

## Preschool Classrooms

### Mrs. Wagner's 4-year-old class:

JOY...that is the best word to describe the feeling that I get from working with my four-year olds everyday. They are having fun learning and I hope to create that "passion" for learning and inquiry in everything they do. We have finished up our unit Animals Everywhere, where we learned about migration, adaptation, and hibernation. We also studied animal habitats. With December behind us, we will begin our Construction Zone unit. We will be learning about types of tools and materials, building and construction. We will be planning, designing, and building structures, and will be working together to solve problems. For Jesus time we will be learning about the miracles and parables of Jesus: Jairus's daughter, the healing of the blind man, Jesus feeding 5,000 people, the good Samaritan and the prodigal son.

### Mrs. Cavin 3 year old class:

We had so much fun learning about the true meaning of Christmas, and following the Star From Afar as we waited for Jesus' birthday. Now, we will worship with the wise men as we learn about how Jesus grew up and taught about his father, God. We will begin working on name writing and number recognition, as well as fine-tuning our cutting skills.

## Kindergarten Happenings

January is a time to reflect on last year and look at what we want to accomplish this New Year. I am very proud of my hard working students and how much they have learned so far. Now that it is January we are going to learn even more! We will be writing multiple sentences in our journals and reading even bigger books. It's also fun when there is a little snow around to help with our learning! At the end of January we are looking forward to National Lutheran Schools Week where we can have fun celebrating the fact that we can learn about God in our school. It is never a dull moment in kindergarten!

## First Grade News

So many new adventures await us in the second half of the school year. In depth reading, science labs, and studies on our 50 states will be occupying our time. The students hope for snow days or recesses when they can play in their snow pants and boots. It's the time of the year for learning the Apostle's Creed and all the Books of the Bible.



# St. John Lutheran School Newsletter

January  
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## My purpose...

Beginning a New Year provides us with an opportunity to reflect and possibly more importantly, to look forward. The New Year is the time that I have designated to ask myself these questions, "What is my purpose?" "Why am I here?"

Faith dictates following God's Word. As I contemplate this, life really is pretty straightforward and simple. God creates faith in our hearts through baptism and then asks us to walk faithfully each step of our life. This is not always easy for events in our life put roadblocks in our path. Sometimes those roadblocks seem too big to get past. It is our faith that helps handle those roadblocks.

Why then do we get caught up in the day-to-day drama forgetting to walk the faith? Just put one foot in front of the other and choose to live in your baptismal grace and God's Word. When you do, you are able to live a God pleasing life.

If God wants to do something extraordinary through you, He will call you and will point out opportunities. Be open to them. When you are, great things happen through you!

As you begin 2019, rest assured that God has placed you where He wants you to be, and that as you walk faithful to Him, your life is pleasing to God, was instituted by God, and that you are truly serving God.

Now go and share your Joy with the world.

*Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal*

## Second Grade News

This group of students has accomplished so much in the past few months. We are moving forward to reading chapter books almost exclusively, as well as solving multiple step word problems. In January will be set individual goals for the remainder of the year, and talk about how God can help us to continue to accomplish great things.

## Third Grade Classroom

We are working hard on multiplication and division! We will be finishing up Chapter 6 in our Math books and starting Chapter 7, which continues our work on multiplication. In reading, we have been working on comparing and contrasting, author's purpose and synonyms and antonyms. We have made strategy Baggies that has tools to help us become better readers. We have also started writing centers in our classroom to help our writing to evolve. We will be starting a chapter on Properties of Matter in science and moving away from social studies for a while. In religion, we have been discussing how Jesus came to redeem us and how he serves as our substitute.

## Fourth Grade Classroom

What exciting things will January bring our way? Our Multiplication skills are growing daily and division is right around the corner. In Ohio History, we'll be discovering how Ohio went from being part of the Northwest Territory and became a state. The students are growing as writers everyday! They have been writing with dialogue and conversations and will soon be focusing on word choice and sentence fluency.

## Fifth and Sixth Grade

Religion- we will be talking about Prophets and Kings. They were imperfect people just like us. God used them to do great things and he'll use us too and even when we're afraid or overwhelmed, God is with us!

## Mrs. Perchikoff's Classes

The 7/8 graders will continue learning about Earth's history and then will move into heredity. The 6th graders will be working on their cell projects and finishing up on the unit on cells. 5th graders will be learning about the major biomes and will work on their biome diorama. 4th graders will begin to learn about life cycles and living things.

## Seventh & Eighth Grade

What a wonderful year we are having! I have seen this class growing in their leadership skills, working harder academically, and most importantly, maturing spiritually. They are great with the younger children in the school and are very helpful with all the staff. In the New Year we hope to grow closer to Jesus, improve our AR reading skills, become more proficient in English and Spanish, conquer functions and geometry in pre algebra, improve our writing skills, and enjoy learning about US history since Reconstruction. We will be kept very busy with basketball and cheerleading, choir, an Evening with Friends, etc. besides all the homework. Never a dull moment, we look forward to the second half of the year and seeing how God will bless us!

## 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FUND EVENT PLANNED

Please consider donating for our annual event, "An Evening with Friends" on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The donation form is in our newsletter and our event flyer. Tickets will be available in January. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 through our sponsorships, auctions and events. Last year we raised \$30,650.00. Help us by attend and/or contributing to the event. Together we can make great things happen!



- 1/3 Class Resumes
- 1/8 EC Chapel 9:15 a.m.
- 1/10 BCDS Meeting 7 p.m.
- 1/11 End 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 1/17 5 & 6 Grandparent/Visitor Chapel
- 1/18 Reg. Current Students & Members
- 1/21 No School/Teacher Workday/Tigers Den Open
- 1/20 - 1/27 NLSW/Book Fair
- 1/29 Delay Start/Faculty Meeting

St John Lutheran School presents...



# ...an Evening with Friends

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, March 2, 2019

5:00 – 10:30

VFW – 201 Clinton St, Defiance OH 43512

Please join us for *Dinner* to be served at 6:00



Cocktail Hour will begin at 5:00,  
along with a LIVE & SILENT Auction

**Tickets are \$25 and are now available at the school, or at the door the night of the event.**

(ticket includes dinner by **Slammin' Sammies** and entertainment by **DJ Dave Heller**)

**Reserve a table by purchasing 8 tickets for \$200.**

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Net proceeds benefit St. John's Scholarship Fund and Technology

**Help us to continue to offer the BEST for our children!**



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## Silent & Live Auction

**Thank you for participating in our "Evening with Friends!"**

As our school's main fundraiser, proceeds will benefit our school's scholarship program, technology improvement and marketing.

### Participation Form

*\*\*Donations must be turned into the office by February 15, 2019 to be included in the program.\*\**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Donating Family/Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Donations Auction Items – Cash – Other

Item Donation – Estimated Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

##### Auction Item Donation

All donations are tax-deductible. St. John Lutheran School is non-profit, 501©3 organization. No goods or services of value were provided to you for the dollar donation amount shown.  
TAX ID # 34-6401215.

Item # \_\_\_\_\_ Item Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Minimum Bid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Increase \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Item Received on \_\_\_\_\_ Item to be picked up Y N  
Item being delivered by 2/1/19  
Item located \_\_\_\_\_  
Solicitor \_\_\_\_\_