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**St. John Lutheran School
Wrightstown, WI**

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SCHOOL INFORMATION & EVENTS

As we offer our open houses this evening and tomorrow for our current families, and prospective families seeking high quality programs for their children, I thought it would be very applicable to include some of the information parents receive when considering St. John Lutheran School

MISSION STATEMENT

Ignite the love of learning. . .

Infuse the Word of God. . .

Inspire the leaders of tomorrow. . .

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

St. John Lutheran School is a unique educational institution, one which continues to solidify itself as a premier school in the state of Wisconsin. We enjoy a storied heritage of providing top level Christian education, as we have been in operation for over 100 years! St. John Lutheran has rooted itself in tried and proven educational strategies while continually integrating technology into its curricular core.

We believe in the foundational development of all of our students, one that consists of building core knowledge content, mastery of learning, and application and integration across all subject areas. St. John Lutheran is here to partner with family, church, and community for the purpose of developing God given skills and equipping students to make a difference in the world in which we live.

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The philosophy of St. John Lutheran reflects a vision for our students as they develop the understandings, attitudes, skills, and habits necessary for effective functioning as a child of God. We endeavor to provide experiences which enable each student to develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and socially in a Christ-centered environment.

Our instructional program is Christ-centered. Prayer and God's Word are a thread woven through the life of each of our student's lives. Each child is guided to develop an understanding of themselves as a child of God, through faith in Christ Jesus, enabling them to live in God's world.

We believe that each child must be equipped for an ever-changing and complex world and society. Therefore our academic program incorporates high standards and challenges which enable students to become life-long learners who are capable of critical and independent thought and effective communication skills based in Scriptural guidelines. We want students to develop self-discipline, and demonstrate forgiveness and respect for others. St. John Lutheran believes that a partnership with our school families, church members, and community members is paramount in making it possible for our students to attain this vision

CLASSROOM NEWS

Ms. Buss (Preschool)

Greetings, and happy Mid-February to you!

I want to start off and thank all the parents who helped chaperone the field trip to Pizza Ranch and Tundra Lodge last week! I hope that you had an awesome, fun time with your child. I appreciate you coming along to join the fun, and offering another pair of hands and eyes to help! Thank you.

For math, we have been continuing our focus on the number six. We have also worked more closely on identifying the numbers between 10 – 19. We continue to play all of the games that we have had from the beginning of the year, and have added a few more to them! This month the kids have had an increased exposure to musical rhythm by counting beats and trying to repeat rhythm patterns back to me. We also play games that build groundwork for future adding and subtracting, looking at data, and I have been challenging them by sorting objects a certain way and they have to guess why they are sorted that way. We continue to work on our two colors of the month: Red and White. We also have had experiences, with Valentine's Day thrown in here, to play with our shape of the month: the heart.

While it has been Valentine's Day, the kids and I have been focusing on a theme of Post Office for our literacy unit. We have had the pleasure of being "mail people" and "delivering" our valentines to our friends this week. Besides this, we have been working on adding to our vocabulary. We have discussed what an envelope is, what a stamp is, and what an address is. You may hear your child picking up these new words. We have also been working on the letter Q this week; last week we worked on the letter V. Next week we will move on to the letter H and discuss the theme of a Home.

This week for religion, we have been looking at how Jesus raised a dead girl back to life. We have talked about how Jesus is strong, and powerful, how he helps us, and how he is stronger than death. We have also talked about how Jesus didn't stay dead after he died on the cross. Next week we will look at how Jesus feeds the 5000, and we will talk about his power, and his compassion in taking care of the needs, spiritual and physical, of his people.

I leave you this time with a section of scripture from the end of the Psalms. *Psalm 147:10-11 – His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.* In your days ahead, may you be reminded of where our strength and our help come from, and that the LORD, who created a vast and beautiful universe, delights in you!

Blessings to you on the next few weeks ahead.

Mrs. Wicks (Prek & K)

Thank you to all of the parents that helped out on our big Tundra Lodge field trip. It took quite a few people to keep track of all of our little ones... and to keep going down the water slides. Between our field trip, our 100th day celebration, spirit week, and Valentine's Day, hopefully most of our cabin fever has been chased away. We are ready for warmer weather and more outdoor playtime! Please continue to bring winter gear until we are further in the clear from the snow and cold.

As many parents have heard (or experienced), we have quite a few germs going around the classroom right now. We have been working hard on keeping tables cleaned, coughs covered, hands washed, and boogies

wiped. Please help us out by making sure your child is well enough to come to school and by working with them at home to remember to catch our coughs in our elbows and use a tissue on drippy noses.

We are also looking ahead to the next school year at this point. Please be sure to stop in at one of our open house dates-- you will be able to save on the registration fee for next year. The pre-Kindergarten class will be staying with me for Kindergarten next year, while Mrs. Bunn will take the Kindergarteners who are moving up into first grade. Please feel free to speak with either of us if you would like more information.

