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St. John's Mission Statement: *We exist to prepare our children for a lifelong relationship with Christ, proclaim the gospel message, and provide excellence in education in order to equip students for life and eternity.*

| THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL August 30 - September 9, 2018 | | |
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| 8/30 | Th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handbells w/Mrs. Handeland • Piano w/Mrs. Bortulin • 4:15pm Soccer vs Mt. Calvary @ Rainbow Park (700 S. 1119th St., West Allis) |
| 8/31 | Fri | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO SCHOOL • Childcare Open - Bring bag lunch |
| 9/1 | Sat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30pm Worship w/Communion • 7:00pm Worship in Chinese |
| 9/2 | Sun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 & 10:30 Worship w/Communion • NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR BIBLE CLASSES |
| 9/3 | Mon | No School – Labor Day Childcare closed |
| 9/4 | Tue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Resumes • Guitar w/Mr. Krellwitz • 6:00-7:30pm Lutheran Girl Pioneers |
| 9/5 | Wed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 Children's Chapel • 8:15 RIBS • Piano w/Mrs. Bortulin • Guitar w/Mr. Krellwitz • Pilgrim Cross Country Meet |
| 9/6 | Th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15-9:30am Mornings w/Mommy • Handbells w/Mrs. Handeland • Piano w/Mrs. Bortulin • 4:15pm Soccer @ St. Jacobi • Volleyball (B/A) @ Atonement • 6-8pm WLHS Grade School Band Open House • 6-8pm WLHS Children's Choir Auditions |
| 9/7 | Fri | Midnight: Crusader Spirit Wear Sale Ends!! |
| 9/8 | Sat | • NO Saturday Worship Services |
| 9/9 | Sun | UNITY SUNDAY 9:00am Worship Service K5 to Grade 8 sing |

From the Principal's Desk

Greetings,

Welcome to a new school year!

Thank you for making our introductory Parent Meeting such a success. We hope the reminders about the parking lot will help keep everyone safe. Please pick up on the yellow striped area leaving room on the left for others to get by you.

Thank you also to the parents who helped with the school cleaning after Registration Day. We were not able to get everything done but a good effort helped us out.

Thank you to those who donated to the Lau Fund for Student Assistance. We were able to help support 11 students at St. John's and Wisco through grants that totaled \$12,890. Your generosity is a great help, this program does not just reduce what is charged, it is limited to the distribution your donated dollars.

If you have been around the upper grades you may have noticed five **International students** and some parents. Beyond our two students who will be here for the year, "Tony" and "Peter", we have three students visiting for 10 days. Thank you to the host families for the visitors, the Buske, Close and Kuehn families, and to the Leyrer and Ebeling families for hosting for the year.

Our **sports teams** are practicing. Pastor Bitter and a number of adults are working with students practicing for Cross Country. Mrs. Leyrer and Mrs. Treichel are working with girls for our Volleyball teams and Mr. Rindfleisch is coaching our Soccer team. We will let you know how successful they are as their dates for competition pass.

Unity Sunday is a week away. Please put the date on your calendar. The school will be singing as part of the worship service and we hope you will be part of the unifying feeling on Sunday, September 9th at 9:00am.

Do you know anyone needing **Childcare**? We have room so please invite them to tour our program.

We're off to a great start this year!!

~Mr. Uecker~

Crusader Spirit Wear Sale

Want to show your St. John's spirit? The Crusader Spirit Wear Sale is up and running through On-Time Tees.

This sale is for all members and friends of St. John's school and congregation. Order your gear online by clicking here thru midnight on Friday, September 7th.

Go to: [Crusader Spirit Wear Orders](#)

Items will be delivered to school within 2-3 weeks after the close of the sale. Samples are displayed in the school commons. Please contact Mary Ban at mary.ban@ge.com for more information



Quick Crusader Links

- [School Handouts & Parent Resources](#)
- [September Activity Calendar](#)
- [Hot Lunch Menu & EFT Payment Request](#)
- [Crusader Spirit Wear Orders](#)
- [LGP \(St. John's - Tosa\), Register Here](#)
- [Singing/Handbell Schedule \(K3-grade 8\)](#)
- [Crusader Athletics](#)
- [St. John's News & Notes](#)



Unity Sunday September 9th Children Singing

The students in K5-8 will sing for our Unity Sunday service on Sunday, September 9, at 9:00 a.m. The students should arrive in the gym to sit with their class on the bleachers by 8:55 a.m. Following the service, parents are asked to come to the bleachers to get their children. May the Lord bless our singing to his glory!

