

THE SPIRIT OF ST. STEPHENS

JUNE 29, 2010

SUMMER GREETINGS: The summer break continues to move right along. Many of you have already been on vacation and others are looking forward to time off. Camp Invention was a huge success with students already looking forward to next summer's camp. VBS was also a big success with many children enjoying the week. We continue to get things ready for the new school year starting in August. Our prayer is that all our students and parents continue to have a wonderful, safe, and blessed summer!!!

(Note: 6th-7th-8th grade girls – check the information in the “Athletic” paragraph regarding volleyball for next year! We welcome Laura Kennedy as our new volleyball coach.)

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Wow! The “baby bottle” collection for Hickory's Crisis Pregnancy Center totaled \$1,431.92! Great job, everyone! We received the following thank you – “Dear St. Stephens Lutheran School, Thank you! You are truly a blessing to the PCC and we thank you for your support as hearts are being touched and lives are being saved. God's blessings, (SIGNED) Renee Bentley, Executive Director”. May God continue to bless this important ministry.

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5TH -- FRIDAY, JULY 9TH

REPORT CARDS/TEST SCORES: Report cards and Stanford Achievement test scores along with a school letter and next school year's supply list were mailed out Friday. (Note: the Dress Code is available on our website – sslswarriors.org – if you need to refresh your memory on it!) If you did not receive your child's packet by today, then please call the school office. We apologize for the delay in getting this information out to everyone. We received the Stanford Achievement tests late Thursday afternoon and went to work early Friday to get it all out in the mail.

A REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL FEES: The 2009-2010 school year will be closed out on Wednesday (6/30). If you received a statement at the end of last week, please open it immediately and check it out. It means that you still have outstanding fees from the past school year. Please remit these fees by Wednesday (6/30). **Until all fees are paid, the report card will not be issued and permanent records will not be transferred.**

RESIGNATION: Mrs. Melissa McNeely, 3rd grade teacher, has accepted a position with the Hickory City School system and therefore, has resigned her teaching position here at SSSL. Interviews are taking place and an announcement will be coming soon as to our new 3rd grade teacher.

CAMP INVENTION: “Thank you to all of the parents, counselors, instructors, and volunteers for making Camp Invention a SMASHING success! The kids not only had a lot of fun, they learned some important scientific concepts. I was amazed when the 1st and 2nd graders were discussing centripetal force during lunch. The young inventors built roller coasters, saved Sludge City from environmental disaster, survived on an alien planet and created new inventions from old/broken appliances. They also played games/sports by making their own equipment from recycled materials.

Thank you to everyone who donated appliances and recycled materials. A special thank you to Ken Moretz at Industrial Technology Services, LLC, for donating boxes of computer parts for our children to dismantle and recreate. I really appreciate it. Thanks! (SIGNED) Kelli Butler”

CAMP IaWANNA ROCK: A few openings remain for the Camp IaWanna Rock Music Camp the week of July 19-23. This music camp is for rising 4th thru rising 8th graders. For more information, you contact Mr. Skinner at 308-2569.

TICKETS FOR CHARITY: St. Stephens Lutheran School has the opportunity to participate in the “Tickets for Charity” program as a part of the Hickory Ensure Golf Classic, a part of the Senior Professional Golfers Tour at Rock Barn Golf Club on September 27 – October 3rd.

As a part of the “Tickets for Charity” program, anyone who purchases tickets on line can designate St. Stephens Lutheran School as the recipient for the proceeds from that sale. If you or your company will be ordering tickets, please consider designating St. Stephens Lutheran School as the recipient in the “Tickets for Charity” program.

AWARDS GIVEN OUT: On the last day of the school year, we handed out several awards to our students. Following is the list of students and the awards they received ---

Perfect School Attendance -- Kindergarten – Anna Grace Patel; Grade 2 – Jay Hoshall; Grade 3 – Cole Hoffman, Ben Ritchie; Grade 4 – Kendall White; Grade 5 – Ben Carter, Caroline Craig, Adasyn Neuwirth, Moss Rerkpattanapipat; Grade 6 – Jordan Heavner, Hannah Nine, Madison White; Grade 7 – Max Rerkpattanapipat; Grade 8 – Dalton Carpenter, Taylor Heavner, Daniel Holchin, Ashtyn Neuwirth, Ian Troutman, Logan White

Perfect Church & Sunday School Attendance -- Grade 1 – Chase Stanton; Grade 4 – Jackson Sherrill; Grade 6 – Laney Rowe

Perfect Church Attendance for Year -- Grade 3 – Jack McMahon, Ben Ritchie; Grade 5 – Joseph Anderson

