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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome

It is hard to believe that we are finishing up the first full week of school already. Again, we would like to welcome everyone to the 2018-2019 school year. Twice each month we distribute our school newsletter via electronic format. If you do not have email, or have a preference for written form, please let us know and we will provide a free copy of the newsletter in your child's folder.

I want to apologize to everyone that has been patient in regards to getting the invoicing and billing squared away. If you have signed up for direct deduction and haven't signed an authorization form for us to pull funds, it will need to be submitted before those funds can begin to be pulled directly. You should expect a weekly invoice beginning today if you choose weekly payments. For those who selected bimonthly, those invoices or deductions should be expected today or tomorrow.

Mon & Wed 3-4PM

Soccer Club

Tues 3-4PM

Crochet Club

Sept 21 WE HAVE SCHOOL

Sept 23rd 10:15AM

**Grades 2-8 sing at St.
John Lutheran Church**

Parent Get Together

I hope that everyone is having a great week!

One of the things I strive to achieve is letting families know that we take their encouragements, suggestions, and recommendations, and see what opportunities may exist to build a stronger school family.

I am pleased to announce that these recommendations and suggestions have led me to seek out and create events for parents and adults to get together and get to know each other. We hope these opportunities will allow parents to ask questions of one another, provide guidance and wisdom to each other, compare notes on babysitting, inquire of shared interests, or whatever it may be. Most important, we hope these are times that parents can simply just hang out and have some fun.

I am happy to invite all parents to join us for our first get together, **Thursday, September 27th from 5:30-7:30pm at the THE RIVER coffee shop** in downtown Wrightstown. I know many are thinking, "Well I'd love to go Tim, but we have the kids." We are even happier to announce that babysitting/childcare is provided free of charge for those that may need it. Feel free to drop your child(ren)

off at school between 5:30 & 7:30, and head down and enjoy some great adult company and conversations. You heard it correct, A FREE NIGHT OUT, NO CHILDREN ATTACHED!!! Please know that several individuals will be available and ready to sit with and care for your child, so you don't have to worry at all. just HAVE FUN!!

There is no pressure to attend, come if you can, join us for the next one if you can't this time. We look forward to seeing everyone, and hope this is the start of something that can be enjoyed by all!

I look forward to meeting those who can make our first get together, and look forward to all the other get togethers and fun times that await us!

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: A couple of notes pertaining to student accounts and balances. Extended care hours will be billed at the beginning of each month for the hours used the previous month. Hours used in September will then be billed the first week of October. If your child is receiving milk, and you haven't paid, please make that payment as soon as possible. **ONE BIG REMINDER**, if you elect to pay via credit card or direct deduction, please note all credit card payments carry a \$2 processing fee, and direct deduction is \$1 per transaction. ACH transfers made online are completely free.

SCHOOL: Just a reminder to parents that St. John will be in session on Friday, September 21st. Wrightstown Public Schools are off that day. We will have special busing that day for those that use the school bus for transportation. Special busing means that two buses are used to pick up all students which is different than the typical day. Please note that pick up and drop off times will be different than the normal schedule. Pick up times are usually tenish minutes earlier than normal, as are the drop off times in the afternoon.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool (Mrs. Foelske)

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Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Welcome to Mrs. Foelske's Preschool Room!

This last week preschool started off with a Chicka Chicka Boom, We are all getting used to new schedules and new friends. We are enjoying exploring all the games and toys that come with the preschool room. We are loving the Magna Tiles and kitchen center the most. We are rocking and jamming to lots of music to help get our wiggles out and to help us learn to sit and listen. We are growing and learning something new everyday.

Last week, for religion, we talked about God being, strong, powerful, and loving. This week we are learning about creation and how God made it all in 7 days. Next week we will be looking closer at Adam and Eve. We have loved learning some songs to go with our lessons such as "My God is So Great", and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

Math is a new idea for most of us so we are taking things slow with lots of repetition. We are practicing counting during our calendar time. We count up the days of month as well as keep track of how many days of school we will have this year. The month of September is focused on recognizing and counting to the number 2, the color yellow, and circles.

Literacy has us practicing name recognition as well as tracing. We are also doing activities that will strengthen our finger muscles so we can color and cut with more accuracy. We will be working those finger muscles for this first month of school as we get used to all the procedures and expectations that come with being a preschooler. We will then start looking at a new letter per week making our way from A-Z. Last week we started off the schoolyear with a favorite book, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom. We have moved on to school books and finding examples of good school behavior. Next week we will be looking at books about friends.

Just a reminder, that if you are doing a scholastic book order with Miss Buss, the due date is September 25th. She will be placing the orders the last full week of September.

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome and your help as I quickly transitioned to teaching preschool. If you have any questions or concerns do not be shy, call or text! May God bless you as you go through your week.

PreK is off to a great start!

Last week, we enjoyed getting back together with friends that we haven't seen for the past few months. We have a few new procedures this year that we didn't have last year as preschoolers. Each student, every week, has a class job. It ranges from learning to sweep floors, straighten and put away toys, to helping with the calendar etc. Most are excited about this. They can expect these jobs to change about every two weeks so they each will be able to have their hand at all the jobs this year.

Last week, for religion, we talked about God creating the world and everything in it. We talked about God being powerful and loving. We continue to discuss creation this week as we learn about God creating Adam and Eve. This week we are talking about how much God loves people and also how everyone is different and not the same. We are also focusing on how God took special care in creating Adam and Eve and didn't just speak them into being as he had with everything else.

Math has us focusing the first few weeks of the school year on number recognition and the proper writing of numbers. Last week we worked on writing number 1; this week we are working on writing number 2. As we go through these numbers the kids will start to make their own number flashcards with index cards to have, and use, in future weeks of school. We are also exploring manipulatives that we will be using as we go about the year.