Come and worship together on this Unity Sunday, a day to remind us of the unity we share in Christ.

Usher Assistants

Each week, beginning on Unity Sunday, students in grades 5-8, whose families are members of St. John's Church are assigned to hand out "News and Notes" following the 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday Worship services. The children are to go to the rear of the church during the announcements and the ushers will give them these handouts. The names will be printed each week here in the *Crusader Chronicle*. If you will not be at church on your assigned Sunday or time, it is your responsibility to find a substitute.

| UNITY SERVICE 9:00 AM | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| September 9 (Unity Sunday) | Chloe Campbell Cecilia Brown | John Handeland Noel Greene |
| SUNDAY SERVICES | | |
| | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM |
| September 16 | Jacob Alejandro Jeremiah Alejandro | Kon Knueppel Jonny Moll |
| September 23 | Sarah Laufer Annika Laufer | Kaylee Zimmer Isabella Lovelace |

Serving Together

Our mission effort for the 1st semester is a two-prong effort:

The 1st \$1000 received will go to our Teen's Mission to help with VBS at Illumine Lutheran Church, in Rock Hill, SC, and Cross of Life, in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. This will be our teens' 5th year sharing the love of Jesus through this mission.

The 2nd \$1000 received will go to the Lighthouse Youth Center. This center has two centers in our city and is opening a third.

How do I contribute to these missions? You are probably already doing that. When your child(ren) put their envelope in the collection plate, that money goes to the mission. As of August 19th, we have \$270.98 in contributions.

There will also be special ways to contribute during CES Fall Festival and our Christmas gifts. Watch for details closer to those times.

Check out our bulletin board outside the gym based on the passage, "**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News.**" (Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15).



Preparing for Sunday

Each week the *Chronicle* will contain this "**Preparing for Sunday**" section.

The passages listed will be the readings for the Saturday/Sunday services. It is our hope that each of you will set aside time to read and prepare personally or as a family for Sunday worship services.

Saturday/Sunday Scripture Readings

The scripture readings for this week's services are:

The First Lesson: **Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9**

Psalm 119c

The Second Lesson: **Ephesians 6:10-20**

The Gospel Lesson: **Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

Sermon theme: *Wearers of the armor of God*

Parents' Preview

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

Parents' Preview for September 9

"Glory to God"

After receiving forgiveness in the absolution, the congregation responds by praising the goodness of God and his eternal Word in the Gloria. This refrain is based on the song of the angels on the night of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:14.



Food Pantry

Fifth grade with Miss Leverage will be the leaders for our September collection for the Food Pantry. The box for this collection will be in school for Unity Sunday on September 9. Non-perishables are needed. (Please no glass jars.) You can keep the donations in the plastic or paper grocery bags to put them into the box. (It's easier to get the items back out of the box.) Monetary contributions are also accepted. There is a clear box marked for that purpose near the large box.

Food Pantry Collections will take place on a monthly basis, generally the first weekend of each month.

State Fair Volunteers, Thank You!

A huge thank you to the many St. John's volunteers who helped with concessions at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair this year in the Chicken Shack and at the concerts. We are waiting on the final numbers. Stay tuned...

School Doors

A reminder that the school doors, both mid and lower level doors will be opened at 7:40am each morning. Children arriving prior to 7:40am should check in to Childcare. Please contact childcare@sjtosa.org for more information.



RIBS

Renewed and Inspired by Our Savior 

...a Bible study group for women
who want to deepen their faith and strengthen
their walk with their Savior

Powerschool Information

Welcome back to another school year! Most of you are aware that St. John's Lutheran School offers the Powerschool Parent Portal as a service to the parents and guardians of our students. Parent Portal is a communication tool that provides access to grades, attendance, and teacher comments.

For those families familiar with Parent Portal, a parent or guardian who has more than one child enrolled in our school can manage multiple access accounts. This means you have the ability to link all of your accounts to a single login. Parents from last year should have their accounts set up already and have access to their accounts.

For parents that have students entering the first grade, information was sent home explaining how to set up your accounts. If your first grader has an older sibling, you just need to link your first grader in your account that has already been established.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will be more than willing to assist you. I am looking forward to working with you this school year.

~ Andrew Duncan

St. John's October Shoe Drive

DID YOUR CHILDREN OUTGROW THEIR SHOES THIS SUMMER? GYM SHOES NO LONGER FIT?

