

St. John School News

Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: "Fully Rejoice in Christ"

As I begin my sixth year at St. John Lutheran School I am excited to share Jesus with each child that walks through the halls of the school. In the opening chapel I shared with the students that even when homework, tons of activities, life gets us down, Christ is still in us bringing us joy! As the Apostle Paul was filled with the joy of Jesus, even after he persecuted Christians, we too can and will be filled with joy after we have struggles in our life. The joy we are filled with is not fleeting, but everlasting! As I think about our theme, "Fully Rejoice In Christ," based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, my goal this year is that each child, each staff member, each parent and guardian be filled with the joy of Christ everyday and when they leave our school, the joy they have spreads to those around them!

I ask each of you to post these words on a mirror, a table or on note, "**Rejoice always,**

pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." How many of us complain, gossip, forget the good in our lives? I challenge each of you to post these words and read them and know them, for as a Christian we need to 'Fully Rejoice In Christ,' even when you have a difficult day, sad news, or feel lost. The Lord has you in His hand and we can rejoice in Him knowing that we will make it through!

As the principal of St. John I am called to lead my teachers, my families, and my children here at school teaching them and leading them with a joy that only comes from Christ! I am truly blessed to be here and honored to have been called!

Blessings,

Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal

Classroom News

Kindergarten Happenings Mrs. Stottlemyer

This time of year is so full of emotions. There is the excitement of starting off with a fresh new year and getting to meet a whole new group of students. There is some fear from the students as they start this new level of learning. There is some frustration because the first week or two of kindergarten is like herding cats. There is a sense of pride for my students when they start to do things they never thought they could do and there is a sense of pride as their teacher as they start to grow and change before my eyes. However, the emotion that I see the most at the beginning of the year is love. I see my students grow in the love of Christ and share that love with me as well as their classmates.

First Grade News - Mrs. Jan McGhee

Yes, we are the "First Grade"! At 16 and counting we're off to a bouncing start. The girls far outnumber the boys, so these young men will surely learn early on how to get along with young women. So much is new and exciting to the children- their very own desk, a class pet, their own Chrome book, structured gym class, and even spelling tests! My job is easy! I just need to keep that excitement happening!



Second Grade News - Mrs. Cheryl Yoder

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time. By second grade, the students have built strong friendships and you can see the love of those friendships when they are reunited at school. They grow so much between the end of first grade and the beginning of second! It almost seems like an entirely new group of students! I enjoy starting the year with fun activities and getting to know my class and they enjoy learning new things and continuing to grow in Christ.

Third Grade Classroom Mrs. Tiffany Scheurich

Let's get ready to embark on our new adventure! Welcome to a new school year! I am excited to take this journey with all of my students! We have started learning about sentences, sentence structure, and subjects and predicates. In math, we are working on adding and subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers! We are learning about the scientific process in science and learning about maps and globes in social studies. We will begin working on our chapel service which is scheduled to be presented in October!

Fourth Grade Classroom Miss Carli Rossow

Ready, Set, Go! We're off on a new adventure. The fourth graders are already hard at work. One of my favorite beginning of the year activities is learning all about the adventures each of the students have had over the summer as they work on writing personal narratives. It's cool to see all the different things they've each been up to. This is also a great way for the students to get to know each other even better than they already do. Here's to a new school year that's off to a great start!

Sixth Grade – Ms. Santo

Welcome back to school! It's an exciting time indeed! 5th and 6th grade students are gearing up for Outdoor Ed at Camp Palmer. There they will spend three days learning about nature and team-building. 5th graders will get to try their hand at a

rock wall climb, and 6th graders will tackle the high ropes! And just ask both groups how exciting being a Flying Squirrel can be! I will be teaching the fourth through eighth grades in science and the fifth through seventh grades in mathematics. Here we go!

Fifth Grade – Miss Mews

Who's ready for school? Ask a 5th or 6th grader what's best about September and they'll be sure to tell you it's the excitement for Outdoor Ed. The students will be spending 3 days at Camp Palmer later in the month. While there, they will engage in wildlife activities, hikes, canoe rides, Gaga Ball, and the nerve challenge of the high ropes! In this classroom, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade will dive into stories, while 5th and 6th grade will be busy with their pens in writing. Does everyone have a pencil ready?

Seventh & Eighth Grade – Mrs. Phillips

It's a good day to start a good year! I'm so pumped to be teaching for the first time in the 7th & 8th grade level. I'm also a little nervous, but my excitement overpowers it! We'll be doing a lot of get-to-know-you games and activities throughout the first week. Get ready to use your creativity, minds, and hearts as we embark on this journey together. As Painty the Pirate from *Spongebob Squarepants* says, "Are ya ready, kids!?"



- 9/2 Labor Day – No School
- 9/12 5 & 6 Outdoor Ed Mtg. 6 p.m.
- 9/12 BCDS 7:00 p.m.
- 9/10 PTL Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 9/19 4th Grand/Visitor Chapel 8:55 a.m.
- 9/20 1st Quarter Interims
- 9/24 2 hour Delay/Faculty Mtg.
- 9/25-27 5 & 6 Outdoor Ed. Camp Palmer

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