

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

3/6 Wrestling

3/8 Field Trip (Pre-3rd Grade)

3/8 Wrestling

3/11 Early Childhood sings in church

SCHOOL NEWS

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 24th

Mark your calendars! St. John will be hosting their annual easter breakfast and egg hunt at school. Food will be served from 9:00-9:45AM with the easter story and egg hunt to follow from 9:45 – 10:30AM. We are excited to announce that we are adding more eggs to last year's total of 2000; we will now have 3000eggs! This year we will have the privilege of adding a golden egg, an egg containing a \$25 gift card. Come join us for a great breakfast, an opportunity to sit with pastor and hear the easter story, and get out and scramble to find all those eggs.

Wrestling Club

Our season is drawing to a close soon. Please note that our family play night is coming on March 8th and our awards and pizza party night will be March 13th at the church. March 10th was expected to be our last tournament day, with tournaments available at Reedsville for anyone or Menasha for those who have taken first place in a different tournament. It has been brought to our attention that there is also a tournament scheduled for March 17th in

Hilbert. If anyone wishes to go, they are welcome to keep their uniforms through the extra week and drop them off at school by Wednesday, March 21. A flyer for the Hilbert tournament was sent home from school. Information can also be found at wiwrestling.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: We have an immediate opening for a Teacher's Aide position. It is an hourly paid position, Monday through Friday, 4 hours per day. We are seeking someone who may have had or currently has experience working with children ages 3 – 6. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Mr. Raddatz via phone: 920.636.5007 or by email: stjlsw@gmail.com, please include any past or current qualifications and experiences. Thank you for your help in spreading the word of this opening!

As we embark into March I hope that you are all enjoying the warmer temps that we have been experiencing. I know I have, and the kids at recess have been having some fun outside in the sun! I'm going to recommend that we still keep snow pants at school for a bit longer yet in case we get a snow storm coming up, or a colder day at some point. Please continue to send hat and mittens as well for the time being.

We have our last field trip of the year coming up very quickly on March 8th, Sign up sheets should have arrived to you via your child's folder but if for some reason it wasn't seen please let me know. Please have your permission slip returned to me by Monday, March 5th. Please note that our field trip will be on Thursday. If your child is not normally in school on Thursday they may still attend the field trip.

Also quickly coming up for us is our next day to sing in church. The kids and I continue to learn our new song and they are eager to sing it. This will happen on March 11th at the 10:15 service. Please have children in the church basement by 10:00 so we can do bathroom breaks and a quick run through of our song before heading upstairs to church. Please keep in mind that March 11th is also the date that the clocks will be going one hour ahead.

St. John will be having an Easter Egg hunt on March 24. Breakfast will be served from 9-10, and our Easter activities will be taking place from 10-11. We plan to have our Easter celebration on the church property this year. If you would like, plan to join us for a few hours of fun before Easter. Along that lines, please also note that there will be no school on March 30th (Good Friday) and April 2nd (the Monday after Easter).

Learning wise, the kids will work on letters V and W in the next two weeks. Preschool for math will focus on number 7 recognition, sorting, and patterns. PreK students for math are starting to learn pennies, cents, identifying missing pattern pieces, and continuing to review number recognition and sorting skills. All students are learning about Jesus dying on the cross. This week we have been talking about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and next week we will study the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. After that, we will learn about Jesus being arrested, dying on the cross, and rising from the dead.

As I close out this edition of Cry of the Cardinal I will leave you with another Bible verse. This verse from Revelation reminds us during the Lent season of the beautiful gift we have because Jesus died on the cross. Our sins are taken away, and our hearts are clean because of what he did. Because of this, we get to live with him in heaven someday and may this verse remind you of the beautiful place heaven is and what awaits all of us. Revelation 21:4 – 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Blessings on the next few weeks.

The month of March is upon us, hopefully bringing lots of lamb-like weather. The kindergartners have certainly been enjoying added opportunities to run around without the burden of snowpants and full winter gear. Parents may wish to have their children bring home their snowpants, as we will hopefully no longer need them at school. I recommend continuing to send or leave boots here, as there tends to be quite a bit of mud and puddles through spring.

Be sure to follow the monthly calendar carefully as there are lots of special days in March, including a field trip on Thursday, singing in church on the 11th, Easter for Kids (egg hunt, breakfast, and more) on the 24th, and no school on Good Friday.

Our favorite class right now continues to be science as we work through a unit on balls and ramps. We have experimented to find the best rollers, bouncers, wrecking balls, and more. We will be working with straws and balls for a time to find which are the best to race through a maze and along a straight line while being blown. Later, we will be using different materials to construct our own balls, ramps, and more.

Other classes bring us closer and closer to the first grade level. In math, we have been growing more and more comfortable with large numbers and money. Language arts brings us our last handful of letters, lots of sight words, and longer stories to read. To help become more and more comfortable with reading, most students are now taking home a book to read to their parents every day. In God's Word, we are almost through the time of the judges and have been enjoying the stories of Gideon, Samson, and Ruth.

Many thanks to our volunteers who continue to help us with our reading and book quizzes. If you see them, please join me in expressing our gratitude: Miss Courtney [Schisel] (and baby Dane), Grandma [Marge] Wicks, Dr. [Linda] Sieker, Miss Elizabet [Chavez], Grandma [Marlee] K[jilley] (and her puppy, Dasher), and Grandma Carol [Just].

We are two short weeks away from wrapping up third quarter, and the push is on to make sure everyone does their part in finishing the quarter strong. Parents it is a good time to check with your son or daughter to make sure all make up work and corrections are submitted before the last week of the quarter, allowing for all grades to be recorded for report cards. Parents I would also like to remind you that students seeking to achieve the third quarter incentive, an afternoon of roller skating, they must reach their point total, with their overall reading level being within one grade of their highest testing level.

Please remember that Thursday, March 15th, all students in grades seven and eight are eligible to attend DISCOVER FVL. We have two parents providing transportation to and from this event hosted by Fox Valley Lutheran High School. Please note, that any student going will return back to St. John's campus by 5pm. Students can be picked up at FVL sooner if necessary, however I would ask that you let me know so I can coordinate with our chaperones. I have included the link to register your child for this event. The registration allows FVL to plan activities and food for the number that have submitted responses for their attendance. This is an extraordinary event that allows our students to meet and get to know students from nearly 20 other WELS schools throughout the Fox Valley area.

I want to let you know that I will be undertaking a few different trials throughout the fourth quarter. I will using a few sample groups of students from our classroom to participate. These aren't medical trials, but rather procedural and technological trials. Trials will include the use of a classroom page as part of our website, submission of homework online(paperless), discussion board questions and responses, and submission of homework questions online partnered with online responses. These trials are intended to provide better communication and assistance to student and family, as well as streamline areas where efficiently would allow for time to be devoted elsewhere.

St. John Lutheran School's mission:

Ignite the love of learning,

Infuse the Word of God,

Inspire tomorrow's leaders



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& BREAKFAST

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EASTER STORY & EGG HUNT 10-10:30AM

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MARCH 24TH 9:00AM