

# SOTL School News

“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

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## Dog Days of Summer



Even though the weather hasn't been great this year, I find myself ready for summer to be over. After a while, I find a certain sense of comfort in the routine. Most of all, I find myself missing some of the activity around church, and especially the joyful noises of our school kids. School starts on September 8 and I'm looking forward to it. Pray for the preparation of our teachers as they anticipate another group of children to help grow in the Lord.

Much is going on behind the scenes. Dr. Jim Pagels has assumed the role of interim principal. He is doing a fantastic job. He is an expert in how to partner with families to ensure the best possible education for their child. I'm excited to see how our school's academic performance gets even better this year than it already is. Dr. Jim, as he likes to be called, is busy meeting with all our teachers and going over curriculum, scheduling, and personal goals for the year.

I'd also like to welcome Katherine Choroba to the role of Preschool teacher. Mrs. Choroba is a member of Shepherd of the Lakes with over 20 years of experience teaching in Lutheran schools. In addition, we welcome Christi Gaertner to serve as part-time Spanish teacher. Christi is a certified educator with experience teaching in Lutheran schools, and is a product of a Lutheran Christian School education herself. Her husband serves as Pastor at St. Paul's in Hamburg.

The School Leadership Team has done a good job this summer during a time of transition. Their big goal for the year is to set forth a

realistic plan for the next 5-10 years of our school ministry. You'll be updated along the way about possible thoughts for grade expansion and possible building needs.

We're looking forward to a great year. I've become fond of calling our school the "little school that could." We keep chugging along. It is an uphill battle to provide private Christian education nowadays. Many schools are closing. But God continues to bless us with perseverance. We look forward to a season of prosperity.

Pastor Mark



Coming Soon:  
Spirit Wear for  
Shepherd of the  
Lakes Church and  
School

The PTO is pleased to announce that they will be offering Spirit Wear for both school and church families. See a sample of the new logo during Parent Orientation or at the School Desk in the Commons beginning August 28th.

The logo is available for printing on T-shirts, polos, sweatshirts and hoodies in sizes to fit everyone. Outfit the whole family in SOTL Spirit Wear and show your pride in our Church and School. It's a great way to tell people about our Church, our School and our faith!

### Our Mission

*Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School nurtures children with Jesus' love to grow spiritually, thrive academically, and mature socially.*



**Fundraising Spotlight on:**

**Box Top\$  
Marketplace**

*Shop Online and Earn Ca\$h for our  
School*

Make a difference every time you shop online. Just start at the Box Tops Marketplace when you want to shop at online retailers, and Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School will receive a portion of your sale. Participating retailers include Target, Kohl's, Barnes and Noble, Avon, Pottery Barn and many more.

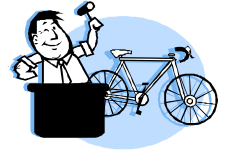
To start, follow these simple steps:

- Sign up online: Create an account at the Box Tops website ([www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com)) to support our school and see where to shop at over 70 stores who help support us!
- Shop online: Begin your online shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace website. Then simply choose from their list of websites where you wish to shop. You will be automatically redirected to that store's website, and you place your order as you normally would.
- Our school earns Ca\$h: Up to 15% of your purchase will automatically be donated back to our school, up to \$20,000, at no additional cost to you!

You must go to the Marketplace website at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com), choose "Marketplace", and then select the website you wish to use. If you do not begin at the Marketplace website and login to your account, our school will not receive any credit.



**Annual SOTL School Auction  
"Building God's Workers"  
Needs Volunteers!**



The Shepherd of the Lakes Annual School Auction, "Building God's Workers", will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The event will take place at the SOTL Church, and will feature a silent and live auction with some great items.

The Auction Committee is in great need of volunteers to help with all aspects of the auction: acquiring donations, decorations, food, etc. This help is needed both during the planning stages, and on the day of the event. Whatever your availability, your talent and enthusiasm can be put to good use. Many hands do indeed make light work!

Please consider making a *tax deductible* donation of a service, merchandise or cash to our school auction. Contact Gail Milatz at 810-229-0745 or [milatzclan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:milatzclan@sbcglobal.net) with any questions or contributions for the event, or if you would like to volunteer your time.

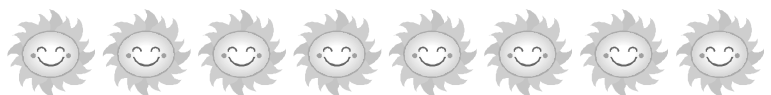
**Don't Forget to Order Your Scrip Cards!**

Plan ahead and order your Scrip Gift Cards now! The next order dates are:

August 24

September 14

Order forms are available in Preschool and Elementary wings and by the Church mailboxes. Your order will be available for pick up at the Church Office on the Friday following the order date. Remember: a percentage of Scrip cards sales are donated to Shepherd of the Lakes Church and School!



**Upcoming Events**

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|  | August 26 | School Orientation & Uniform Sale @ 7:00 pm  |  |
|  | August 27 | School Orientation & Uniform Sale @ 10:00 am |  |
|  | Sept 8    | First Day of School                          |  |
|  | Sept 18   | Apple Fest @ 6:00 p.m.                       |  |