Perfect First Semester Church Attendance -- Grade 3 – Glenn Roseman; Grade 2 – David Carpenter

Perfect Second Semester Church Attendance -- Grade 2 – Jordan Doucette, Jamie Harris; Grade 5 – Ben Carter

Academic Awards --

Math: Grade 5 – Pammy Fish; Grade 6 – Laney Rowe; Grade 7 – Max Rerkpattanapipat; Grade 8 – Ben Highland

Language Arts: Grade 5 – Adasyn Neuwirth, Moss Rerkpattanapipat; Grade 6 – Ben Johnson; Grade 7 – Max Rerkpattanapipat; Grade 8 – Ashtyn Neuwirth

Reading: Grade 5 – Pammy Fish, Adasyn Neuwirth; Grade 6 – Laney Rowe; Grade 7 – Aaron Fox; Grade 8 – Gabrielle Cooper

Social Studies: Grade 5 – Pammy Fish; Grade 6 – Laney Rowe; Grade 7 – Aaron Fox; Grade 8 – Logan White

Science: Grade 5 – Pammy Fish, Adasyn Neuwirth; Grade 6 – Laney Rowe, Madison White; Grade 7 – Dylan Tashjian; Grade 8 – Ashtyn Neuwirth

REMINDER TO 5TH GRADE PARENTS: Don’t forget the booster immunization your child will need before entering 6th grade next school year. Please remember to bring documentation of this booster to the school office to be placed in your child’s cumulative folder. (Contact Sallie in the school office if you have questions.)

REMINDER TO KINDERGARTEN PARENTS: Don’t forget that we need the NC Kindergarten Health Assessment form plus a copy of your child’s birth certificate and social security number by the opening day of school – August 23rd. Thanks! You may drop these items off any time during the summer, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. We can also make copies of the birth certificate and social security number.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS: Our LPTL sponsors an annual “Magazine Sale” right after school starts. Our sale is scheduled to begin with a kick-off on September 3rd. As you get your renewal notices this summer, please consider renewing them through our school. Funds raised through our magazine sale help support the many projects our LPTL undertakes during the school year. Thanks!

CLASSROOM REWARDS: You can still register your Food Lion MVP card and help our school earn a share of \$1,000,000 in their Classroom Rewards program. To register, go to their website, www.foodlion.com, click on MVP Rewards and enter our school code (214531). Complete the form and enter your MVP card number as instructed, and then shop at Food Lion. It’s all very simple! Encourage other members of your family, friends and neighbors to register their MVP card under our school code and help our school earn \$’s.

BUS REPLACEMENT FUNDRAISER: Donations can still be made to the Bus Replacement Fund. You may bring your donation by the school office or send it through the mail. Your support in this project is greatly appreciated.

CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS: Business hours for the Catawba County Library System are being adjusted as of July 1. The new schedule is as follows –
Main Library in Newton – Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-8:00 pm; Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm
St. Stephens -- Monday & Tuesday, 12:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday-Saturday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Southwest -- Monday & Tuesday, 12:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 a -6:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00-2:00
Conover, Maiden & Sherrills Ford -- Tuesday, 12:00-8:00 pm; Wednesday-Friday, 9:00 am-6:00pm;
Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Claremont -- Tuesday-Friday, 12:00-6:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

ATHLETICS: A message from our new volleyball coach, Laura Kennedy ---

All rising 6th, 7th, 8th grade girls interested in trying out for the upcoming volleyball season need to contact Coach Laura Kennedy as soon as possible. Please email your name, email address for parent & athlete, and phone numbers for parent and athlete. Coach Kennedy's email address is jammananc@gmail.com. The following dates are open gym times. Please try and make it!

July 6 – 7:00-9:00 pm	July 13 – 3:00-5:00 pm
July 8 – 3:00-5:00 pm	July 14 – 7:00-9:00 pm
July 12 – 3:00-5:00 pm	August – TBA

Also, please sign up for “Carolina Select Camp”, July 19-23 if at all possible. Several rising 8th graders are already committed.

Reminder: SSSL Varsity & JV Cheerleader and Mascot tryouts will be held when we come back to school in August.

Football/Cheerleading Program: Information and Sign Up Schedule (and form) for the 2010 Football/Cheerleading program at St. Stephens Optimist is available in the school office. Sign-ups begin July 27th and include programs for PS 4-Kindergarten (Flag Football), Grades 1-7 Tackle Football, and Grades K-8 (Cheerleading).

*May all of you
have a safe and happy
Fourth of July!!!*

**God bless America! Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, bright with foam,
God bless America! My home sweet home!
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