

St. John School News

Message from Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal: **A Time to Reflect!**

As we learn to live in a COVID-19 world, may we take reassurance from Christ's words that we are not alone, for Jesus keeps the faithful promise to be with us at all times. Although the church and school buildings are not open to public gatherings, we your staff are still here for all of you and working to offer ministry opportunities and educational learning for everyone!

In a world where anxiety seems to rise, I have seen people attending live streaming opportunities of church services, Christian artists doing quarantine quiet time, and even myself sharing a devotion with students and families on Facebook live. I am amazed at the outpour of people finding a way to connect and share the Gospel.

Jesus tells us to "Go out into the world and preach the Gospel." in Matthew 28:19. That is what is happening! The words of God are being shared through every possible means! How amazing!! Many unchurched people are hearing the power of the Gospel! Words of hope are comforting people at this crazy time.

With so many people experiencing job loss, the needs of our neighbors and members increase! If you know of anyone that is in need, please let us know. It is through this time that our actions need to show the Gospel!

I am so proud of my teachers as they spend enormous time preparing lessons for the students so that learning continues throughout May. Teacher appreciation is the week of May 4 – 8th. If you wish to

drop off a card of appreciation I will make sure they receive it. Our last day of school May 21, with a celebration in the evening called St. John "Traffic" Jam! More details will follow for the families.

May you trust and know that Christ is with you and for you! May the love of Jesus continue to shine through each of us in words and actions!

Blessings,

Mrs. Kosmerchock, Principal

My Chosen Quote!

"During this time with the coronavirus, fear is gripping the hearts of people around the world. There is a mountain of anxiety and alarm, and it is still building. It is as real as the virus itself—but it is treatable. There are people in need that we can reach out to help. Like a fireman runs to the fire, the church needs to respond to crises around us. We who are the church need to stand up and be the hands and feet of the Lord Jesus Christ." Franklin Graham

I love this quote!!! It reminds us that we are Jesus' vessels and we need to help those around us always!

Mrs. Cavin: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13 (Me too!)*

Quotes to End this Pandemic Year!

Mrs. Wagner's

"If we, collectively, are fearful, we will create a future in which fear is a prerequisite for survival. If we, collectively, are hopeful, then hope will be the currency by which one prospers." Brett Winton. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6



Mrs. Cavin

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." - Michael Jordan

The end of this school year has certainly presented us with many obstacles. Navigating through the technical and emotional storms has not been easy. It has offered us the opportunity to grow though. I feel closer to the families of my students than I have any other year. While life has not gone according to our plans, we must always remember who is in control, and trust Him.

Mrs. Stottlemyer – Kindergarten

Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties. -C.S. Lewis

I am so thankful to my kindergarteners and their families for all their hard work and support these past few months. I pray that the peace of the Lord has touched their hearts.

Mrs. Jan McGhee – 1st Grade

God keeps working in mysterious ways. I've had an unusual end to my teaching career. My students have kept me on my toes and surrounded me with love. We've noted all the action verbs in Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

GO, MAKE, BAPTIZE

William G.T Sneed quotes *"A ship is safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are for."*

Mrs. Cheryl Yoder – 2nd Grade

While this has been a very strange way to end the school year, I can truly say that these students and their ability to adapt to change are quite impressive. Our classroom turned virtual and hugs and high fives turned into waves through a computer screen. Some days were harder than others, but each one of the students persisted and continued to learn no matter the obstacle. I am so proud of each one of them. *"It is not a failure to readjust my sails to fit the waters I find myself in."*

— Mackenzi Lee,

Mrs. Tiffany Scheurich – 3rd Grade

Who thought we'd end the year teaching and learning from a distance? We've all learned many new skills and it hasn't always been easy. However, we overcame it and became stronger for it.

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't."— **Rikki Rogers**

Miss Carli Rossow – 4th Grade

Wow! We've been working hard and learning lots. –Staff and Students alike. Claude McDonald once said, *"Storms make trees take deeper roots."* - And that's what we've been doing. We're learning skills that give us a foundation that is helping make us stronger. I am so proud of the fourth graders and the work they are doing. Charles F. Kettering once said, *"The Wright Brothers flew right through the smoke screen of impossibility."* In many ways, that's exactly what each of us is doing with God as the breath beneath our wings. Watch us soar!

Miss Mews – 5th Grade

In January, the 5th and 6th grade students led chapel with "Joy" as the theme. Even in challenging times, God is in control and we can find joy in any circumstance. Months have gone by since this chapel and we have missed school, church, and social interaction. Life has changed, learning has evolved, and communication is different, but God's love and gift of eternal life remains. *"When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy."*
Psalm 94:19

Sixth Grade – Ms. Santo

Proverbs 3:5-6 *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

Mrs. Alexis Phillips – 7 & 8 Grades

During devotions we've learned about little monsters that can blind us from the reality that God is always there and always watching over us. We remind ourselves every morning during devotions and prayer that He is in control. God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand his wisdom, but we simply have to trust his will.

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." - *Psalm 37:5*