

St. John Lutheran School Newsletter

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Everything we do at St. John Lutheran School is dedicated to Jesus. He is our foundation. Because of our clear mission, we are a community who share values and beliefs. You sense the difference as soon as you walk the halls of the school. True education must be administered in a spiritual atmosphere that recognizes God as the source of all knowledge, wisdom, and truth. The word of God is our final authority for faith and life. Christian education is rooted in the objective reality and absolutes of God's truth. Ultimately, parents have been given the responsibility for spiritual and intellectual training of their children. Our role at SJL is to help them fulfill this responsibility.

The children's spiritual growth is our top priority. Not all students that attend our school have a home church or attend church regularly to hear the Word of God. At SJL, students have the opportunity to develop a genuine faith in Christ.

The Christ-centered education here works to **transform** the lives of our students through helping them build a personal relationship with Jesus. Through Christ, students are encouraged to discover whom they are and what they are called to do. The children are entrusted to all the teachers who share their faith with them daily.

The teachers and staff have a passion to know the heart of each student and to build relationships, both inside and outside the classroom. Not only is our staff professionally qualified, but also they demonstrate a love for teaching and ministering to all students and are Christian role models. They pray for each student, cheer for them at an after school activity, and accompany them on field trips and learning excursions. They truly seek to know and bring out the best in each child.

I was blessed to attend a Lutheran school, taught Sunday School in high school, graduated from Concordia St. Paul, and raised my children in a home filled with Christ's love. I can't imagine not knowing Jesus! How different my life would be! As a principal in a Christian, Lutheran school I seek each day to share Jesus with each child, so that they know Him and continue to grow and live in Him everyday! I am thankful that "It is still ALL about Jesus!"

His Servant,
Mrs. Kosmerchok
Principal

Preschool Classrooms

Mrs. Wagner's 4 year olds:

What a joy to see the energy and enthusiasm that comes from my four year olds! We have finished our "Welcome To School" unit and are beginning our unit on "My Family, My Community." We will be learning about different kinds of families, and will learn about the wonderful helpers in our community. We will be doing an investigation/project on Ice Cream. We will set up an ice cream store in our classroom and will be making ice cream in a coffee can (by rolling & kicking it), and will be taking a field trip to Dairy Queen. We are in the process of completing our Paper Plate Creation book and will soon begin the story of Noah. We have also been practicing for our first singing performance on Sunday, October 8th.



- 10/3 EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.
- 10/5 BCDS Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
- 10/12 – 10/13 Teacher Conference No School/Tigers Den Open
- 10/16 No School/Tigers Den Open
- 10/19 3 & 4 Grandparent/Visitor Chapel
- 10/27 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/31 2 Hour delay/Faculty Mtg

Mrs. Cavin's 3 year olds:

We are off to a great start! We have been getting to know each other, learning to share, and finding out what school is like. We have enjoyed learning about God's creation through music, stories, and art. We have had a lot of fun with dinosaurs, especially digging for dinos in the texture tub, and making dinosaurs with play dough!

Mrs. Cavin's 4 year olds:

These preschoolers are ready to learn and have fun! We have enjoyed getting to know one another as we learned about following the rules and making friends at school. We have also had a great time learning about families, how our families are different, and how they are the same. We have been thanking God for our place in his family. We have been learning about how God created everything in six days, and rested on the seventh day, by making Creation Books and reading our Bible.

Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes

4th and 7th Grade Math

4th - We are now starting on adding and subtracting whole numbers. We've also started mini timed tests for multiplication facts. 7th - We are moving into percents and will be studying sales tax, discounts, and interest.

3rd - 8th Science

3rd Grade continues with the scientific method. 5th grade will be moving into the engineering/design process. 6th graders will learn about Earth's resources: nonrenewable and renewable. 7th graders will learn about Earth's water systems. 8th graders will begin getting into the processes that shape Earth's surface.

