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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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DATES TO SAVE

Th, Oct 5 – STEAM Club

Th, Oct 19 – STEAM Club

STEAM Club 3pm-4pm

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 29 – Gr 1-8 Sing in Church (10:15am)

SCHOOL NEWS

Wrestling Coaches Wanted

St. John has a long history of offering a great wrestling program for young children. Eric Olp has been leading the team for the last few years but has indicated that he will be unable to play as large of a role in this year's program. We are currently looking for people willing to step in and help teach and coach beginning moves and game principles. Rebecca Wicks is willing to take on the organizational work for the team, so the time commitment would be bi-weekly practices and a few Saturday tournaments. Anyone who is interested in helping out, please contact Rebecca at 920-809-8648 or mrs.rebeccawicks@yahoo.com. We would like to see what we will be able to put together before the season gets closer.

Looking for a way to cut down on tuition costs? Save with Scrip

St. John Lutheran School offers the SCRIP program. Scrip simply involves purchasing gift cards for places that you shop at on a regular basis. Need gas for your car? Purchase a gift card for Kwik Trip, Shell, or BP. Going grocery shopping? We've got cards for Dicks Family Foods, Festival Foods, Piggly Wiggly, and Roundy's (Pick'n'Save/Copps). Everyday needs? Grab a card for WalMart, Target, Shopko, or Kohls. Taking the family out to eat or looking for something off the beaten path? Let us know what you need, and we will see if we can help you save. Every card you buy helps you save money on tuition and helps the school meet its needs.

How does it work? The scrip program sells St. John the cards and certificates at a slight discount, allowing us to sell them to you at face value and still leave a profit. Each company varies the amount of the discount given. Thirty-five percent of the discount can be applied straight to your child(ren)'s tuition: For instance, one family may buy a \$100 Kwik Trip gift card, a \$250 Wal-Mart card, and a \$100 Festival Foods card. Kwik Trip gives us four percent (\$4), Wal-Mart rebates two and a half percent (\$6.25), and Festival gives four percent (\$4). The total rebate for St. John becomes \$14.25. Thirty-five percent gets applied to the family's tuition, saving them \$4.98 with just three gift cards. The family can restock their cards every few weeks, grab extras for Christmas, and ask grandparents if they would like to purchase cards. Some families who

use scrip on a regular basis save hundreds each year on their tuition.

What is available? St. John keeps popular cards in stock and can special order from thousands of companies. If you are interested in buying cards, just stop in to see Mrs. Wicks at the school or after church and ask her what cards are available or visit shopwithscrip.com to see the ever-increasing list of retailers who support Scrip. If you



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are interested in purchasing Scrip online and printing off your own certificates, let us know so that we can help you set up an account.

Does it apply to me? Scrip can be used by anyone at any time. Current school families have Scrip taken off their tuition on a yearly basis. Families who are looking at sending their little one to St. John in the future can start saving now. Those who don't have children in St. John or planning to attend can donate the full amount to the school or to a family in need of tuition assistance. Every bit helps!

Preschool & Prekindergarten (Miss Buss)

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that we are already beginning October! With that, we find the second month of school starting. We are starting to focus more on our learning work vs. our previous emphasis of adjusting to attending school and starting a new school year.

With our warm weather going away, I have my eyes set on the weather that is to come. As we gear up for winter and start to switch over to fall gear here, we will be working on learning how to zip up coats, and how to put them on correctly. After rest time, I have been working with some kiddos on how to put on their socks and their shoes. If your child is learning how to complete these skills, please continue to have them practice at home as well.

Starting this past week, you may have noticed that your child's folder is coming home full. Please check this as often as possible as children are starting to bring home art work and school projects that they are proud of. Also, I have sent home information on Picture day coming up in October. Kiddos in both Preschool and PreK are getting sheets to take home and work on to reiterate concepts like letters and numbers that we are working on during the school day. I typically send these sheets back home again after giving some sort of sticker for work done outside of school.

Preschool and PreK have focused on letter C and O the past few weeks. We have also worked on scissor cutting skills, writing our names, upper and lower case letters, and writing utensil control. For math, Preschool has been focusing on the number 2, sorting colors, and counting with one to one correspondence. PreK for math has focused on numbers 1-3, writing these numbers, colors, counting with one to one correspondence, some have worked on telling time to the hour, sorting coins, and basic addition and subtraction. Preschool and PreK are both learning and/or reviewing months of the year and days of the week during morning calendar time as well as counting.

Our religion story this week talked about the first sin. We discussed how God feels about sin, how sin impacted a perfect world, we talked about Satan being bad and how he doesn't want us to be with God, how Satan tempts us and tempted Adam and Eve, but how God loves us so much that even when he wasn't happy with sin he still sent Jesus to die for us to take away our sins.

SPIRITWARE

We are pleased to announce that St. John carries a full line of spiritware. We offer both short and long sleeve tshirts, hooded sweatshirts, polo's (adults only), and 1/4 zip pull-over jackets.

Tshirts (short) \$12

Tshirts (long) \$16

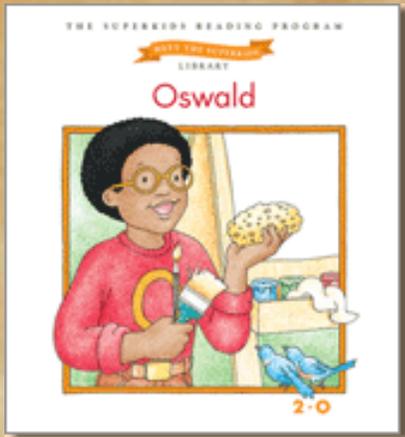
Hooded Sweatshirt \$27

Polo's(nike) \$32

Jackets \$22

Stop in and take a look!





