



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
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'Led by God's Grace'



### WHY A LUTHERAN SCHOOL?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has a strong tradition of excellence in education. We have operated schools for over 140 years and we continue to be known for our excellent academic and spiritual opportunities for students. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which measures a variety of school systems in a variety of subjects, shared these 2004 results:

- Lutheran Schools were ranked first in Science in 4th, 8th and 12th grade.
- Lutheran Schools were first in Reading in 4th and 8th grade. (No data collected for 12th grade.)
- Lutheran Schools were second in math at the 4th, 8th and 12th grade level.

According to statistics provided by the LCMS Office of School Ministry, 16% of the children in our schools are unchurched. We have a wonderful opportunity, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to see faith grow and develop in children. The time spent in a Lutheran classroom by the average student who attends a Lutheran School from preschool through eighth grade is the equivalent of 265 years of Sunday worship.

We are called to “sow seeds.” Often, what we teach about Jesus is revisited when children reach adulthood and have their own children. We don't know the impact of our words and deeds but know that we must give a constant witness. We are invited to bring the church to people, not people to the church. Our churches and schools should be welcoming, invitational and exceptional.

### CALENDAR NOTE -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>:



On Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, our scheduled Early Release Day will be a **FULL DAY** of school because of the numerous snow/cold days we have had thus far this winter. Plymouth Public Schools are also running this day as a full day of school for all the students in the district. Buses will run accordingly. Our scheduled parent teacher conferences will still be held on Wednesday, beginning at 4 p.m. Please make adjustments on your school calendar. Thanks!

### EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE COMING THIS SUNDAY!!!



All parents of 3, 4, 5 or 6 year-old children that would like to have their young children receive a daily Christian-based education; St. John School will be having their Early Childhood Open House this Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from the end of second service till 2 p.m. The classrooms, and the teachers, will be available for your questions, and you can have your own personal tour of our facilities. You can also register your special child for the 2009–2010 school year. We welcome all new families, and existing school families, to this Open House. If you have any other questions, or concerns, please contact the school office. May God Bless the ministry provided for these special little ones!!

## OUR “LED BY GOD’S GRACE” STUDENT AWARDS ...



The faculty and staff of St. John School would like to recognize all of our students for the great talents, and accomplishments they bring to our school. On Wednesday, during chapel, we recognized our tremendous students with “**LED BY GOD’S GRACE**” awards for all the positive attributes they bring to our school. The younger grades are following the colors of the Rainbow –

As the rainbow shines its beautiful colors for all to see, the color of BLUE reminds us of the JOYFULNESS we have when we praise our Lord. The BLUE color stands in to remind us of God’s steadfast love for us. God’s love and presence in our lives are always a constant – an assurance that HE is always in our life. BLUE is the color of this ASSURANCE – a reminder of the warmth and depth of our Saviors love for us, and the ultimate sacrifice of that love, His own life, so we can live forever with Jesus. In January we recognize the GIFT of JOYFULNESS as one of the colors of the rainbow, and we celebrate Christ working through these students to bless others.

For the younger grades the Rainbow Color of Blue we are recognizing is: **GIFT OF JOYFULNESS:**

### Psalm 100:2

**“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”**

Students are recognized in the younger grades for their willingness to spread joy to others through their smiles, actions and kind voices. They share their heart of servanthood by helping friends, teachers, and others both in and out of the classroom.

**PRE-SCHOOL:** Eli Steiner, Alex Lund, Zachary Schuh

**JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN:** Grace Falls, Emilio Beardsmore

**KINDERGARTEN:** Elizabeth Montaba, Davis Suckow

**1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE:** Joel Hacker, Ryan Fredrickson

**2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE:** Justice Tollefson, Caleb Guse

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE:** Danny Schimberg, Trinity Schneider, Holly Oberreich

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** Dacota Anton, Kathyrne Flowers

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:** Autumn Horn, Alexis Holly

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6–8):**

Our middle school students are being recognized for the gifts, talents, and efforts they are displaying in the content area. This Wednesday we announced our award winners for the month of January in the area of **LANGUAGE ARTS**. Our students were awarded special student of the month reminders to help them remember that they are a unique child of God!!!!

**These awards are given to our middle school students who work above their God-given talents in the academic area of Language Arts. To receive this honor, students must follow directions, work to their potential, and continually challenge themselves for academic growth. These students are striving to give God their very best.**

**EXCELLENCE IN Language Arts** – “These students are doing especially well academically in class and obtaining necessary Accelerated Reader points for the quarter.”

#### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

- JaLynn Schuh
- Ericka Bohrmueller
- Brooke Koehn

#### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

- Chandler Haun

- Hannah Anhalt
- Noah Wetenkamp

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:**

- Sam Salibi
- Sarah Allman
- Sabrina Sanchez

**LIVING YOUR FAITH:**

Students are recognized for being a positive Christian role model that openly, and willingly, displays their active faith. It is displayed in every aspect of their life – in what they say and do, and interactions with others. They are kind to others and allow Christ to work through their young lives.

- Emily Schwartz

**CORRECTION / ADDITION:**

St. John Lutheran School would like to acknowledge one of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, JaLynn Schuh for earning academic honors 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. JaLynn is on the A honor roll, and earned straight A's for two consecutive quarters! Way to go JaLynn – we are sorry your name was accidentally omitted!

Thursday, February 12	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	Hosanna! Singers – MMR	6:30 PM
	-	B-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM
	-	Lincoln's Birthday	
	-	Safety Patrol Second pizza sale begins	
Friday, February 13	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	Cheerleading Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Boy's Basketball Sherman Center Class Tourney	
	-	Celebrate Children Fair – PS, JK	
	-	End Midquarter	
Saturday, February 14	-	Valentine's Day	
	-	B-Girls v. Trinity @ Home	8:30 AM
	-	B-Boy's Basketball Sherman Center Classic Tourney	
	-	Celebrate Children Fair – PS, JK	
Sunday, February 15	-	3, JK, Kindergarten Sings	8:00 AM
	-	Celebrate Children Fair – PS, JK	
	-	ECE Open House	11:30 AM-2:00 PM
Monday, February 16	-	Book Fair	3:45-4:15 PM
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Boys Bball v. Trinity Kiel @ Kiel	6:00 PM
	-	A Girls Bball v. Trinity @ Immanuel	7:00 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball v. Trinity @ Immanuel	7:00 PM
	-	Presidents' Day	
Tuesday, February 17	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	Book Fair	3:45-4:15 PM
	-	Cheerleading Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	A Boys v. Trinity @ Immanuel	7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 18	-	Chapel – Grade 6 – Baptisms remembered	9:00 AM
	-	NO EARLY RELEASE – FULL DAY OF SCHOOL	
	-	Book Fair	3:45-7:00 PM

- A-Girls Bball Practice 3:50-5:15 PM
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
- B-Boys Bball Practice 5:15-6:45 PM
- A-Boys Bball Practice 6:45-8:15 PM
- Mid-Quarter Reports (picked up at Conferences)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.*

*God's Blessings on your special day!*

Luke Navis–Grade 1–February 14      Delaney Haese–Grade 6–February 17      Jessica Schumacher–Grade 4–February 18

**Valentine Sale:** The sale will be open to 4th through 8th graders at a cost of 50¢ per valentine and will run from 8:35-8:50 each morning from February 10–13. The valentines will be sold at the end of the upstairs hallway near Mr. Krall's room. Students will write their own valentine message and indicate who it is for. Student Council workers will collect all valentines, attach a treat to each one and deliver them Friday afternoon. \*\*All money raised will be given to families in need. Please call Mrs. Reil if you have questions. Thanks!! Sponsored by SJL Student Council

**ATTENTION:** Please note that you should not park in the Post Office parking lot when dropping off or picking up your student or at any time. This is reserved for post office employees only. If you would park in their lot, your car is subject to a parking ticket.

**RE-ENROLLMENT FORMS** – Just a reminder that re-enrollment forms for the 2009-2010 school year are due in the office **BY THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**. To guarantee your child's spot for next year, please return this form as soon as possible. Thank you to those that have already returned their forms.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** - Parents make certain you have communicated the procedure to be followed by your child on early release days due to inclement weather. If the weather looks ominous, it is your responsibility to tune into a radio or TV station to see what the Plymouth Joint School District is doing.

**REMINDER** – If your financial circumstances change during this school term, just a reminder that you can still apply for Free/Reduced Lunches at any time during the year. Application forms are available in the office.

**HAT, MITTEN & SOCK DRIVE:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Hat, Mitten and Sock Drive. This year's total was 708 items! The donated items were given to The Family Resource Center in Plymouth, Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department, and The Open Door Drop-In Center in Sheboygan (a drop-in center for adults with mental illness and those in need). Many children and adults will now be able to stay warm because of your generous gifts. A special thank you to Taylor Haese and Taylor Konz for counting and collecting the donations from the classrooms!