Your donated shoes will change lives in Africa! Again this year, we will be collecting gently used and new shoes (men's, women's and children's, all sizes) in October for Soles for Jesus. Collection boxes will be in the church narthex and at school beginning October 1st. Please contact Cindy Kuehn (414)534-1379 with questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's

Tuesday, September 18 – Be a hero, donate blood! It's a quick, simple and amazing way to give back to the community and enhance the lives of your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. St. John's will hold a blood drive for Blood Center of Wisconsin from 3:00-7:00 PM in the school gym and commons area. Reserve your spot today by clicking here. For questions, contact Jessica Strautmann at 414-241-8184.

Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir

The Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir (WLCC) has a long history of praising our Lord through quality literature. The choir is open to all 3 (mature) -8 grade boys and girls with **unchanged** voices. For more information, the full schedule, and to register, click [here](#). [Read More](#)

Have you ever felt a twinge of guilt about not getting full enjoyment out of personal Bible study? Do you wonder how some people percolate with enthusiasm over the same passages you've read time and time again – unmoved? What's their secret? Practicing effective Bible study methods.

Using inductive study techniques, this workbook creates the opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge through short, practical exercises and complete studies of the books of Ruth and James. It will make the Bible more accessible to you than you ever thought possible.

Pick up a copy of *Living by the Book Workbook* by Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks and join us Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall starting **September 5th**. Fellowship begins at 8:00 and childcare is available. Contact Monica Gnat at 414-774-6180 or monicagnat@sbcglobal.net for more information.

*NOTE: there is a book and a workbook. We are using the **workbook**. It is available at various retailers, including Amazon.*



Daily Bible Reading Discussion Forum Thursday, Sept. 6th

"By Scripture Alone" is going strong in its second year! A benefit of participating in a structured Bible reading program is encouragement from others reading through the same sections of Scripture. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a 90-minute discussion forum on our readings up to this point. If you have specific topics or questions you would like discussed or answered, please contact [Pastor Schroeder](#) in advance. We'll also be discussing various options for continuing By Scripture Alone in 2019. Whether you are reading through The Daily Bible for the first or second time, we pray that you are treasuring the time spent in God's Word!



TosaFest Chili & Cupcake Challenge Saturday, Sept. 8th

We need chili and cupcake entries for the TosaFest Chili & Cupcake Challenge, which is hosted by St. John's. [Click here](#) to sign up. For contest details [click here](#). Questions may be directed to [Jim Schneiker](#). Teens can earn mission trip volunteer hours by helping to sell the chili and cupcakes on Saturday following the judging. Teens, contact [Pastor Bitter](#) to volunteer.

Hot Lunch Program

You can access St. John's Hot Lunch Menu & EFT payment info at:

[Hot Lunch Menu & EFT Payment Request](#)



In an effort to simplify the Lunch Ticket process at St. John's, we have "Family Lunch Accounts". Any payments to Hot Lunch will be deposited into your family account and the cost of lunches consumed by all children in that family will be deducted from that same account at the end of the week. **WE ASK THAT ALL FAMILIES KEEP A POSITIVE BALANCE IN THEIR FAMILY LUNCH ACCOUNT.** The cost of lunches remains the same at \$3/lunch and \$1/extra entrée.

You can make a deposit into your account by submitting check or cash (using the Hot Lunch envelopes and wooden drop boxes found in the School Office and Childcare Room.) Please make checks payable to "St. John's". If you prefer to make a payment using an EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), please go to:

[Hot Lunch Menu & EFT Payment Request](#)

Presidential Physical Fitness Testing

The date for Presidential Fitness will be Tuesday, September 25th, 2018. The event will begin at 8:15am. An email went to volunteers that signed up on Registration Day. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact Mr. Duncan (andrew.duncan@sjtosa.org) Volunteers should arrive at St. John's by 8:00am so Mr. Duncan can go over the events and answer any questions or address any concerns. This will be a fun-packed day and the event should wrap up around 11:30am. Thank you for volunteering for this event. (Mrs. Schmidt heard there might be coffee/juice and cinnamon rolls involved for the volunteers! 😊)



St. John's Fall Festival Sunday, October 21st

This year's fall festival will be held on **Sunday, October 21**. Mark your calendars and come in costume for Trunk or Treat, plus join in tons of fall games, crafts, food and family fun!

Looking for Trunks!

