

# St. John Lutheran School Newsletter

September  
2018

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 27th. We were blessed with 121 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 Kosmerchok

## Preschool Classrooms

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

We are so excited to start off another year of preschool...I always look forward to meeting new faces and to once again see the 3 year olds back from Mrs. Cavin's classes from last school year. We will begin our Houghton Mifflin unit "Welcome To School" where we will review the ABC's as a whole, and will begin studying letters during our "My Family, My Community" unit later in September. As we hear the wonderful story of God's Creation this month, we will be making our Creation Paper Plate Books. This year we will be engaging in our Jesus' Time stories with some hands-on activities using "GODLY PLAY" where we use real and beautiful 3 dimensional materials and manipulatives to act out our Bible Stories in our sensory tub and/or block center.

**Mrs. Cavin's 3 & 4 year olds:** The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. We are going to school, without our parents, for the very first time. We may be nervous, but we look forward to each new day and new experience. We are making new friends, and learning so much. As we learn about how God made everything, we are exploring the many dinosaurs that he created, as well as looking at the way that he uses people to make and build things. We are going to have a great school year!

## Kindergarten Happenings – Mrs. Stottlemeyer

This is always an exciting time for me. It is always interesting to get to know my new students and to see how this class is different from previous ones. The first few weeks of kindergarten are always fun and busy getting to know our new friends and our school. Reading stories, doing art projects, and playing fun games is always a great way to ease into this new chapter of life. We have a large class this year and I am looking forward to watching another garden of kinders grow and blossom through the year!

## First Grade News – Mrs. McGhee

What a joy seeing all these smiling faces in First Grade. The group has adjusted well and loves being upstairs. Soon we'll be making Cherokee leaf print pictures on cloth. We've been learning the Phonics Dance and like "hunking and chunking" words. The big event for September is building our Skills Neighborhood. Check out the upstairs hallways to see what we are all doing.



- 9/3 Labor Day – No School/Tigers Den
- 9/10 EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.
- 9/11 PTL Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 9/11 BCDS Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9/13 Outdoor Ed Mtg 6:00 p.m.
- 9/21 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Interims
- 9/25 Delay Start – Faculty Meeting/Tigers Den Open
- 9/26-28 5&6 Outdoor Education Camp Palmer

## **Second Grade News – Mrs. Yoder**

This is such a fun time of the year for students. Everyone is enjoying being back at school, seeing their friends, and being second graders. This class has already shown they can be great role models for the younger kids and I look forward to seeing that continue. We are learning about creation in our religion class. They have been loving the time spent reading bible passages and learning how God created our marvelous world.

## **Third Grade News – Mrs. Scheurich**

It's great to see everyone for another great year! We are settling in and learning the routine, rules, and how to be a school family! We have started our new social studies curriculum which the students really enjoy! We are working on comparing numbers as well as adding 3 and 4 digit numbers in math. We have started our first unit in science as well. In computer class, we are learning how to type using the 'home keys'. Students will be getting ready to complete their first book report coming in October!!

## **Fourth Grade News – Miss Rossow**

Greetings and Salutations! It's so exciting to be here as the new fourth grade teacher. The fourth graders have been so welcoming, and we are having a wonderful time getting to know each other. Have you ever seen something so incredible that you wanted to take a picture, but didn't have your camera? Just the other day, I had one of those moments. Soon I'll be asking the students to answer this very question in a creative writing exercise. We have embarked on our journey through Ohio history. What is the state beverage of Ohio? Do you know? That and more cool Ohio facts coming our way... ~Miss Rossow

## **Fifth & Sixth Grade News – Mrs. Perchikoff**

Welcome back to school! I am super excited to take on fifth and sixth grade Reading and English Language Arts this year! We are going to be exploring different genres and novels. I'll give you a hint about one of the novels: Camp Palmer will not be the only extraordinary camp we will be visiting during the 2018-2019. A camp featured in one of our novels is a safe haven from mythological beasts. The main characters have to go on a quest that will save the world. I look forward to sharing my love of reading with the fifth and sixth graders.

## **Seventh & Eighth Grade News – Miss Marshall**

I am very excited to start a new school year with seven students!. Students seem to be excited to be back also. We are very departmentalized, so they get to move to different classes and teachers throughout the day, which always keeps life more interesting! I am teaching their religion, social studies, language arts, physical education (5-8) and pre-algebra. I have an additional math class of fifth graders this year and I am enjoying them and look forward to how much they will learn and grow starting with timed tests on their multiplication facts and place value and multiplying whole numbers. The volleyball schedule is in place and the first game at home is September 11 against St. Patrick Catholic. Looking for some fun and a chance to be entertained? Come to that volleyball game and support the team!

## **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 15 years I have lived in this country and studied English as my second language.

## **5 – 8 Grade Art – Mrs. Boyd**

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.