What's Going On?

DECEMBER 20:
- RELAX DRESS DAY!
- EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45pm
- Staff Cookie Exchange 1pm

DECEMBER 22:
- Cantata Worship Service 9:30am
- Fellowship Breakfast 11am
- Danbury Brass Band Concert 7pm

DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 1:
- NO SCHOOL Christmas Recess

DECEMBER 24:
- Blood Drive 8am-1pm
- Christmas Eve Worship Services 4pm & 10pm

DECEMBER 25:
- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Christmas Day Worship Service 10am

JANUARY 2:
- SCHOOL RESUMES!

JANUARY 3:
- Chess Club 3pm-4pm

JANUARY 6:
- Book Club 3:15pm-4pm
- Art Club 3pm-4pm

JANUARY 8:
- Fun with Food Club 3:15pm-4:15pm

JANUARY 9:
- Girl Scout Meeting 6pm

JANUARY 10:
- Chess Club 3pm-4pm
- FUNdraising Club 3pm-3:45pm

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

❄ On behalf of all the staff of ILC&S, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. May your hearts be filled with the love of Christ as we welcome the little baby Jesus into the world.

❄ If you do not have a church home of your own, please join us for candlelight worship on Christmas Eve at 4pm and 10pm & Christmas Day at 10am. There will also be a special service on Sunday, December 22nd at 9:30am, followed by a fellowship breakfast at 11am.

❄ There will be no school on December 23rd through January 1st. School resumes on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.

❄ Registration for the 2020-21 school year will begin in late January.

❄ There will be several new clubs starting up in the new year. Book Club (Grades 6-8) will begin on January 6th, Art Club II will begin on January 6th and, if we get enough enrollment, Lego Club will begin on January 15th. We have 8 people who have expressed interest in the club, so we need 3 more people before we can run the club. See the forms on pages 4 & 5 of this publication.
PK3’s have been learning about the 1st Christmas

Beside practicing for our Advent service we have also been talking about the first Christmas in class so we decided to share our recollections of the story of Jesus’ birthday. Here it is:

Once upon a time there were two people, Mary and Joseph. The king said everyone had to kind of be counted. Mary and Joseph had to spend the night under the star in the dark. Mary and Joseph had a donkey to go to the barn at the inn. They went to the farm where baby Jesus was born in the hay. The animals were sleeping in the barn. The cows and the sheep came to see Him. Angels came and told the people watching the sheep about Baby Jesus. The sheep came with the shepherds because they wanted to see Baby Jesus. There was a star, a big one. Some kings came and brought presents. “I know they didn’t bring hay!”. Maybe they brought wrapped presents, maybe a dolly or toys. They were all dancing because Baby Jesus was born.

Well, our version may be a bit different than the story as it is written in the Bible, but my little friends are sure that there was rejoicing and we continue to rejoice for the gift of our Savior.

Blessings, Sylvia Person
Here are some easy ways to help raise funds for our school at no cost to you:

Amazon Smile donates 1% to Immanuel Lutheran for every purchase you make, at NO COST to you? Please take a moment and Support ILS as your Fundraiser of choice at www.smile.amazon.com. Start at this link, in the search box to the right, plug in Immanuel Lutheran Danbury CT, hit search. Select ILS and start shopping. *Please save this link as your new Amazon shopping link. Put it on your dashboard or favorites bar on your tablet or computer!

A+ School Rewards are points that supporters earn with each purchase made using their Stop & Shop Card. At the end of each month, the points earned are used in a calculation to determine your school’s cash total, which is then automatically credited to your school’s account. Customers can support up to two schools to benefit from their A+ School Rewards that accrue. You don’t pay anything, simply register your card and earn points for the school. To register, please visit https://www.stopandshop.com/aplus. You will need a Stop & Shop card and the Immanuel Lutheran School 5 digit school ID code, which is 06403.

Big Y also has an Education Express program. Participating in the program is simple. Visit bigy.com and log in or create a my BigY account with your Big Y Silver Savings card. Select “Join Education Express”. Select our school. Look for the Education Express logo on items in their weekly circular, online and on signs in their stores. Purchase these specially marked products and our school earns points. We can redeem the points for the supplies we need.

We also collect Box Tops 4 Education. This is an easy way to raise funds for the school. Just download the ALL-NEW Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online.

Shoparoo is another way to help the school. The free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations for the school. Just download the free Shoparoo app, select Immanuel Lutheran School from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts – shop anywhere, buy anything! Check out shoparoo.com to learn more about this awesome app!

Submitted by Mrs. Baker

Night of the Father’s Love
The Awe and Mystery of God with Us
by Pepper Choplin

Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 9:30 am
Presented by the ILC Adult Choir, Sunday School, and Orchestra
Fellowship Brunch in the Family Life Center to follow

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
18 Clapboard Ridge Road
Danbury, CT 06811
203.748.3320
ILS CLUB SIGN-UP

I give my child permission to participate in the following club(s). I understand that bus service is not available for these clubs. I must pick my child up at the given time or he/she will be sent to Extended Care and I will be charged the normal Extended Care rates.

