

# St. John Lutheran School Newsletter

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Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! When I read the letters that Paul wrote, I love the way he begins each letter, drawing attention to Our Lord to the people. It is vital that we all remember we are one in Christ!

It doesn't seem possible that summer has ended and the new school year began last Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We were blessed with 134 students in our preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

The teachers have been working hard throughout the summer and in August preparing for their students. It is a true blessing that we are able to teach His children each day!

May each of you have a wonderful September glorifying in the amazing power of our Lord! Remember, it is STILL all about JESUS!!!

His Servant,  
Mrs. Shellie Kosmerchock

## Preschool Classrooms

### Mrs. Wagner's 4 year olds:

Welcome to school! This has always been such an exciting time of year for me as I have always loved school. As we begin a new school year, I want to instill that same "love of learning" in my students - as some of them will be starting school for the very first time. Our classroom is all set up and we are ready to go on many fun adventures. I pray that Jesus - our best friend - continues to pour out his many blessings upon us as we learn about his unconditional love and forgiveness..."LET THE LEARNING BEGIN!"

**Mrs. Cavin's 3 & 4 year olds:** I am looking forward to a new group of three and four year olds. We are going to have a lot of fun learning, playing, singing, and praying. I am excited to get to know my new students and their families, and catch up with those who were in my class last year, as we embark on this adventure called preschool!

## Kindergarten Happenings

The beginning of the school year is always such an exciting time. It is so much fun to set up my classroom and to think of fun activities to try out with my new class. Kindergarteners are usually ready and excited to learn! I also love seeing my past students and marveling at how much they have grown over the summer. I know that the Lord is watching over all of us as we learn more about Him.

## First Grade News

What an exciting time it is starting a new school year in First Grade. After reviewing our reading and math skills learned in Kindergarten, we will dive right into reading stories, taking AR tests and identifying nouns, verbs, and adjectives. In math we'll learn the Doubles Rap. First Graders start taking spelling tests and keeping a science lab book. The children will learn more about God's great love for them and His plan for their lives.



- 9/4 Labor Day – No School/Tigers Den
- 9/5 Athletic Meeting 6 p.m.
- 9/11 EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.
- 9/12 PTL Meeting 6 p.m.
- 9/14 Outdoor Ed Mtg 6:00 p.m.
- 9/14 BCDS Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9/22 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Interims
- 9/26 Delay Start – Faculty Meeting/Tigers Den Open
- 9/27-29 5&6 Outdoor Education Camp Palmer

## Second Grade News

The first few weeks of school are always filled with such excitement and joy! I love to see the students as they check out the classrooms and get reacquainted with their friends. In second grade, everyone is gearing up for a fun filled year with lots of new learning opportunities. We can't wait to see what the Lord has waiting us with this wonderful school year!

## Third Grade News

Welcome back to another year! It is a blessing to be able to be your child's teacher this year! During September we will be starting our first couple of stories in reading. We will be working on identifying sentences and fragments, subjects and predicates and plural nouns. In math we will be starting off the year working on place values and rounding. We will be journaling in writing as well as learning how to use the Expanding Expression Tool to improve our writing skills. We will begin our quest to reach our AR goal for the first nine weeks! It will be an exciting start!

## Fourth Grade and Science News

Welcome back to school! Welcome 4th graders to your new homeroom. You will have math and science with me. In 4th math, we will get the ball rolling with place value and how we use it. In all sciences, we will learn what it means to be a scientist and how to reason like one. In 7th mathematics we will begin the year with ratios and proportional reasoning. I hope everyone had a blessed summer, and I look forward to the new school year! -Mrs. Perchikoff

## Fifth & Sixth Grade News

Welcome back to school! Summer seems to go by quicker every year, but I am excited for this school year. Mr. Deneen left big shoes to fill, but he has helped me transition into teaching 5th and 6th for this school year. We have a packed year ahead, including our annual Outdoor Ed trip at the end of this month. Our school theme this year is "It's still all about Jesus," and will strive to make this whole year about glorifying Him. Please pray for a safe trip at Camp Palmer and that our class would grow closer in this time of transition.

## Seventh & Eighth Grade News

I love August when you hear the cicadas and locusts chirping because then you know it are almost time for school to start. And so it is! In the upper grades we have a new art teacher and Spanish teacher, new Chrome Books, and we are already looking at options for our class trip to maybe go to the Creation Museum in Kentucky and stay overnight in Cincinnati and tour the museums there. We haven't ruled out Chicago completely, but with a small class we may have to try something new. I always look forward to seeing the students come back and how much they changed over the summer and hear of their summer adventures! So, let the school year begin with the Lord's blessing!

## 5 – 8 Spanish – Senora Hayner

¡Hola, bienvenidos a mi clase! It had been a great pleasure to get to know each of my students. I am so excited for this school year and I know that your child and I will have a fun learning experience in this class.

Spanish is my first language, so for the past 14 years I have lived in this country and studied English as my second language. This month, we have been working on learning basic greetings (formal and informal), numbers, colors, shapes and sizes.

## Mrs. Jen Boyd 5 – 8 Grade Art

It's going to be an AWESOME year in art class!  
What to expect:

\*I firmly believe that art should be graded upon effort, behavior, and comprehension not upon talent. I will encourage students to think critically and outside of the box.

\*We will explore different mediums and techniques as well as styles. I believe a big part of art is about discovery and new experiences.

\*I will encourage observation while challenging students to always keep an open mind.

\*I hope to instill positive thinking and develop problem-solving dialogue opposed to the negative thoughts like "I can't do this".



\*I look forward to having a faith filled spirit in our classroom and in our projects.