



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



**FOCUS ON THE MINISTRY – ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER**

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Many years ago a radio comedian, I think it might have been Jack Benny, quipped, “We wish to thank our sponsors for the few brief minutes between commercials during which we were allowed to present our program.” Similarly, families can sometimes complain, “With all of the emphasis on quality education, you’d think we would have more uninterrupted weeks of school! When you think about it, there are only a few periods like September after Labor Day through October before parent conferences, and January / February between New Years Day and Presidents Day when we have consecutive uninterrupted weeks of school when quality teaching and learning can get done, and that doesn’t even consider early dismissals, snow days, special school activities, etc.”

In a way, both the comedian and the schools were victims of the cynical, secular golden rule, the one that says, “He who has the gold makes the rules.” If it weren’t for commercials, all television would be pay-per-view. In most schools and communities there continue to be voices crying for fewer breaks, longer school years, longer teaching days, and shorter vacations in counterpoint to others who are lobbying for additional and more frequent breaks and time off during the day for a host of activities. There is little agreement on just what the calendar and daily schedule in an ideally balanced school year would look like.

The truth is that school ministry is often hurried, sometimes harried, and even hassled. There are as many opinions about how it ought to be structured, scheduled, administered, and balanced as there are people involved in ministry. Poised as we are this week before parent teacher conferences and the excitement of Lutheran Schools Week, with its many distractions and interruptions, it’s an ideal time for Christian schools to take a deep breath and refocus on what is really important, what we are sincerely trying to accomplish with our sometimes hurried, harried and hassled schedules. To that end, let us keep our eyes focused on the eternal objective of teaching the faith, teaching toward eternal life in and through Jesus Christ.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV), St. Paul directed our thoughts to the most important unknown and unschedulable day of all, the day that is on God the Father’s calendar but not on ours, the day that will come as an unexpected interruption to the calendar of everyday life, the day toward which all of our scheduling, planning and teaching must ultimately be directed:

**”Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness... But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”**

**LET US ALWAYS FIX OUR EYES UPON JESUS!!**

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 IN FEBRUARY!!!**



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 on 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!!

**SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL - 2008-2009 2nd QUARTER HONOR ROLL:** The following junior high students achieved ACADEMIC HONORS at Saint John Lutheran School, Plymouth Wisconsin, during the second quarter of the 2008-2009 school year. Utilizing a 12 point scale, a student must earn at least a 10.5 to achieve placement on the **A** honor roll, at least a 9.5 to earn placement on the **A-** honor roll and 8.5 or higher to be placed on the **B+** honor roll.

(Grade Level in parentheses)

<b>A</b>	(8)	Sabrina Sanchez
	(7)	Hannah Anhalt, Katie Boening, Chandler Haun, Kaily Moegenburg, Nicole Reil, Emily Schwartz
	(6)	Ericka Bohrmueller, Joshua Forst, Brooke Koehn, Madlyn Schmitt, JaLynn Schuh
<b>A-</b>	(8)	Sarah Allman, Erynn Sass
	(7)	Caleb Forst, Rebecca Franzen, Mackenzie Haese, Erin Hueppchen, Spencer Schultz, Noah Wetenkamp
	(6)	Delaney Haese, Morgan Konz
<b>B+</b>	(8)	Sam Salibi, Victoria Schmidt
	(7)	Henry Heim
	(6)	Libby Burns, Patrick Lemkuil, Brianna Phillips-Austin, Emily Sass

**Straight As:**

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	--
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Hannah Anhalt, Katie Boening, Chandler Haun, Nicole Reil
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Joshua Forst, Brooke Koehn, Madlyn Schmidt

We, the staff of Saint John Lutheran School, heartily congratulate these students for their most commendable effort.

Thursday, February 5	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	Grade 5 to Plymouth Care Center	9:30-11:00 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-Girls Oshkosh Tournament	
Friday, February 6	-	Chapel – Pastor Knippa	9:00 AM
	-	A-Girls Bball v. St. Paul/Imm. @ Plymouth	6:00 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball v. St. Paul/Imm. @ Plymouth	7:00 PM
	-	Pep Rally	2:45 PM
	-	B-Girls Oshkosh Tournament	
Saturday, February 7	-	A-Girls Bball v. TLS Gold @ LHS	1:00 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball v. TLS Gold @ LHS	2:00 PM
	-	B-Girls Oshkosh Tournament	
Sunday, February 8	-	Adult Choir Sings	8:00 AM
	-	Grades 3, 4 Sing	10:30 AM
Monday, February 9	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Boys Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM
Tuesday, February 10	-	Scholastic Olympics Practice (Gr. 5-8)	7:45-8:30 AM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	A Boys v. TLS Maroon @ Plymouth	6:00 PM
	-	School Board Meeting	6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 11	-	Chapel – Pastor Knippa	9:00 AM
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Boys Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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

God's Blessings on your special day!  
 Kalei Hering – Grade 4 – February 6  
 Davis Suckow – Kindergarten – February 9  
 Josh Leland – Grade 3 – February 11

**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.

**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 have taken a turn during this school term, just a reminder that you can still apply for Free or Reduced Lunches at any time during the year. Application forms are available in the office.

**Scholastic Olympics** season is about to begin. Students, if you want some mental competition, Scholastic Olympics is the place for you. Teams compete against other SALSA schools in school meets and culminate in a big tournament on Saturday, April 18 at Lutheran High. Our school has a team for fifth and sixth graders coached by Mrs. Larkin on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. A seventh-eighth grade team will be coached by Mrs. MacGillis and Mrs. Konz on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. A letter with more details and a parental permission slip was sent home to all students in grades five through eight. Practices began Tuesday morning, February 3rd.

A big **thank-you** to all the students that came out and cheered on the boys and girls this past Friday at **Pack the Gym Night**. It was a huge success. We had roughly 85 St. John students in attendance. The class that won with the highest percentage of attendees was the 7th grade with 88%. Congratulations 7th grade and thank you students.

**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.

**Lutheran High Open House and Freshman Registration:** Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School will be hosting an Open House and Freshman Registration on **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30-7:00pm. The Open House is for students and families of all grades. Guests will be able to meet with Lutheran High faculty, parents, students, co-curricular directors and coaches, and our academic guidance counselor. Families will be able to get an intimate look at Lutheran High's curriculum, facility, mission focus, and student life. Tours and refreshments are provided. Incoming freshman families will also be able to schedule their classes for the upcoming school year (call if you want a specific appointment time). Open House visitors will also receive free admission to the varsity girls basketball game versus Howards Grove. All are welcome. Check LHS's website ([www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com)) for more information or call (920) 452-3323.

**Project Angel Hugs Teen~Angel Workshop** for the 6th grade and older will be held on Monday, February 9th, from 7pm till 9pm. We are located at 406 E. Mill Str., Plymouth. Next to Dear Old Books. Local youth welcomed to help us make Angel KISSes & Finished Angel HUGs to be sent to children enrolled in our program that have been touched by cancer. Looking forward to seeing old & new faces! Bring a friend, donate some time, and feel good about helping these special children smile! With over 200 children enrolled...help is needed! Any questions...call Char at 892-9138.

**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.

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 01-30-09**

Total Sales \$17,865.00; Special Orders \$1,350.00; Tuition Profit \$1,213.52; General Fund Profit \$565.53 (of which \$386.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$12,852.00.)

**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.

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