We are looking for fun and creative families to decorate and host trunks for the Trunk or Treat event. If you're interested or have questions, email Kerry Oggenoff at KOggenoff@gmail.com. Candy will be provided.



K3 Update

It is a whirlwind of firsts for 25 new K3 students coming to preschool. They are very excited about meeting new friends and are adjusting very well to our classroom routines and rules. We are getting to know each other through play and our circle time activities. The children are actively exploring each learning center in our classroom and the playground. The kitchen area, dollhouse, and construction site are favorites so far. The children also enjoyed identifying and saying the first letter of their name as the word whammer sang a special song for their letter. They will practice finding the first letter of their name and put it on our apple bulletin board. We enjoyed a book about treating books with care, one about starting school for the first time, and one about manners. We reviewed the colors red-orange-yellow-green-blue-purple, numbers 1-7, and practiced building towers using describing words big and small/little for the blocks. The children enjoyed these songs – *The Wheels on the Bus*, *Jesus Loves Me*, *Jesus Has a Little Lamb*, *Sticky Bubble Gum*, *Hello Everybody*, and *Jesus ABC's*. Serving Jesus and His lambs,

Mrs. Henning



Crusader Athletics

Go to www.sjtosaathletics.org to view updated schedules for all Crusader sports (practices, games & tournaments).

Soccer: The Crusader Soccer team has been kickin' it at practices these past 2 weeks. Come and check out the action at Rainbow Park (700 S. 119th Street) at 4:15pm today, Thursday, August 30th, as we battle Mount Calvary. Go Crusaders!!

Cross Country: Cross country practices are underway and with about 40 runners it will be a fun season! Cross country parents: If you are not receiving cross country e-mails, please contact Cindy Kuehn cindy.kuehn@gmail.com. The first meet is Wednesday, September 5th. Go Crusaders!

Volleyball: The volleyball season is underway and the Lady Crusaders are looking forward to their first game on Thursday, September 6 at Atonement Lutheran. We have two B team games at 4:30 and 5:30. The A team game begins at 6:30. Come on out and cheer your Crusaders on to victory!

Coach Leyrer and Coach Treichel



I Run Kids Marathon

St. John's had a great time participating in this year's I RUN KIDS MARATHON program. This is a program that promotes reading and running throughout the summer to keep your mind and body healthy. This year we had about 37 participants. Kids signed up at the end of the school year promising to run and read through the summer. On Saturday, August 25th, the team came together at the WLC athletic field to run the final mile and get their medals and prizes. The kids did an amazing job! Thank you to all of our participants and parents for encouraging our readers and runners. If you would like to participate next year watch for information in the spring. Way to go CRUSADERS! We are very proud of you! To God be the glory!

~Mrs. Buske and Mrs. Pastorek

Babysitter Directory

We are once again printing a Babysitting Directory for all St. John's families who may be in need of babysitting services. Any students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade who would like to be included in this directory and have not yet handed in the information form, please turn it in to the school office. Extra copies of the form can be found on the table outside the school office.



Important Forms

If you have not already done so, the following items need to be turned to the school office immediately:

- Emergency Contact Card (green)
- Social Media/Internet Acceptance Policy Form (signed by students and parents.) BOTH SIDES
- Commitment to Handbook Policy Form
- Background check forms
- Updates for immunization records
- K5 Eye Exam Form

Piano Lessons

This year piano lessons at St. John's will be taught by Mrs. Christina Wilke (Mondays & Tuesdays) and Mrs. Sarah Bortulin (Wednesdays and Thursdays).

Lessons with Mrs. Bortulin began this week. Lessons with Mrs. Wilke will begin on Monday, September 10th.



Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons are being offered at St. John's with instructor Chris Krellwitz. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Chris Krellwitz directly (ph: 262-617-8771, or email: chris.krellwitz@gmail.com)

Chris has more than 15 years of professional teaching experience and he is excited to begin his 7th year of guitar lessons at St. John's. Sign up for lessons today!



Violin Lessons

Ms. Megan Buschkopf will be offering violin lessons at St. John's. Please contact her directly at mbuschkopf@gmail.com.



Financial Peace University Begins

Thursday, Sept. 13

Rid yourself of debt and make a plan for the financial blessings that God sends

your way. St. John's is pleased to once again offer the Financial Peace University course. The 9-week course will meet for 90 minutes on consecutive Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. To date, 54 members of St. John's have attended this course. To register or learn more about this program click [here](#). See insert for more information and a testimonial from past attendees.