

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Mid September 2016

Our Savior's Lutheran School joyfully kicked off the new school year on August 24 with many of us reeling from how fast the summer went by. It was a short summer due to our two-week-earlier-than-usual start this year. But it doesn't matter because every time I walk onto the campus at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Schools, I feel blessed to be a part of the 60-year ministry of such a lovely church, school and community.

The sense of the enthusiasm and spirit that is part of this ministry embraces me. The spirit in the faculty and staff, many of whom have been here for over 10 years is evident, and I am thankful for their dedication and love of teaching. The spirit in the students of OSLS is ever present in the way they joyfully skip to their classes and are constantly smiling. I sense the spirit in those alumni students of OSLS who join us occasionally for morning opening and introduce themselves and who tell us how much they loved their past experiences at OSLS. That same spirit can be seen in the alumni students of OSLS who now have kids attending OSLS. I see the spirit in the parents who join us for morning opening and who join us in their enthusiastic participation in such things as Back to School Night on September 9 or Rally Day on September 11. Parents help make our school a better place by their countless hours of volunteering with various daily routines or events. I sense the spirit in Pastor Jeff who leads us in prayer very enthusiastically every morning of the week.

OSLS's theme this year is the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" Galatians 5:22-23. Every month, beginning now, we will be celebrating one of those attributes of a Christian life. September's celebration of the Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE. Around the first of every month, a different grade level will present a presentation about one of these Fruits of the Spirit at our Wednesday chapel immediately following opening. Parents and friends are encouraged to join us. At the end of each month, we present awards to a few students who exemplify the attribute. Join us this month on September 28 for LOVE awards.

We also encourage our students to get in the habit of tithing with weekly Chapel offerings, which we send to a different community organization every month. We send 20% of each month's offerings to Compassion International where we are sponsoring a child, Jamesly, living in poverty. The remainder of September's offerings will be sent to the Semper Fi Fund, which provides assistance to wounded Marines and their families while they recover.

OSLS's theme this year, the Fruit of the Spirit, encompasses all of God's gifts and will be our guiding light. I feel this spirit in all of us- teachers, staff, students, parents, Pastor, alumni, friends- who enthusiastically participate in our school with their desire to love, learn, and serve. I know that this spirit comes from God. It is God's gift to all of us. It is God's Spirit!

Blessings,
Kitty Schmitt
OSLS Principal