**McDonald's Night for St. Paul School - Monday, February 16, 4:00 – 8:00 pm** - St. Paul's will have Family Night at the northside McDonald's (North Avenue) on **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm**. This is a fundraiser for St. Paul's. As long as we beat the sales by \$150 from the previous week, McDonald's will donate 10% of their sales on February 16<sup>th</sup>! This includes drive-through purchases also. **Join us on February 16<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**Yearbook Cover Contest Entry Deadline Extended:** There were very few entries for this year's Yearbook Cover Contest, so we have extended the deadline to February 16. Here are the requirements: Each drawing must have **St. John Lutheran School** somewhere in the picture, along with the years “**2008-9**” and the school theme which this year is “**Led by God's Grace**”. Draw it on plain 8 ½ x 11 white paper, and use lots of color. Print your name on the back of the drawing, and turn it in to the school office. Drawings will be returned to the artists.

**2009 SJL Pizza Sale:** Is in progress. We will be making pizza on Saturday, February 21st and weighing and measuring on Friday, February 20th. We will be making regular cheese, pepperoni, and sausage pizzas once again. Prices are 1 or 2 @ \$6.00 each or 3 or more at \$5.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Nola Schultz at 528-7110 or Rachel Montaba at 893-4829.

**Scholastic Book Fair 2009** Welcomes you to: Lights, Camera, Book Fair "take" action" and "see" the many adventures "starring" many world famous authors! So, let us roll out the red carpet and invite you to the book fair in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, 2/16 from 3:45-4:15 pm, Tuesday, 2/17 from 3:45-4:15 pm, Wednesday 2/18 from 3:45-7:00 pm, Thursday, 2/19

from 3:45-7:00 pm, Saturday 2/21 after the church service and Sunday 2/22 after the church services. (We will close during church). If you would like to help "direct" our "show" please contact either Tracy Ramminger at 893-9626 or Julie Konz or Robin Larkin at SJL School Thank you!

**MARKET DAY - THE FEBRUARY MARKET DAY SALE WILL BE HELD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SATURDAY 2/21.**

The Sheboygan County Chapter of the Red Cross is planning to offer the **Babysitter's Training Course** in February. The class will be held at the Red Cross building located at 2032 Erie Avenue in Sheboygan. The class date is: Saturday, February 21 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. This course is designed for children 11 years of age or older. Participants will learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to prevent accidents, how to handle emergencies, some basic first aid, infant care skills, and more. We feel this is a very beneficial program, not only for the babysitter, but also the children in their care. The program is open to both boys and girls. Persons interested in the course can register in person or mail in their registration. Class size is limited to 12 students, so early registration is recommended. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call at 457-7739.

**GOSPEL LIGHT CHORUS PARENTS** will meet Sunday, February 22, after the 8:00 AM service. Gospel Light sings for the service, after which we will gather in the music room for an informational meeting regarding the spring tour to Chicago. This will be the only meeting we will have for this purpose. Questions? Please contact Tim Huebschman at the school office.

The St John Lutheran School Food Service will be serving **Soup and Sandwich's** for Lent, along with a Bake Sale of their school-made rolls, breads and desserts. The first night of serving will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. We will be serving from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Carry-outs are available. A free will offering will be taken at the door. Bakery will be priced accordingly. Any questions, please contact: Francha Dallman at 893-5114 x 230 or email @ [francha.dallman@stjohnplymouth.org](mailto:francha.dallman@stjohnplymouth.org)

**Basketball Program - Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School**, Athletic Director Chuck Benedum, Coaches Todd Dekker and Todd Kohlman and the Crusader Three Point Club invites all boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are interested in playing basketball at Sheboygan Lutheran in high school to join the Junior Crusader basketball program. The program, which costs \$35.00 includes 15 clinic dates at Sheboygan Lutheran led by Sheboygan Lutheran coaches, and a Jr, Crusader practice jersey. Depending on numbers the potential to play in leagues and tournaments also exists. If you are interested please e mail Chuck Benedum at [benedum@lutheranhigh.com](mailto:benedum@lutheranhigh.com) or call the school at 452-3323.

**SCRIP Sales for the week of 02-06-09**

Total Sales \$11,290.00; Special Orders \$0; Tuition Profit \$689.58; General Fund Profit \$353.12 (of which \$200.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$13,052.00.)

**NEW POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE IN EXACT AMOUNT OF ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO CASH RETURNED FOR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOUR ORDER IS IN STOCK.**

**SHOPKO:** Effective Thursday, January 1, 2009, the profit for Shopko \$25 and \$50 gift cards will decrease from 4% to 2%.

**KWIK TRIP** is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards. This promotion is going through FEBRUARY 22, 2009 (While supplies in stock last)!! \*Orders of more than \$500.00 will need to be placed by special order only. After February 22, our discount will go from 20% to 10% until February 2010 after that date it will go to the regular 5% discount.

**Hallmark Gift Cards** are now available by **Special Order** in \$25 denominations with a 4% profit. Hallmark Gift Cards may be used for making purchases at any participating Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

**What is SCRIP?** Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

*Providing a Christ-centered education focusing on academic,  
physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth;  
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*