Mrs. Bunn (Grades 1-3)

This week as we celebrated Valentine's Day we focused on what God's Word says about love. We recited a number of love themed Bible passages and had devotions all week on two of those passages found in Matthew 22: 37, 39. In those passages we learned that we should love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. Jesus told us this as he was questioned by the Pharisees. How amazing it would be if we could do that. We would certainly be obeying all the commandments, particularly the first three. Like Martin Luther says, we would definitely fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Jesus also told us in these passages to love our neighbors as ourselves. We can show love for God and our neighbor by being respectful to our parents, teachers, friends, etc. Because Jesus loved us first and shows us how to love, we find joy in serving God and others.

As we studied how God wants us to love Him and our neighbor, we couldn't help but realize that because we are sinful, we definitely fall short of following these commands. We need a Savior and that is where the greatest love of all comes in, the love shown us by our Savior. John 3:16 is a great reminder of God's great love for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave us his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." We are so thankful that God, in His great wisdom and love, showed immense love to us, even though we are people undeserving of that love. Happy Valentine's Day!

Mr. Raddatz (Grades 4 – 8)

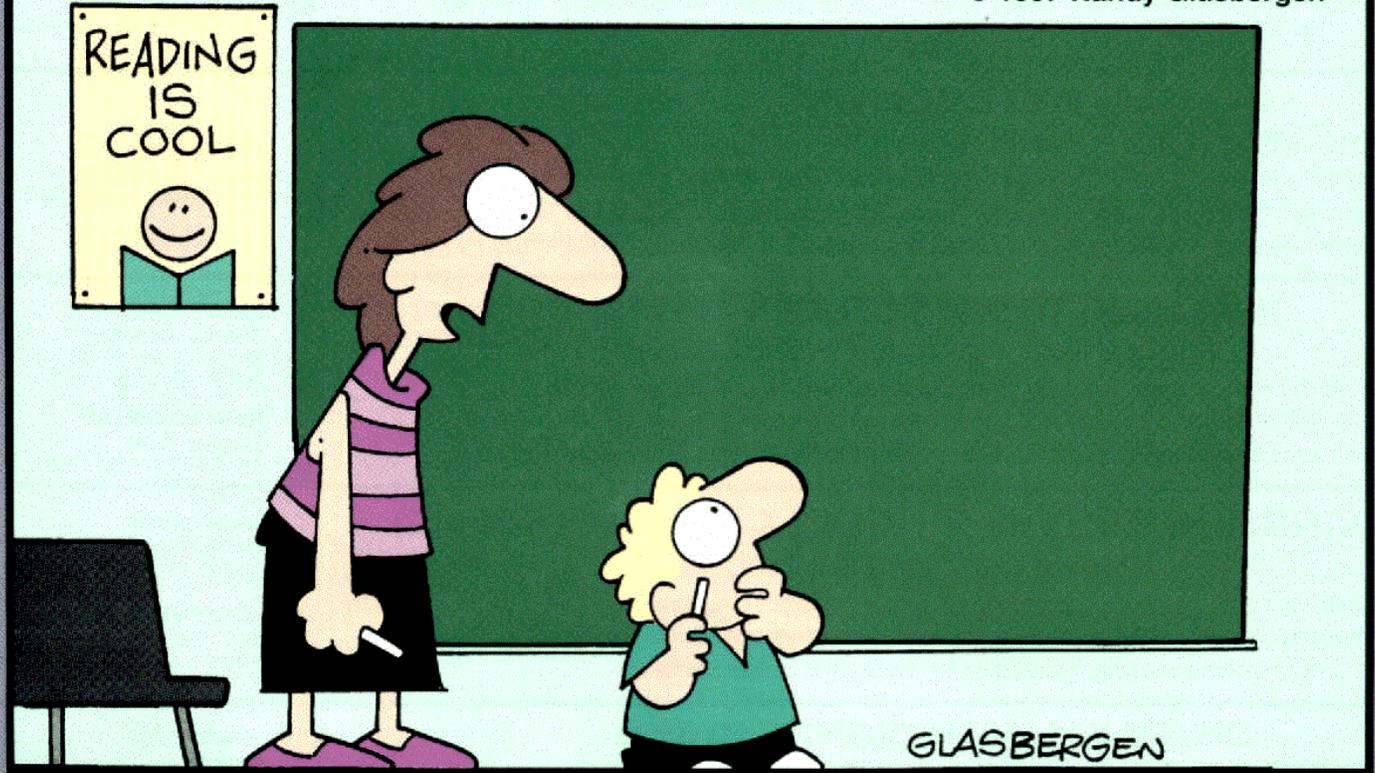
As we thankfully have the opportunity to enjoy warmer temperatures and get a brief look at Spring, it is time to take a look at the events on the horizon. The Art Fair and Forensics Meet will be taking place in March and are hosted by St. Peter Lutheran School in Freedom. Our annual Track Day will be held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in the month of May. Grandparents Day along with the 5K Color Run will be taking place in the month of May..

It is a true joy to share these events with you as there are countless opportunities for our students to utilize their abilities and the skills developed at St. John Lutheran School. These are all great opportunities for our students to engage with others throughout the Fox Valley area, as well as join in activities that bring together nearly one thousand kids!

I have informed the students that as the weather warms, it is in their best interest to bring cloths for phy. ed that would allow for comfort in running and general movements. We are putting an added emphasis this year on making sure that our students have the preparation and counsel they need to display their God given skills through several events that require long periods of walking, running, and other sports movements.

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