

St. John School News

Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: Fully Rejoice In Christ

It is with much excitement that I welcome you back to St. John Lutheran School. I hope you are all enjoying a restful summer with family and friends. I have spent time visiting my family, especially my awesome grandkids in Wisconsin, attending a family reunion, and sitting on my beautiful deck at home.

As summer continues to move along there are changes that have been happening at the school. The classrooms have all been cleaned and new SMART boards have been installed in K – 8th grade. Students in grades 1 – 8 will now have Chromebooks to use in the classroom. The staff at the school has also changed.

The first change is that Miss Pat Marshall is retiring after 38 years at St. John. She will be truly missed as she was and will always be a big part of the school. We pray she have fun and enjoys her time.

The second change in the school is that we have two new teachers joining our teaching staff this year. Miss Kaitlynn Mews has accepted the position of our 5th grade homeroom and Miss Alexis Acomb will be the new 7th and 8th grade homeroom teacher. Their classes will be decided when they meet with Miss Santo and myself in August. Miss Mews has one-year teaching experience in East Peoria, Illinois. Miss Acomb is a new graduate from Concordia Seward. They are both excited to make Defiance their home.

The third change is that Mrs. Krystle Adams has become the new church and school bookkeeper. Mrs. Jennifer Ziegler became our new school secretary on July 22nd. Her two daughters, Melody and Kadence will be attending the school as well. We are looking forward to her joining our staff and the excitement she will bring to the school.

Lutheran schools are full of joys: the first day of school; the individual gifts and personalities at every grade level; the servant hearts of staff; the

commitment of congregations and communities; the involvement of parents; the excitement of a team victory or a school performance; ministry milestones and anniversaries; graduations; and many more. The fullness of joy lies in the Gospel-centered confession and proclamation of the Lutheran School.

This year's theme is "Fully Rejoice In Christ!" This is based on the Bible reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18 where we find these words, **"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**

It reminds each of us that the children and families at St. John Lutheran School join in the fullness of joy in Jesus everyday!

Remember, St. John Lutheran Day School has openings in all classrooms for next school year. Share with family, friends, co-workers and anyone you hear is looking for a strong Christian school. Sharing words about the education your children, grandchildren, relative or friend receives at St. John may make a difference in the life of another family.

In closing, we at St. John Lutheran School remain dedicated to advancing each child's academic, social and personal development in a supportive, safe Christian and challenging learning environment. We welcome active participation in all children's education, and we urge everyone to volunteer in our various programs and events. We will ensure success for every child when we **"Fully Rejoice In Christ!"**

Your Servant,
Mrs. Kosmerchock, principal



- 8/6 Faculty/Staff Meeting 9 a.m.
- 8/14 Preschool Parent Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- 8/21 Back-to-School Night 3 – 6 p.m.
- 8/25 Open house/Teacher Dedication
- 8/26 First day of School



Alexis Acomb (L)
& Kaitlynn
Mews (R) found
each other at
the NYG in July!

