

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

St. John Lutheran School
Wrightstown, WI

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Full Edition

SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

St. John in the Community

St. John Lutheran School does a number of things to let people in the community know about the quality Christian education available at our school. One was the past Saturday and was well attended by the community. The Trunk or Treat event was again a huge success. So many children had fun in the bouncy house, with the DJ and games, and trick or treating at the decorated cars. Thanks to all who helped. This next week our school will be helping the Fox Cities YMCA celebrate the arts in our community by participating in their annual art exhibition. All students in grades 1-8 have art projects displayed at the Fox Cities YMCA. Thank you to the students for sharing their creations at our church's mission festival in October and at the YMCA! Don't forget to occasionally check in at our school's Facebook page. This social networking opportunity is updated often and has pictures and videos of student activities.

Picture Day

Wednesday, November 22 will be picture retake. Parents, please be aware that if your child was here for the first day, their packet of pictures, or proofs were already sent home. Please note, if you didn't prepay, you can still order pictures. Lifetouch has provided each individual student with a special code, which allows parents to order different packages online. If you have any questions please let me know.

Classifieds

Solid wood desk. It is six feet long, and three feet deep. It contains a ¼" think glass top, which can be removed. It is fairly heavy as it is not particle board. Condition would be 7/10. It can be seen and picked up at St. John Lutheran School. Cost: Free

5K Color Run/Walk

There is exciting news to pass on. We will be organizing and hosting an annual 5K Color Run/Walk this May. There will be plenty of details to come! The day will consist of a 5K Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Kids Run, and a Diaper Dash. If you are interested in helping coordinate this truly amazing opportunity please email me, Tim Raddatz, at trr61210@gmail.com. We will try and meet several times to make sure that we present an simple, yet amazing opportunity for the community to join us for a fun day!

Parent – Teacher Conferences

November 21st, and 22nd, will be parent teacher conferences. Times will be available between 3 – 6pm each evening. Classroom teachers will send home information pertaining to these conferences. Please check with your child(ren) for the information.

If there is anyone you know that would like to be included on the email list for the electronic version of the Cry of the Cardinal, please email Tim Raddatz. Include a message of, “please include me for COC.”

CLASSROOM NEWS

Ms. Buss (Preschool)

Hello, and Happy November to you!

With the start of the new month, the kids and I are embarking on learning the number 4 together. Also, for Math, we will start to look at making patterns more consistently and will start by observing and making ABAB patterns. We will continue to do number review of 1-3 as well. Our shape of the month will be the oval and our color of the month will be brown.

For literacy our letters up until Thanksgiving will be A, B, G, P, and T. We are currently talking about pumpkins and our theme for next week will be all about Shapes and Grocery Stores. Letter B is the focus of this week and next week we will specifically look at the letter P.

Just a heads up for you, we will be offering Parent Teacher conferences in the afternoon/evenings on Monday November 21, and Tuesday November 22. Forms will go out in your child's folder within the next few weeks and you will be able to sign up for a time to meet with me that works with you.

In other news... while the weather has been WONDERFUL this Fall I regret that in the back of my mind I have the thought of snow pants and snow boots running through my head. We don't need these things yet with the gorgeous 60 degree temperatures we have been having, however when the time comes, I would kindly ask that your child have a pair of snow pants and boots that they can wear to play in for outside recess. Despite cooler temperatures, they still love to get outside and play. The snow clothes can go back and forth every day or just stay here it really is your call. Thank you very much!

Also in other news... if you need picture retakes, or your son or daughter was not here for picture day, our make-up date for school pictures will be Tuesday, November 22.

Thank you very much for an awesome Harvest Party! The kids enjoyed wearing their costumes and doing activities that were set up in the party. If you helped out at school, thank you for that! Also, thank you for the awesome treats you sent along! We definitely had plenty of food and good times this week. Whether you helped in action, treats, or dressing up your child in the spirit of the party.... I appreciate all of you and all of your efforts!

I also, school wide, want to thank everyone who donated apples for Trunk or Treat!

I hope as November starts that you have an awesome start to your holidays. This time of the year always flies so fast!

I will leave you with this Bible Passage this time – Psalm 103 :17-18 – But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children – with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Blessings on the weeks ahead!

Mrs. Wicks (Prek & K)

Our Kindergarteners have been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks, completing new tasks in math, language, and other subjects while taking daily practice of basic addition facts. The more they practice, the more they get memorized, and it should slowly start getting easier for them. In the meantime, they are hanging in there and working hard.

Our pre-K friends are working at their letters and numbers and have come a long way. We recently started practicing keeping numbers in order and completing dot to dots. In language, we are up to letter S with our Superkids (having done C, O, G, A, and D). Our newest friend, Sal, loves sports like skiing, sledding, swinging, swimming, skating, and more. Pre-K friends are getting better and better at consistently naming the letters and sounding out words to tell which letter they start with.

With the end of the quarter coming, both Kindergarteners and pre-K friends will have an assessment piece coming home next week. Please look it over when you receive it to see if you have any questions. A sign-up for parent/teacher conferences will be available soon after, with conference times available on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. Please plan ahead to meet with me on one of those two days.

Mrs. Bunn (Grades 1-3)

My class is amazing! The eleven students in my class have read and tested on over 860 books as of the writing of this newsletter and will probably reach 900 books. You can't help but be impressed with that number considering that the books chosen were at a reading level higher than the grade level of the students. We set high goals and we achieved them so we are very proud. This group is pretty competitive in a positive and beneficial way. I love to see how they push each other in reading and in math!

Mr. Raddatz (Grades 4 – 8)

It is hard to believe that first quarter of the 2016-2017 is in the books. There are a few things to note as the quarter comes to an end. Report cards will be delivered to parents one of two ways. Classroom teachers may hand them out during parent teacher conferences in two weeks, or they may be handed out in person or through the mail. Parents please note that a portion of our Literature grade come through their use of Accelerated Reader. As you look at their Literature grade, 10% comes from reaching their individual goal. In regards to reading, one area I would strongly encourage all parents, is to be persistent in making sure they are reading regularly. I know thirty minutes is often talked about, but at this age and level, forty-five to sixty minutes is the bare minimum of reading to continue to see progress across all subject areas.

Please remember that assignments can be seen each and every day on BrightWheel. If you are ever wondering what work has been done or needs to be done you can find daily assignments listed there.

Parents I kindly ask for your assistance in two areas. We continue to work through challenges in regards to improving our communication: Volume and Listening. We continue to work on identifying personally, and commutatively what volume is needed for each conversation or response. If possible, could you work with your son or daughter to gage their speaking with the situation at that specific time? Some ways I try to help with the adjustments are reminding them what the circumstances are, and what volume is needed. Secondly, we continue to work on listening.

I know that it sounds odd to talk of listening when communicating, but an area we struggle in is listening to a person's words before speaking or responding. Students continue to battle with quick responses, often unneeded, solely because listening wasn't undertaken before speaking. A huge way I try to resolve this is my simple reinforcing of one person speaking at a time, as well as hearing all words, processing those words, and waiting until a person is done speaking before responding. I think with a little encouragement all will see a vast improvement at home and in school.

Please note, if you haven't gained access to your child's grades to contact me. I will resend the email invitation with passcode which allows for immediate access to grades.