



**joni&friends**

**CHRISTMAS CHAPEL OFFERING**  
All offerings collected during chapels in December will go to the charity organization "Joni & Friends." Our hope is to be able to buy two pediatric wheelchairs. Since 1979 Joni & Friends has committed to reaching and serving people with disabilities with practical help and the saving love of Jesus.

**UPCOMING DATES**

- Dec 12      Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 14      K-8 Christmas Concert  
K-4 at 6:30, 5-8 at 7:30
- Dec 17      Worship ensemble during 8:30 service (see below right!)
- Dec 22      Early Dismissal  
11:15 preK / 11:30 K-8  
**Babysitting services are available 11:30-4:00**
- Dec 23-Jan 7   Christmas Break  
**NO SCHOOL**
- Jan 8        School resumes
- Jan 8        Enrollment for current school families begins
- Jan 8-13     Varsity boys' basketball tournament @ St. Paul's

**CHURCH ENSEMBLE:** All band or orchestra musicians in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, along with any adult musicians, are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on Sunday, December 17 during the 8:30 AM worship service. We will provide music for the pre-service, offertory, and post-service. There is a rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 AM in the school gym. Donuts, juice, and milk will be provided after the rehearsal. Please contact Bill Dyche at [bill.dyche66@gmail.com](mailto:bill.dyche66@gmail.com) or send a text to 815-592-0870. Be sure to include the musician's name, instrument, email, and cell number.



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT\*:** Our annual Christmas concert will be next **Thursday, December 14th!** Kdg-4th grade will be at 6:30, 5th-8th grade at 7:30. Concert attire is "Sunday Best." You may dress festively for Christmas, but **NO hats**. Students report to the music room 15 minutes before the program time.

*\*Since there are no other school activities that evening, student participation is expected.\**



**5th-8th GRADE CHOIR** will be singing at the advent service at the downtown church next **Wednesday, December 13th.** Please be at the church by 6:40 if you are going to participate!

**8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER:** If you need extended care after the early dismissal on Friday, December 22, the 8th grade class will be offering a babysitting service at school! Please register at [forms.gle/PL97UGf74UziHqnY9](https://forms.gle/PL97UGf74UziHqnY9). The hours will be 11:30-4:00. The cost is \$35 per student and \$15 for each additional sibling.

**PTL AUCTION:** If you own or work for a company that would donate services or sponsorship for our March auction fundraiser, please send a Fast Direct to Angela Heldt OR come to the school office! **SAVE THE DATE:** the auction and dinner will be on **Saturday, March 16, 2024!**

**PRINTER CARTRIDGE:** If anyone has an HP printer that uses **414A** cartridges, please see Mrs. Olney in the office! We have a donation of a few extras and are looking to give them away.



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