. Students will be singing this for the Christmas program. See the words at the end of the memo.

Parents, please take note: Thanksgiving Baskets: As we look forward to having a day of thanksgiving, we would like to continue our tradition of collecting items to put in thanksgiving baskets. This year we have chosen Tree of Life School here in Kalamazoo that serves low income families and provides them with a Christian education. Here are the items we would like to collect:

Kindergarten---Canned vegetables and jams 1st Grade---Canned vegetables 2/3rd Grade---Pudding, jello, and granola bars 4/5th Grade---Canned fruit and fruit snacks 6/7th Grade---Coffee, candy, cookies, and honey 8/9th Grade---Coloring books, cards, Bible Stories, hats, mittens and gloves

All students are kindly requested to bring in \$3.00-\$5.00 to help cover the cost of the perishable items. (We will purchase hams, potatoes, milk, and rolls with this money.) The last day to turn in money and food items is Monday, November 25!

Geography Bee: The geography bee preliminaries will be held in the classrooms on December 6. If your child is interested in participating, please have them ask their teacher for the materials.

Hot Lunch: There will be a pizza hot lunch on Wednesday, November 20.

General News

Tis the Season: There are lots of things at Providence that are contagious. Some things are worth catching like positive attitudes, but other things are downright dangerous to catch. We have entered the season when lots of bad germs are exchanged during the holidays. Please be reminded that students who have had the flu or a fever should remain home for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Students who have other contagious bacterial infections, should be on antibiotics for at least 24 hours before returning to school. Our rooms are small and the close quarters make the germs much more successful at hitch-hiking. Please encourage your children to cough into their elbows and wash their hands regularly. Thanks for your help in this area.

Transportation: Students riding the Kalamazoo Public bus will need alternate transportation both morning and afternoon on Wednesday, November 27.

Thanksgiving Assembly: Our Thanksgiving Assembly will be held Tuesday morning when we hope to present our baskets to Adam Sterenberg who is the principal of Tree of Life school. The time will be announced in next week's memo.

Thanksgiving Break: Thanksgiving break will take place on November 28 and 29.

...oring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." –Ephesians 6:4 Providence Christian School * 100 Pratt Road * Kalamazoo, MI 49001 * (269)-385-4889

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Picture Retakes are scheduled for December 2. Remember you must return the original packet for retakes.

Parents United Fundraiser: Please dine at Panera on West Main Street or Westnedge on Wednesday, **December 11** from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Twenty percent of the sales will profit Parents United. You must show the flyer or an electronic version of it in order to benefit Parents United. The flyer for each location is attached to the memo email.

Yearbook Ads: Parents of 9th graders, now is the time to think about how to congratulate your graduate. A perfect way would be to place an advertisement showing your support in our yearbook. A school yearbook is a valued memento of their time at school, becoming even more cherished with the passage of time. A letter outlining costs and options has been sent home with the 9th graders. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fryling. Please note that the price of a half page ad has been reduced to only \$50.00.

Bridal Shower: On November 21 at 7:30 p.m. we hope to have a shower for Michael and Laura Cox. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond as well as Amazon. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Laura.

All this, the Lord willing, and we live.

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old, Did the guiding star behold As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright-So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee **Veterans Program:** For Veteran's Day, November 11, Dan Vlietstra and James Grisnich shared their experiences of serving in our country's military. It was a great reminder of the sacrifices our military personnel endure to provide the opportunities we benefit from living in a free and democratic country. The fifth verse of psalter 230 shares our heartfelt desire for our country, "The Lord's salvation will appear, to men of faith and godly fear. And glory in our land shall dwell, when we shall heed God's precepts well." Special thanks to all our veterans!