OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Administrative Newsletter
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Chancy and Bruce Educational Resources, Inc. will be on campus January 11th and 12th to conduct a kindergarten readiness assessment. The assessment will be a tool to help parents and teachers determine whether the kindergarten age-eligible child is developmentally ready for kindergarten.

Meet the Masters

Featured artist this month is the French artist, *Georges Seurat* (1859-1891). *Seurat* was quoted as saying, "I painted like that, because I wanted to try something new—a kind of painting that was my own." The style he invented was Pointillism, and with millions of tiny dots he created masterpieces for the world to enjoy. His most famous painting is **Sunday Afternoon in the Park**.

Using sandpaper and crayons, our young artists will try their hand at re-creating *Seurat's* Pointillism.
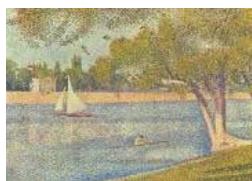
Rags to Riches Clothing Drive

Our Clothing Drive fundraiser starts now! It's easy as 1 2 3. Simply fill large trash bags with clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, bedding, linens and pillows that you no longer need . This is a recycling fundraiser for clothing and textiles. OSLS will earn money by the weight of the donated items. *Please tape all shoes together, as a pair, and place in a separate bag.*

Bring your bags to school on January 21st and 22nd. Volunteers will help you unload your bags and place them on the truck that will be here both days.
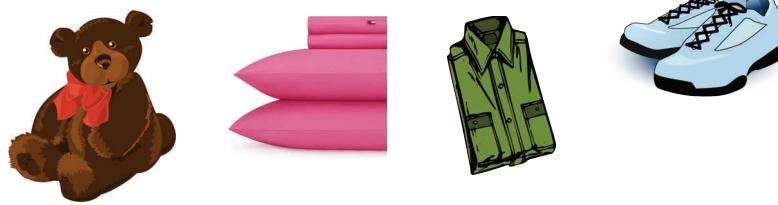
2016-2017 Priority Enrollment begins Monday, January 25th. This is the time set aside for returning students, siblings, church members and elementary alumni families to enroll before enrollment is open to the public.

NO SCHOOL, **Monday, 1/18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

<u>Visiting Author</u>

We look forward to welcoming visiting author, *Barney Saltzberg*, to Our Savior's on January 29th. Barney Saltzberg is the author and illustrator of close to 50 books for children, including Beautiful Oops!, Arlo Needs Glasses, Andrew Drew and Drew, and the Bestselling Touch and Feel Kisses series with over one million copies in print.

Additionally, he's recorded four albums of music for children. While at Our Savior's, *Barney* will conduct a lower and an upper elementary assembly. He will also present a writing workshop and book signing.

Kindergarten Tours are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 7th and 8th, at 9:00 am. If this doesn't fit your schedule, call the school office at 492-6165 to make an appointment that is more convenient.

What is STEAM and why is it important?
STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The thing is, all those subjects are already taught separately in schools. STEAM is something different because it involves the active engagement of the students in problem solving, critical thinking and cooperation. For example, watching a video or a power point to take in information is technology, but not STEAM. Students working together to solve a problem and explain the solution using scientific method, technology, engineering, art and math is STEAM. Here's an example: Our Savior's kindergarten class developed an alternative solution for the gingerbread man to safely cross the river. Working in groups, the students designed and built a bridge that would hold the weight of the gingerbread man. Students were able to articulate the problem and explain what was necessary for a solution including ramps or stairs (technology) to get on the bridge. That is STEAM! It gives students an opportunity to apply the knowledge they've acquired and to learn more in the process.

We are coding! Students at OSLS are learning to code (write computer programs) and the exciting thing is how fast they are learning! Kindergarten participated in the Hour of Code on their iPads. Fifth and fourth grade students are in their second year of learning to code. Many of the fourth and fifth grade students have moved past the initial game phase where they learn the logic of coding and are now writing their own Java Script. All classes are participating in the Hour of Code. Here's the link if you'd like to try it from home: https://code.org/learn