

CRY OF THE CARDINAL

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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October 15th, 2017

DATES TO SAVE

W, Oct 18 – Picture Day

Th, Oct 19 – STEAM Club

Sat, Oct 21 – Trunk or Treat

3pm-6pm @ St. John Church

This is a community event, everyone is invited to join us for food, fun, games, and lots of candy. Friendly completion is welcome if you would like to bring a decorated car.

Oct 26/27 – NO SCHOOL

Oct 29 – Gr 1-8 Sing in Church (10:15am)



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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PARKING DIRECTIONS

A few things to remember about parking on or near St. John School.

- The school side of Clay Street, from the shed to the driveway entrance, is a **NO PARKING ZONE** from **7:30am-8:00am & 2:45pm – 3:00pm**. PLEASE NOTE, BUSES CONTAINING OUR STUDENTS need a safe drop off and pick up location.
- During the hours of **8:00am – 2:45pm** the school side of Clay Street is **STANDING ZONE ONLY**, meaning cars shouldn't be parked, or drivers shouldn't exit their vehicles, it is **PICK UP** only. Due to the amount of traffic on Clay Street, local law enforcement has asked that crossing the street be as easy and as visible to drivers as possible traveling on Clay Street.
- Parking on the left side of the driveway, when entering, is only for **staff**. To allow our students more access to play during the school day, staff park there versus the parking lot which is available for parents or visitors.

School Door Entry

We have installed a new doorbell near the front entry doors. The doorbell can be found inside the silver box attached to the building, on the right side of the front entry doors. Please note there isn't instant access upon ringing the doorbell, however the doors will open within a few moments.

Extended Hours Reminder

We kindly ask that all families remember the policy that was put in place prior to this school year. Any students, not including those riding the bus, who arrive at school before 7:40am, or remain after 3:00pm at school are subject to paying the hourly rates. These rates will appear on the next statements sent out to families. 7:00am-7:40am is \$1.00, 3:00pm-5:00pm is \$2.00 per hour, with a max daily amount of \$5.00. We are not looking to surprise any families when extended hours show up on family account balances. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Raddatz.

Preschool & Prekindergarten (Miss Buss)

Hi!

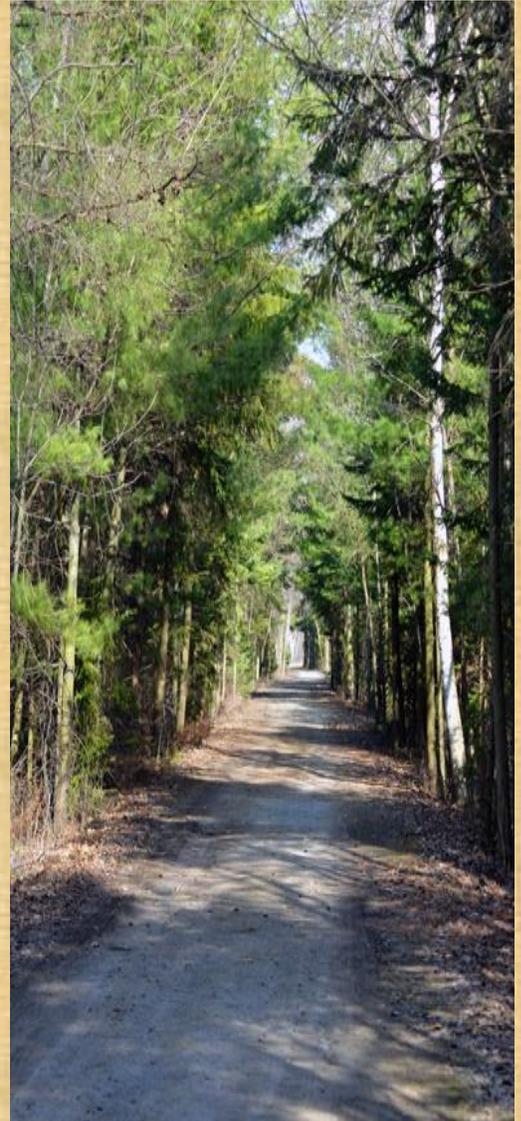
I want to start off by reminding you that we have picture day coming up Wednesday on October 18th. If you are purchasing pictures and would like to turn in your envelopes early I can hold on to them for you and turn them in when pictures are taken. Typically we have our pictures taken pretty early in the morning soon after the school day starts so please make sure that your child is ready to start the school day at 8am.

Second, I want to tell you that we have our first field trip coming up. Mrs. Wicks, Mrs. Bunn, and I will be taking our kids on a joint field trip. We are planning to go to Barkhausen for a nature hike on October 30th. If your child does not attend school normally on Mondays they are still welcome to join us. Please watch for forms coming home in your child's folder. Sign up forms will be sent home soon.

The third upcoming date to know is October 31st. The kids and I will be having a party (time and details will be coming soon) and you will be invited to attend if you like. The kids can also wear costumes that day as well, but please make sure that they are costumes that are easy for the kids to go to the bathroom in. Thanks!