I am going to leave you this time with a few passages from Psalm 97 that I have been thinking about this week while teaching the kids about the first sin. May we be reminded in Psalm 97:5 how powerful and just our God is “The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.” But also let us be reminded of what amazing love he has for us to not only take care of our greatest need (taking away our sin in Jesus) but also giving us so much more! How great he is! Psalm 9:11-12 – Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Blessings on your next few weeks!

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Kindergarten (Mrs. Wicks)

We are wrapping up the first month of school with great progress already being made. In literacy, the kindergarteners are almost done with their second letter, Oswald’s ‘O’. Their handwriting is improving, they are picking out sounds well from spoken words, and they are starting to

think about how to sound out the words they want to write. Our writing lessons have us working on determining the difference between letters, words, and sentences. Students are now encouraged to leave finger spaces between words they practice writing. Reading comprehension has also been improving—the morning Accelerated Reader quizzes are going better and better, and they are able to talk about several details from stories read in class.

In math, we have worked quite a bit on basic number recognition from zero to twenty and handwriting the numbers up to ten. We are now working on numbers up to fifty and are keeping up with patterns, number order, shapes, calendar work, and more.

God’s Word has us going through some of the Abraham stories, highlighting Abraham’s trust and God’s trustworthy promises. We find that Abraham had to take a lot on faith, but was blessed greatly when he trusted in God. Memory work has been going particularly well for many of our friends. We will continue to work on each passage a bit at school and ask that you keep up the great work at home!

One area that has the student’s interest peaked at the moment is world languages. Between our look at world cultures and the fact that we had the tower of Babel story in God’s Word, we have been able to sneak in languages quite a bit. We have learned “Christo Me Ama”, (the first verse of the Spanish “Jesus Loves Me”), “Siyahamba” (“We Are Marching in the Light of God” in Afrikaans), numbers in a couple of languages, and some of the ways people greet each other around the world. The students are fascinated by these languages and can be heard testing them out around the classroom frequently. If you hear odd combinations of sounds at home, chances are they are working on some of their languages!

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Grades 1-3 (Mrs. Bunn)

Please note you will be seeing SuperKids fluency practice papers in your child's take home binder each day. The paper will stay the same for about a week. These passages are to be read daily at home and multiple times. Your child should read it aloud to an adult so they can practice reading at the right volume, pausing where necessary, and using appropriate expression. They should be able to read this piece fluently by the end of the week. In other words, the reading should be perfect. They shouldn't have to stop and think about words, sound them out, etc. Sometimes the text on these papers is the same text we are looking at in school. If your child does not practice, your child will be at a disadvantage when the class is discussing the text. Please make this a routine at home. Stop in if you have any questions about how to use these papers.

You will also start seeing papers in the Friday folder that show what your child has accomplished in regards to their independent learning through centers and using iPads. Each day they have things they need to practice in math and reading and then they choose from centers that have learning games and art explorations. By second quarter, your child should be able to get through the activities on the sheet throughout the course of a week. If you notice that they often don't have these activities checked off, that's a good indication that they could be using their work time better. Students who work efficiently are rewarded with the opportunity to choose what games and activities they do after they have completed their sheet. This week's learning opportunities included XtraMath, Khan Academy, and Epic Books. They also did a sugar art rainbow, phonics and math games. Let me know if you have questions about the extra activities your child does when not in class.

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Grades 4-8 (Mr. Raddatz)

It is hard to believe that we are already beginning our fourth full week of school. I wanted to take a few moments and remind you, parents, about several items that we discussed in our classroom since the school year began. Students SHOULD expect numerous classwork assignments each and every day. Based upon the work habits of each student, the amount of work brought home (homework) can vary greatly. Several different strategies and study habits have been presented and discussed to allow students more opportunity to complete work prior to heading home. However, a student's decision to follow these strategies or guidance is their responsibility.

I would like to further clarify our homework policy, specifically late or missing work. In previous years, and up until fourth quarter of last year, I allowed a free pass for each specific class, meaning if they had a missing or late assignment the only penalty received was a lowered grade for that assignment. The second late or missing assignment was then penalized by a (1) hour after school detention. This year the free pass has been removed, and each late or missing assignment carries a penalty of a (1) hour after school detention. The rationale behind this policy change is developing a higher level of student responsibility.





In addition to working on good study habits and organization, we are also focused on good personal habits as well, the most pressing making good use of time. This quarter we are making use of a (3) strikes policy. The strikes are received for talking out of turn, disrupting class, being off task, interrupting, and treatment of classmates and teachers. Receiving 3 strikes warrants a lunch recess work job, any strikes beyond three yields a (1) hour after school detention.

It is with great excitement that I inform you that nearly all pieces of our upper grades curriculum have been implemented. This year we have added several new social studies pieces such as additional geography classes, ancient history, and greek mythology. We have taken on new novels for literature, and we have also added a new course, introductory to greek, for our eighth graders

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St. John Lutheran School's mission:

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Infuse the Word of God,

Inspire tomorrow's leaders