Kindergarten Happenings

We have had a great start to our kindergarten year! I am always amazed at how well the children fall into the swing of things and I love how excited they are to learn. Fall is such a fun time in our classroom and this fall will be extra fun because our student teacher, Miss Rachel Niermann, will be temporarily taking over the classroom for a couple of weeks!

First Grade News

The class had great fun pounding the pigments out of plants to make Cherokee Leaf Prints. The children were amazed with the brilliant colors given off by the flowers. The class loves snake dictionary type books in the classroom. If anyone has extra snake books, please send them our way.

We've learned the Phonics Dance and are working on reading books and taking tests over them on the computers.

Second Grade News

Our class has been busy getting back into the swing of things over the past month. Now we are all geared up for our big pumpkin math event towards the end of October and of course the Reformation Celebration. Each day, we have been learning more about states of matter and will be completing some experiments soon. Every day is a new adventure!

Third Grade News

Our class has really been working hard! We have covered one unit in our reading series! We have been working on addition and estimation on our way towards starting to learn to multiply and divide! In religion, we have covered the Exodus from Egypt and the 10 Commandments! We have been working hard on writing both how neatly we write as well as forming paragraphs and typing them up on the computer! We have finished art lessons on mosaics and still life and we will be carving pumpkins for art in October. We will also have a harvest party!

Fourth Grade Language Arts News

We've had fun getting to know each other. We are journaling everyday to increase our sentence writing along with adding details to make our writing more interesting. They did well on their Unit 1 tests and in October we will begin Unit 2 in the Reading series. Students will be learning about Poetry this month. It will be fun to see what ideas the students put together for their October poems!

Fifth & Sixth Grade News

It is astounding to think that over a month of school has already gone by! The fifth and sixth grade have had a very busy start to the year. We had a great time at outdoor ed at Camp Palmer. The students are so thankful to have had that unique experience, and we all grew closer because of it. Thank you to all the groups who gave financial assistance so we could go! We are looking forward to remembering the Reformation and celebrating its 500th anniversary in the coming weeks in a variety of ways. We are nearing the end of our first novel study- "The Lion The Witch, and The Wardrobe." It has been really fun to unpack that story in reading and discuss its themes there and in religion class.

Seventh & Eighth Grade News

Our class is off to a good start. We love being buddies to the first grade class. We have started Creative Writing early this year in an effort to improve language and writing skills. The students are very excited over having some new staff to lead us in Spanish and Art. We also enjoy having three new students in our class and getting their perspective on classes, school, teachers, etc. Right now we are looking forward to celebrating the Reformation (500 years) on October 31 when St. John Freedom will be joining us for the activities!

SCRIP NEWS...Do you need to go shopping at Meijers or Walmart? Perhaps Menards or Lowes? Are you going to be eating out next week? Well, purchase your gift cards through the school and the school will earn money. Also, you can designate your part to scholarships or another family. **The website is Shopwithscrip.com and our enrollment code is BC3E32CD2355.** Thank you for planning your time around town using our SCRIP program!

ATHLETIC NEWS...

Please help us earn more money at our Volleyball tournament on October 21st. We are asking for donations to reduce the amount of money we spend. Our goal is to purchase new basketball uniforms this year and with your help we will be able to accomplish this.
Thank you. Kate Webb AD

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT CONCESSION DONATIONS NEEDED

The following donations are needed:

96 bun size hotdogs	12 pkg. Hotdog buns	
2 cases canned chicken	12 pkg Hamburger buns	
20 lbs Hamburger	12 bags frito chips	
12 oz bottles - 8 Pks		
4 - Pepsi	4 - Mountain Dew	4 - Diet Dew
4 - Diet Pepsi	2 - Sierra Mist	4 - Dr. Pepper
6 - Blue Gatorade	6 - Red Gatorade	6 - Purple Gatorade

ANNUAL SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

Date: November 7th

Time: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Menu includes: Pork, sausage, fresh sauerkraut, potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, and yummy pies!

Cost: \$9 Adult

\$5 children