__________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                                      Date

☐ Art Club II       Cost:  $75 (Payable to Linda Nemergut)
   Instructor:  Mrs. Nemergut
   Grades:  3-8
   Time:  3pm-4pm Mondays January 6th – February 24th (no class 1/20 or 2/17)

☐ Book Club        Cost:  $10
   Instructor:  Mrs. Angevine
   Grades:  6-8
   Time:  3:15-4pm Mondays:  1/6, 2/3, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4-party

☐ LEGO Club        Cost:  $126 (Payable to Play-Well TEKnologies)
   Instructor:  Play-Well TEKnologies
   Grades:  K-4
   Time:  3-4:30pm Wednesdays, January 15 - March 18 (no class 2/5, 3/4 or 3/11)

☐ Track & Field    Cost:  TBD
   If your child is interested in joining the track team, please check the box so that we know if we will have enough people signed up in order to make a team.

Total amount enclosed:  $________________________

Please Circle One:  Cash      Check      Check #:  ________________

*Please make all checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran School unless otherwise noted.
STEM FUNdamentals with LEGOÒ

Level up your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as Motorcycles, Aircraft Carriers, Conveyor Belts, and Rail Racers! Design and build as never before, and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment. There are no prerequisites for this course.

- Instructor: Play-Well TEKnologies
- Grades: K-4
- Time: 3-4:30pm Wednesdays, January 15 - March 18 (no class 2/5, 3/4 or 3/11)
- Cost: $126 for 7 weeks (Please make checks payable to Play-Well TEKnologies)

Please note that there is a minimum of 11 students needed in order to run this class and a maximum of 16. Class enrollment will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please send in the form below with your check made payable to Play-Well TEKnologies no later than January 10, 2020.

Student Name: ________________________________
Grade: ________
Total amount enclosed: $__________

Please Circle One: Cash        Check        Check #: __________

Make checks payable to Play-Well TEKnologies.
There’s still time to order your Casual Dress Tickets!

Parent Name: _________________________________________________
Best way to reach you if we have questions: __________________________

STUDENT NAME: _______________________________ GRADE:__________

TICKET PRICES & PACKAGES
SINGLE TICKET ...... $5.00
6 TICKETS .......... $25.00
10 TICKETS ........ $40.00

PLEASE SELECT NUMBER OF TICKETS:

_____ SINGLE TICKETS @ $5.00 EACH = _________

_____ 6 TICKETS FOR $25.00

_____ 10 TICKETS FOR $40.00

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

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ILS HONOR ROLL
1ST TRIMESTER

DISTINGUISHED HONORS:
Elisha Chandler, Evan Gwynn,
Hannah Haitsch, Jenna Haitsch,

HIGH HONORS:
Abigail Bacher, William Smith
Thank you to all for the great volunteerism since the beginning of the school year. You have helped to enrich our children's lives. Check your email for more opportunities to help out in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to all the crafters and those who donated to the Christmas Shoppe this year. We all loved your donations and our friends and family will have some wonderful gifts because of your generosity. The store was a huge success due to the quality of items donated this year. Please consider purchasing items for the store for NEXT year at the after Christmas sales. Our children love doing their own shopping for family and friends!

Today is our staff cookie exchange. Thank you to everyone who donated cookies for this event as a special way of saying "Thank You!" to our teachers and other school and church staff members for everything they do for the school during the school year.

Our next PTL Meeting will be on Monday, January 21 at 6pm. As always, babysitting will be provided. This is one of the three general meetings that we are asking you to attend this year. Make it your New Years Resolution to join us at the meeting and give us some input on activities and assemblies that we can do to enhance the children's educational experience.

National Lutheran Schools Week ("NLSW") is coming up in January. The PTL will sponsor a Coffee Hour following the mandatory worship service on January 26th. We will also be having Cookies & Cocoa on Friday, January 31st at 2pm for the children.

The officers of the PTL would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year's. May the joy of celebrating the birth of our Savior live in your hearts all year through. Enjoy the break!

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

- **Staff Cookie Exchange**
  - December 20, 2019

- **PTL Meeting**
  - January 21, 2020  6pm (Babysitting available)

- **PTL Sponsored Coffee Hour**
  - January 26, 2020  (after worship service)

- **Cookies & Cocoa**
  - January 31, 2020  2pm

**Jesus is the reason for the season!**

**Merry Christmas!**
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

**Students of the Week**

As God has created us all in his image, ILS would like to take time to recognize some of his special creations, the students of Immanuel. The following children have been honored as Students of the Week:

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 9th**

PK4-Samantha Wozarik 3&4-Daniel Gwynn
K-Gloria Sun 5&6-Vinny Gannon
1-Riley Donley 7&8-Hannah Haitsch
2-Jayden Chung

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 16th**

PK4-Jerry Norton 3&4-Yiming Qi
K-Elijah De Oliveira 5&6-Joseph Radi
1-Isabella Krotmeier 7&8-Evan Gwynn
2-Simon Bacher

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**Attention All Blood Donors!**

Give the perfect gift, give blood!

The church will be holding their annual Christmas Eve blood drive.

December 24th, 2019
8:00am—1:00pm
Drop in the cafeteria and give a pint!

For more information or to make an appointment

Contact: Joel Wardenburg @ 203-740-8960
1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)
Or online @ redcrossblood.org