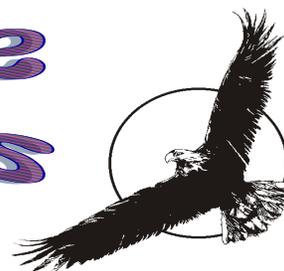


# Salem Eagle Expressions

A QUALITY EDUCATION UNDER A CARING CHRIST



## UPCOMING DATES

### Thursday, December 19

Grades 5 – 8 Program

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Last Day for Canned Goods

### Friday, December 20

1pm Early Dismissal

### December 23 – January 3

No School – Christmas Break

## UPCOMING A TEAM BASKETBALL GAMES

### December 10 – 14

Boys and Girls Tournament  
at Olivette

### Tuesday, December 17

Home vs. Atonement  
4:30G/5:30B

## OUR PRINCIPAL

### NON-UNIFORM DAYS DECEMBER 13 & 16

We will be having two non uniform days for December. The cost is \$1.00 per day. See attachment for more details.

Thank you parents for your participation in the non uniform days.

Just so you know, we won't have another one until February and the day will be listed in the newsletter.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We hope you enjoyed watching our 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade perform their Christmas program, "Hark, the Herald Angel".

Thank you to our teachers, Mrs. Schulz, Ms. Cleveland, Mrs. Harper, and Ms. Bailey. They all worked really hard! The students all did a fantastic job!

We hope you will be able to join us for Grades 5 – 8 on December 19 at 7pm.

## LAST CALL FOR CANNED GOODS!

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Last call for canned goods and toys! Please help the people in need in the city of St. Louis. Thank you for your help!

## ACCELERATED READER

Please check with your child's teacher to see how close they are to reaching their AR goal.

AR quizzes may be taken until Thursday, December 19, but don't wait until that date.

All of the students are capable of reaching their goal. Goals are based on each child's reading ability. Some may have goals of 5 points for the quarter, while others may have goals of 50 points for the quarter. The point is your child should reach their goal.

Reading is fundamental to their education.

## EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

1:00PM  
NO ECP

Please make sure your child is picked up by 1:00p.m. or earlier. Thank you. Classes resume on Monday, January 6 at 8:15a.m.

## NATIONAL HANDWASHING AWARENESS WEEK

Dec. 1-7 was National Handwashing Awareness Week. Handwashing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of illness, but only if it is done correctly! Luckily, washing your hands correctly is a pretty simple task. Just as a reminder, here are the 5 steps to correct handwashing:

1. Wet your hands with water (can be warm or cold).
2. Apply soap and lather it over all surfaces of your hands (in between fingers too!).
3. Scrub your hands for **20 seconds** (that's the song "Happy Birthday" sung twice).
4. Rinse your hands under running water.
5. Dry your hands on a clean towel. **Then** turn off the water with the towel.

For most people, the step they come up short on is how long they scrub their hands. It seems like a long time but that is what is needed to really get your hands clean. And when should you wash your hands? Before and after handling food, after touching a person who is sick, after dealing with pets, after coughing/sneezing/blowing your nose, and of course after you go to the bathroom. Happy handwashing!

Let your faith be  
= GREATER =  
than your fears





## OUR TEACHERS

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

As we finish up the first semester, the Sixth Grade is still doing well. Students continue to have enthusiasm about learning and enjoy participating in class.

In Social Studies, now that they have finished with Greece and Rome, they are studying early North America. They will soon have a test over this area, along with China. They should be proud of how much they have learned about how the important civilizations of Greece and Rome, and the important religion that started during the Roman Empire, Christianity.

In English, they completed their essay on Opinion Writing and have finished studying sentences. They will be moving on to Punctuation and Capitalization. I am proud of how quickly they have learned all of their parts of speech and how to properly use them in sentences.

In Fine Arts, they are memorizing their songs for the upcoming school play and they will soon be tested on them. As for Minecraft, they most recently learned how to build a house with a window to see inside, where they built a bead.

In Spelling, they continue to take tests over their words, with an opportunity to practice on worksheets, which allows them to use the words and connect them to other words.

In Vocabulary, after discovering the meaning of their words, they practice them through different activities in their Vocabulary book, and they continue to take tests over the spelling and definitions of their words.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with the sixth grade, and I look forward to finishing my first semester at Salem Lutheran.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Laleman

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

As we approach the end of the first semester and get closer to Christmas, it is easy for students to become tired and not want to do their best on their assignments. I continue to encourage

them to work at their top potential and "work smarter instead of harder". If they do their assignments on time and to the best of their abilities the first time, then they will not feel so overwhelmed with work or responsibilities. I have heard some students talking and laughing about not doing their work. This is not a good habit to get into and an even harder one to break once they start. I stay on top of the assignments at school, but I need parents to also encourage them at home. I know this time of year can become so busy with shopping, decorating, sports, parties, etc. that sometimes school can get pushed to the background. However, I think that the parents here at Salem feel the same as I do, that their education is top priority in their life. If you show them you think it is important, then they will also find it important. So when you get busy, make sure you set a time for them to do work, read for AR, look at graded papers, discuss the day, and check assignment books.

The fifth through eighth grade students have been working hard to learn songs, lines, and dances for the Christmas play. We are excited to perform "Angel Alert" for all of you on Dec. 19. Students will be asked to be at school by 6:30 to get ready. We hope to see each of you there!

In Religion class, Pastor Dressler has just finished up teaching about Martin Luther and how the Reformation began. Students wrote papers about Martin Luther and read them to the class. They also just finished up unit 2 on the Lutheran church and saints with a test.

In Science we are talking about DNA and cell division in Somatic cells through Mitosis and in Gamete cells through Meiosis. This will lead us more into heredity and genetics in the coming weeks. During STEM we made crystal Christmas tree ornaments for our Christmas tree in the classroom. We learned that you have to use very hot water and really saturate the liquid with either the salt or the borax. Some of them have turned out so well that students from other rooms have asked to do the same project.

In Art the students continue to paint and cut bottles to make our hanging sculpture. The sculpture is modeled after Dale Chulily's "Fireworks" that can be seen in the Children's Museum

in Indiana. It has been interesting seeing all the different ways the students have come up with to paint the bottles. My hope is that we can enter it in the Art Fair at Lutheran North at the end of January. We will also be making some winter pictures as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all that I hope you and your families have a very nice Christmas and New Years celebration. Remember the real reason you are able to celebrate is because our Lord and Savior has been born.

God bless,  
Ms. Pena

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Potter's Publication

The anticipation of Christmas Break has everyone excited! This also means the end of another quarter is near. Some students are still working toward their AR goals and some are trying to get all their missing work turned in last second. I tell you, I really do appreciate those students who stay on top of their work and take pride in submitting it on time. They really do make my job easy. Thank you!

Please continue to send in canned goods. The competition is over on the 19th so please send in canned goods before that date. It feels good to help those in need. Thank you to all who have donated.

Currently, eighth grade math is solving systems of equations by graphing, substitution, and elimination. Sixth and seventh grade math are solving equations involving proper fractions and mixed numbers. Seventh and eighth grade classes are reading short stories from their Literature books and building comprehension skills and vocabulary as well as focusing on characterization, comparing texts, setting, and more. In Fine Arts, we are preparing to present "Angel Alert" on Thursday evening, the 19th of December. Hope to see you there!

I hope and pray that all of you have a wonderful and safe Christmas and enjoy your break.

Mrs. Potter