

## Kindergarten Happenings

October was awesome! We had our student teacher, Miss Niermann, teaching us most of the time and she taught us a lot of really fun learning games. We also went on a field trip to the fire station and had Stephanie Singer from the Soil and Water Conservation District teaches us about wildlife here in Ohio. November is going to be even more fun as we get ready for Thanksgiving and we remember all of the wonderful blessings that God gives us each day.

## Preschool Classrooms

**Mrs. Wagner's:** October is here and gone and once again we are enjoying many Fall activities. We finished our beautiful leaf wreaths and are making leaf prints as this newsletter goes to print. As we finish up Our Senses unit in October and early November, we will be then be learning about the four seasons. The four year olds will be hosting "Thank You God" potluck parties before Thanksgiving break. We are also in the process of setting up movie showtimes for our preschoolers to see the new movie "THE STAR" which will be released on Friday, November 17th. When we return from Thanksgiving break, we will be hard-at-work practicing for The Preschool Christmas program on Sunday, December 10th. Blessings to all this holiday season!

**Mrs. Cavin 3:** We have been learning about how God used the people in the Old Testament to do his will and spread his Word. We have been learning about all kinds of bugs, and made some cute bugs as well. We are learning about the season of Fall. We have talked about harvest time, painted with apples, carved a pumpkin, and made apple prints. Fall is a great time to learn about colors. We are working on name recognition as well. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving party, when we will have a celebration of thankfulness!

**Mrs. Cavin 4:** We have been learning about God's helpers in the Old Testament, and about helpers in our communities. We are learning about our five senses. We are enjoying Fall by making leaf wreaths and pumpkins. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving party, when we will celebrate all of the wonderful gifts God has given us.

*St. John is a great place to learn and grow!!*

# St. John Lutheran November School Newsletter 2017

## Attitude of Gratitude

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:15-17*

With the holidays fast approaching, it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our already busy lives. When fighting the crowd for those last few items for Thanksgiving dinner or putting the final touches on your already late Christmas letter, it can prove more and more difficult to have an "Attitude of Gratitude" during this holiday season. Often times it is easy to miss all the little gifts God gives us, whether it be as big as the gift of a new life or as small as completing all your errands without any hiccups. No matter how busy our lives get, we should set time aside to reflect and be thankful, "singing to God with gratitude in your heart."

It can be even harder to instill this attitude in your children. With toy catalogs in the mail and Christmas lists growing a mile long, children sometimes get stuck in the more, more, more mode, making it even more difficult to cherish the gifts God has already given.

During this holiday season, let the message from Colossians 3:15-17 guide you in making your holiday the best it can be. Go forth and make your "attitude of gratitude" contagious!

In Christ,  
Mrs. Shellie Kosmerchok



## Sauerkraut Supper – November 7<sup>th</sup>!!!!

Sauerkraut supper began in the 1930s and is still going strong today. Please make plans to attend the event. Serving is from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. The Ladies Aid Bazaar begins at 1:30 p.m.

The meal includes sausage, roast pork, hot dogs, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade kraut and applesauce, coleslaw, pies and beverages.

**COST: Adults - \$9.00 Children (4 – 12) - \$5.00 (3 and under FREE)**

## **First Grade News**

October ended with the ever-popular Dress-Up Letter Party. Students chose a letter and made or used costumes to represent that letter. We've been keeping Journals for Vocabulary and Science. The class loved practicing writing words in shaving cream! It was a bit of a mess but we all had a great time. We learned about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

## **Second Grade News**

We had a busy October! We learned all about plant life cycles during our pumpkin study, and even got to do some pumpkin experiments. Everyone loved celebrating the Reformation, too. The class is looking forward to leading chapel in November and teaching everyone about thankfulness.

## **Third Grade Classroom**

October has sure flown by! We have done a lot during the month! Our chapel service on October 19th was a great success! The students were super excited to present it to their peers and family and friends. Our visitor day went well also! State testing was completed this month. We have been learning about types of sentences in grammar. In reading we have been studying fact/opinion, compare and contrast, and working with base words and endings. In writing we worked on restating questions as statements and personal narratives. We completed learning about Moses and the Exodus in religion and even watched the movie Prince of Egypt. We are looking forward to finishing the book Wonder and possibly going to see the movie when it is released next month! We will also be going to meet an author at the Defiance Public Library next month.

## **Fourth Grade Language Arts with Mrs. Engel**

We will be starting Unit 2 next week. The theme for this Unit is Teamwork. Each story will highlight how working together we can help others, face obstacles and achieve goals. We will be working on writing a Personal Narrative and using what we learned about compound and complex sentences to make our sentences more interesting.

## **Fifth and Sixth Grade**

The first quarter of school is already over! I can't believe how fast it has gone by! The students had a great first 9 weeks of school, from Outdoor Education to volleyball season, to the Reformation Day Party. There are 10 volleyball players in the 5th and 6th grade class, and I was so impressed watching their competitiveness and teamwork. What a great season, and I look forward to watching them and the boys in action during basketball season. In class, we are wrapping up "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" and have been studying sentence embellishments, word choice, and prepositional phrases. In Religion, it was very enjoyable to study more about Martin Luther and the Reformation as we mark the 500th anniversary this year.

## **Seventh & Eighth Grade**

The month of October inspired our class to make some beautiful fall silhouette pictures. You will find them in the upstairs hallway. They are actually for stimulating creative writing stories. Maybe they will inspire you to remember something you like about fall. November is always exciting. There is the trip to Four-County Vocational School and lunch at Mom's Diner in Archbold, selling pies like crazy for our class trip to Chicago, the annual Sauerkraut and Election Day Supper, and studying two-step equations in Pre-algebra. Soon, we will work on the Christmas Program, which is written by Mrs. Schiemann. Blessings to you and your families as we move into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

## **Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes**

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math the students are going to begin multiplication. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be starting integers. Science is exciting and students are learning many new things. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are learning about living things and life cycles. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about Earth's resources. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about water and the atmosphere and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are studying how the Earth is shaped and formed.



- 11/2 P/T Conference 3:30 – 8 p.m.
- 11/3 Early Dismissal P/T Con 1:15 – 5:30
- 11/5 – 11/12 Book Fair
- 11/7 Kraut Supper 4:30 – 7 p.m.
- 11/8 EC Chapel 2:45 p.m.
- 11/9 BCDS Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11/14 PTL Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 11/16 2<sup>nd</sup> Grandparent/Visitor Chapel 8:55
- 11/21 Pie Pick Up after school
- 11/23 Tigers Den Open
- 11/23 – 25 No School Thanksgiving
- 11/28 2 hour delay/Faculty Meeting

## **Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes**

**STOP! Have you ordered your SCRIP for Black Friday shopping?** It is easy to do! Go out to our school website at [stjohntigers.com](http://stjohntigers.com) and click on our SCRIP program. You can order online or at the school. Orders need to be in every Tuesday by 10 a.m. If you need help, contact Brandi Berry our SCRIP coordinator and she will be happy to help you. Your rebate can help our school earn money!

an evening with  
**friends**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Event**

**Save the date! Mark you calendar for Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 10:30 p.m.** Slammin' Sammies will be catering our Italian dinner and the Tacketts will be performing again this year. Tickets are \$25.00 each or reserve a table of 8 for \$200.00. Make plans to attend this fun filled evening!