Literacy has us practicing our name writing and also doing activities that will strengthen our finger muscles to improve writing grip. Pretty soon the kids will start to work on also writing their last name with their first name. We have focused on the proper writing of letters (example would be starting at the top and writing down). As we go about this year, we will be doing more "reading" as we start to find sight words in print and blend letter sounds together. So, the kids have been learning that until they can read words, they can in fact read books by looking at the pictures. I have also had them make predictions of what they think will happen next in the story as we work on early reading comprehension strategies.

Just a reminder, that if you are doing a scholastic book order, the due date is September 25th for me. I will be placing the orders the last full week of September. If you have any questions on this please let me know.

As always, have a great few weeks! I leave you with some words that remind you of the beauty of God's plans, creation, and his grandness.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 – He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

It has been fun to see our group of kindergarteners and first graders transition into a more independent and academic-centered setting. The students have been doing very well in taking responsibility for their desks, classroom jobs, and daily routines. Much of our first week was spent adjusting to our new rooms, desks, hall passes, and more. The class quickly found out that even though the room is focused a lot more on academics, there are still plenty of areas for entertaining ourselves between classes. Favorites for boys and girls alike are the Lego table, loft bed, and a large bin of play people and vehicles.

By our second week we were fully into a regular schedule. First grade has been reviewing early reading concepts, basic numbers and shapes, easy independent readers, and more. New for them are introductions to nouns, verbs, and adjectives, and reading with lots of expression; they also are getting use to a daily schedule with relatively little down time. So far it is still fun being a bigger kid, though, and when offered a choice, they will usually push for the harder activity to prove how big they are getting.

Kindergarten has also been reviewing numbers in addition to working through the letter Cc. They are getting used to the idea of telling stories from pictures as a precursor to reading stories daily. Each day they have a wordless book to 'read' to their families. Ks are also building up to writing; they have daily practice at either handwriting or illustrating.

We have introduced both grades to sight words, Spanish numbers, calendar concepts, and more in between our morning classes. Our afternoons alternate between science and phy ed. Our first quarter of science is being spent studying wood and paper. We have already experimented on five different kinds of wood to see which ones are better at floating, which gets dented the easiest with a hammer, which is easy to pound a nail into, and which is easiest to drill. The students get to perform all the experiments themselves (with hand tools only), so we also talk about safety in woodworking.

Mrs. Bunn's most up-to-date classroom information will always be available at www.mrsbunnsclass.weebly.com. Please click on the "Classroom Updates" button to view recent posts.

Welcome parents to another great year! I wanted to take this time and pass on to you a few important pieces of information that will be helpful for the remainder of the school year.

GRADES:

A note containing log in information to track your child's grades(THINKWAVE) will be coming home with them today. If for some reason it gets lost in the shuffle, please feel free to email me and I can send that via email.

COMMUNICATION:

If you haven't had the time to download our new school messaging app, I encourage everyone to do it. If you have a smartphone, head to your app store and find REMIND, school messaging app

STUDENT SUBMISSIONS:

Students have the opportunity to submit assignments online, as well as ask questions directly to me via our classroom page located on our schools webpage. Visit: stjlswrightstown.com, and click on Mr. Raddatz's classroom. As I have told all the kids, questions can be submitted anytime, and I will try and respond within an hour or two. Please note these allows me to send homework assignments home when a student make be sick, or absent.



St. John Lutheran School's mission:

Ignite the love of learning,

Infuse the Word of God,

Inspire tomorrow's leaders

Payment Choice (for those who haven't made a selection)

_____ Electronic Transfer (Done through emailed invoice via Quickbooks)

_____ Electronic Deduction (Authorization Doc. MUST be filled in and signed, \$1 processing fee)
SEE ATTACHMENT at the end of this newsletter and return to Mr. Raddatz

_____ Check

_____ Cash

_____ Credit Card/Debit Card (\$2 processing Fee)

Payment Authorization Form

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Payment Procedures:

You authorize regularly scheduled charges to your checking/savings account or credit card. You will be charged the amount indicated below each billing period. A receipt for each payment will be emailed to you and the charge will appear on your bank statement as an "ACH Debit." You agree that no prior-notification will be provided unless the date or amount changes, in which case you will receive notice from us at least 10 days prior to the payment being collected.

Please complete the information below:

I _____ authorize **St. John Lutheran** to charge my credit card, or bank account
(full name)

noted below for _____ on the _____ of each _____ for payment of student balance.
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Billing Address _____ Phone# _____

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Checking/ Savings Account

Checking Savings

Name on Acct _____

Bank Name _____

Account Number _____

Bank Routing # _____

Bank City/State _____

Credit Card

Visa MasterCard

Amex Discover

Cardholder Name _____

Account Number _____

Exp. Date _____

CVV (3 digit number on back of card) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

I understand that this authorization will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing, and I agree to notify St. John Lutheran in writing of any changes in my account information or termination of this authorization at least 15 days prior to the next billing date. If the above noted payment dates fall on a weekend or holiday, I understand that the payments may be executed on the next business day. For ACH debits to my checking/savings account, I understand that because these are electronic transactions, these funds may be withdrawn from my account as soon as the above noted periodic transaction dates. In the case of an ACH Transaction being rejected for Non Sufficient Funds (NSF) I understand that St. John Lutheran may at its discretion attempt to process the charge again within 10 days, and agree to an additional \$25 charge for each attempt returned NSF which will be initiated as a separate transaction from the authorized recurring payment. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. I certify that I am an authorized user of this credit card/bank account and will not dispute these scheduled transactions with my bank or credit card company; so long as the transactions correspond to the terms indicated in this authorization form