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Wishing a blessed Thanksgiving to all of our families!



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

There will be no school this Wednesday through Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is tomorrow!

Order blanks were sent home and needed to be returned by this past Friday. (Please refer to the last two Smoke Signals.) Otherwise, we will assume your child is not ordering the meal. Please make sure they are provided with a lunch as the Snack Shack will not be serving any other food.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Invite family and friends to come to our annual school-wide Christmas program on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium, under the direction of Mrs. Robin Schneider. All elementary students should be dressed in their "Sunday best". Secondary boys should wear a dress shirt and tie, and secondary girls may wear Christmas colors or black/white. Please keep all attire within the school's dress guidelines. Student attendance is required.

NEW SOAP ORDERS



New soap order forms will be going home this week. This turn-in is for those needing to reorder, so we won't be offering incentives to the students for selling. The turn-in date is January 9 with soap being delivered on January 23-26. Please contact Sarai Hughes at 618-960-5649 for any questions.

SENIOR PECAN SALE



New pecan order forms are on their way home in case you missed the first pecan sale or would like more. The turn-in is Tuesday, December 5.

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

Are you perhaps getting a new refrigerator for Christmas this year? Please consider donating your old one to the ministry here at the school.

PICTURE RETAKES & SPORTS TEAMS

Picture retakes will be taken next Monday, the day following Thanksgiving break. If your child was absent or if they need a retake, please send back their first picture packet on that day.

All basketball players should have their picture order form ready next Monday. If you are not having individual pictures taken, we still need a team picture. Please make sure your young person is here and has what they need.



CHRISTMAS STORE

Please send in items for the Christmas Store to be held on December 7-8. **This is only two and a half weeks away.** We ask that every school family contribute 10 items. These may be dropped off at the office or sent in with your child. *Please see the back of today's Smoke Signal.*



BOYS BASKETBALL



The guys have their next game following the Thanksgiving holiday. They play Rivers of Life at home on Tuesday, November 28 (JV & varsity) at 5:00/7:30pm. The next game (varsity) is the following Friday, December 1 at Eagle Ridge at 6:30 pm.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



The girls have their next game following the Thanksgiving holiday. They play Rivers of Life at home on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 pm. Their next game is the following Friday, December 1 at Eagle Ridge at 5:00 pm.

COMING UP

Thanksgiving Break	November 22-24
Picture Re-takes & Winter Sports	November 27
Christmas Store	December 7-8
Christmas Program, "Christmas Flight"	December 8

"We recognize that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life. The curriculum and all activities of Mississippi Valley Christian School are developed around this premise."



We need you to make our Christmas Store a success!

How may I help?

- I can donate merchandise for the Christmas Store by December 5. We ask that each family donate ten items.
- While the store is open on December 7-8, I can help guide the children shopping and then help wrap their gifts.

What does my donation accomplish?

- It gives my child the fun of shopping for and joy of giving gifts to his loved ones.
- It allows the Parent Organization to purchase valuable gifts for my child's classroom (recent examples: computers and software, A/V equipment, playground equipment, maps).

Who and what should I shop for?

Men:

Sports and hunting equipment
Gloves, scarves, hats
Wallets
Flashlights
Tools
Calculators
Gift cards for: car washes
home improvement
farm and home

Non-perishable foods:

Candies
Party mixes
Jar mixes
Nuts
Coffees
Hot chocolates
Homemade jellies

Children:

Games
Toys
Puzzles
Coloring books
Hair accessories

Wrapping supplies:

Gift bags
Tissue paper
Adhesive labels

What if I can't or don't like to shop?

Just give a monetary donation to the Parent Club, and we will shop for you.

Would my hobby or craft be helpful?

Yes, children love to purchase:

- Wooden, quilted, knitted, crocheted crafts, etc.
- Wreaths
- Themed baskets

What should I avoid?

- Anything perishable. (We may use unsold items next year.)
- Anything with Santa Claus.



SENIOR PECAN SALE



Pecans are available just in time for your holiday baking.

- Fresh from a local small business
- 12 oz bags of chopped or halves for \$9.00

Orders placed by Tuesday, December 5th
will be delivered on December 13th.

See a Senior or return your order with payment today.



Name _____

Bags of halves _____

Bags of chopped _____

Total \$ _____