All students are learning about Noah's Ark this week with the theme that God is our Fortress. We are talking about what a fortress is, how a fortress keeps people safe and how God keeps us safe. Then we look at the story of The Flood and see how God kept Noah safe and how he promised to never send another flood. Next week, the kids and I will be talking about how God is our friend, how we talk to a friend, and the concept of prayer. Literacy wise, all students have been working on the letter G. They have been practicing writing it, sounding it out, and identifying it. Next week, we will plan to wrap up letter G and start having the kids learn and work on letter A. All students continue to practice name recognition and name writing skills.

Preschool kids in math are working on learning and identifying the number 3 and the color orange. I have also been throwing numbers 1 and 2 at them as well for number recognition work. We are devoting a lot of time to figuring out patterns, and counting correctly, and counting the number of items in a group correctly. We are also working on identifying items that match and are different, and learning concepts of short and tall
PreK kids in math are working on learning to write numbers. At this point we are up to number 5, and will work on number 6 and 7 next week. The kids are making their own number flashcards for writing practice and number recognition work. We are also working on harder patterns, some days we are starting to learn the different types of coins, and we are also practicing adding and subtracting skills. We continue to learn days and months as well.



Since the kids and I will be discussing God as our friend next week, I am going to leave you with this Bible passage to remind you how much God loves you, and knows you, long before we were even born. Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.” What was true for the prophet Jeremiah is still true for us.

Have a great few weeks!

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Kindergarten (Mrs. Wicks)

Parents, please take note of the special events and schedules that we have coming up at the end of October. Our students are excited about Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 23rd and would love to attend and/or have their family's car entered. School will be off for Thursday and Friday, October 26th and 27th as the teachers head down to Milwaukee for a conference. When we come back on Monday, October 30th, we will head off to Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve for our first field trip of the year. A note was sent home this week asking for chaperones. Please send the note back to indicate whether or not you will be able to join us. Finally, Tuesday, October 31st brings us to our harvest party. Students are allowed to wear their costumes for the day so long as they are able to use the bathroom fairly independently. Parents are allowed to bring in a special snack if they would like. We will abandon some of our regular classes for fun games and crafts.

In the meantime, classes are continuing to provide new challenges. In Literacy, we have been working with beginning, middle, and ending sounds of words. Students have been working on rhymes and getting more and more comfortable recognizing and producing them. We are through our third Superkid unit (Golly) and have started on the fourth (Alf). Every student has been reading small, phonetic based books to our afternoon volunteers. Generally, the books focus on CVC (consonant-short vowel-consonant) words, allowing children to be successful readers even at this early stage. They are not expected to read at a fast pace, but to do their best sounding out letter by letter and then blending the sounds together.

For writing, I have been asking students to sound out some of the words that they want to write in their journal. Every student has been able to pick out at least some of the sounds that their words hold. Some are able to find

enough sounds that their words can be read phonetically. We have also been practicing how to recognize sentences, words, and letters, picking out where each one starts and stops.

In math, we continue to work on number sense. We have been practicing numbers through 50—counting forwards and backwards, finding where our numbers should go on a hundreds-style chart, and using one-to-one correspondence to count pictures and objects. Occasionally, we throw in basic addition using pictures or objects. Patterns, left vs. right, and calendar concepts are practiced on a regular basis.

In God's Word, we have opportunity to work through each lesson for two days in a row. On the second day, students are challenged to see how much of the story they can piece together and whether or not they can connect it to our lives as Christians. As we work through all of God's promises to Abraham, it is wonderful to see their confidence in the promises he gives us.

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Grades 4-8 (Mr. Raddatz)

This year we have undertaken the opportunity to add a few new courses, as well as improve upon current courses. In regards to improvements, we are one of just a few schools in the FVL federation that are able to utilize a native spanish speaking instructor for our highest level spanish course. It should be noted as well that completion of level three spanish should put our students on track to test out of entry level spanish in high school allowing them to focus on additional areas that wouldn't normally be available to them. The novels selected this years for all grades, where purposely chosen to provide a diverse collection of genres to reassure that all of our students have thorough exposure prior to entry in high school.

New courses offered this year include: Greek Mythology, Astronomy, Intro to Greek, Ancient History, and Project Building. Some may initially question the decision of Greek Mythology, however its practical lessons, thought provoking qualities, as well as its rhetoric make it a great piece to a overall classroom curriculum.

Parents I ask that you allow me a little patience. All grades will be entered by Wednesday. Due to corrections, and some adjustments, a vast majority of the daily work that has been turned in is in the process of being corrected.

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Spanish	English
Hola	Hello
Adios	Good Bye
Madre	Mother
Padre	Father
Hermano	Brother
Hermana	Sister

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Invites You to

HALLOWEEN

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 3 - 6PM

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH PARKING LOT

437 Turner Rd, Wrightstown, WI 54180

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN . . .

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED

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LOTS OF CANDY · EVERYTHING'S FREE**

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Ignite the love of learning,

Infuse the Word of God,

Inspire tomorrow's leaders