



The Eagle Connection

All-School Newsletter
Back-to-School Edition Summer 2020

Calendar of Events

Wed, 8/19 – Fri, 8/21

Back-to-School Days

(Sign up for a time slot via the link sent by email)

Mon, 8/24 – Wed, 8/26

Tell the Teacher More Days

(Sign up for a time slot via the link sent by email)

Mon, 8/31

First Day of School K-8

*Remember the new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fri, 9/4

No School

Mon, 9/7

No School

Tues, 9/8

First Day of School PK2 & PK5

*Remember the new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wed, 9/9

First Day of School PK3

*Remember the new school hours are 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sent to Serve

A message from Mrs. Dolan, Administrator

Dear St. John's Eagles,

Amidst the madness of planning...and adjusting...and more planning, I'm so touched by your many generous notes of joy, thankfulness, and support regarding our plans for this upcoming school year! Your words lift my heart and are a reminder that we are doing all of this for our children - one of God's greatest gifts.

We join with Lutheran schools across the nation who will share our same school theme this year *Sent to Serve* based on the words in Matthew 20:28 "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." This year, we will focus on how we serve one another, and I'm certain we will have ample opportunities to do so. Furthermore, as a school, we will focus on how we can serve those beyond our school walls. Look for more information to come as school begins! I'm honored to serve the students and families, our faculty and staff, and St. John's overall. I will be here with you and for you every step of the way as we embark on a slightly new journey this school year. More importantly, the Lord is with all of us as we traverse whatever path He sets before us. I can't WAIT to SEE you in just a few weeks!

In joyful service,
Mrs. Dolan

New School and ESP Hours:

**The new PERMANENT school day hours will be
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

School doors will open at 7:00 a.m.

**The new TEMPORARY ESP hours
(for the 2020-21 school year)
will be 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Back-to-School Days

Wed, Aug 19 – Fri, Aug 21



Back to School Days will look a little differently this year to ensure social distancing practices and to keep everyone safe:

- Sign up for a time slot for your family via the link sent by email
- **One parent from each family will attend the event**
- Turn in all forms (fill them out ahead of time to save time)
- Bring school supplies for all your children and drop them off in the gym
- Make payments and order St. John's red shirts and neck gaiters – **bring your checkbook for all payments**

Back-to-School Checklist

- Forms:** Complete all the forms included in your back-to-school mailing. Yes, there are a lot of forms, but each form is important to set us up for a successful school year. All forms should be turned in during the “Back to School Days” during the time slot you selected on the sign-up.
- School Supplies:** Shop using the list found on www.stjlutherschool.org under Resources. Please drop off all supplies during your Back to School time slot.
- Tuition Payments:** Unless you are paying FULL tuition for the year during the time slot you choose via the sign-up for Back-to-School, you MUST pay tuition through TADS. You will be receiving an email from TADS with the billing statement and will need to set up an account by the week of August 17. If you have questions, see Joe Koehler during your Back to School time slot.
- Other Payments:** Please bring your checkbook for all payments. Be prepared to write out multiple checks because payments must be made to different accounts. Payments for hot lunch, ESP, textbooks and other supplies, St. John's red shirts and neck gaiters can all be made during your Back to School appointment.
- “Tell the Teacher More” Days:** Complete the questionnaire, then participate in this important parent/teacher conversation Aug 24 – 26th. Please sign up using the link sent via email. This conversation will take place virtually for 1st – 8th grade. PreK and Kindergarten conversations will take place at school with one parent, your child, and the teacher. See more information on the next page.
- Pray:** Ask God to guide our students, parents, teachers, and staff as we prepare for a new school year and a “new normal”.

Eagle Spirit Wear

Show your Eagle pride! You will be able to order St. John's red shirts and neck gaiters (a face covering with Eagle Pride – how fun!) during your Back to School appointment. Bring your checkbook to make this order.

Red shirt



Pattern for the neck gaiter



Staffing Changes

Some staff changes are still being finalized and will be announced later, but we do have a few notes to share with you now!

- We are excited to welcome Miss Elizabeth Crawford as our new teacher for grades 5-8! She will primarily teach Language Arts as well as 7/8th Social Studies. She has 14 years of teaching experience and an amazing passion and heart for middle school!
- We are equally excited to welcome Mrs. Stacy Humbert as our PreK teacher for this upcoming year! She has 7 years of teaching experience and a passion for our younger students. We've witnessed this in her willingness to be a beloved substitute teacher here at our school for several years now!
- We thank Mrs. Suzanne Haag for her years of service to St. John's! Her heart and soul will be missed as she moves on to explore other career opportunities. Not to worry, though...she's in our midst since the Haag children are still attending our school. The next time you see her, please join me in thanking her for the care and love she offered to families and students in so many creative ways!
- God grants gifts to all of his people and this is especially noted in the talents of Mrs. Brittany Strohschein, Mrs. Tori Keuhne, and Mrs. Dawn Rolf -- all of whom are helping me to absorb some of Suzanne's past responsibilities. These amazing ladies have stepped up all summer long to maintain a continued degree of excellence in helping our families!
- We are excited that Mrs. Linda Kalk will not only serve as our special education resource teacher through Lutheran Special Education Ministries, but will also help in teaching literacy and writing for 2nd grade this year. She has over 30 years of experience and is licensed in both elementary education and special education.
- We are working to provide full-time aides in our largest classes and will update you when all aide assignments are solidified!

"Tell the Teacher More"

"Tell the Teacher More" Days will be held August 24th – 26th. These mandatory individual meetings between teacher and parents will be offered virtually for families with students in grades 1-8. For PreK and Kindergarten families, an in-person option will be offered to lovingly accommodate our youngest learners' transition into school (since we will limit parent entry).

Prior to the meeting: Complete the yellow form in your back-to-school mailing. This form will be given to your child's teacher as a reference throughout the school year. You may use it as a guide during your virtual meeting and give it to your child's teacher on the first day of school. You will receive classroom information during your time slot at Back to School Days, so you may peruse that prior to your scheduled time and jot down any questions to ask during your meeting.

At the "Tell the Teacher More Day" meeting: Your child's teacher will send you a link for the virtual meeting. A timer will be set for 20 minutes to honor everyone's time, so please don't be late to joining the virtual meeting!

For PreK and Kindergarten, one parent and the student will attend the in-person meeting. These meetings will be 30 minutes long in your child's classroom.



We would love for you to come worship with us at St. John's!

Gathering for Divine Services has resumed

Maximum Attendance Increased to 75

- Sunday 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
- Monday 7:00 P.M.

8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship is live streamed.

Visit stjlutheranchurch.org to sign up for a service time or watch the Sunday morning live stream.



ESP Assistants Needed

Come join the ESP team! We are seeking many ESP assistants for the 2020/2021 school year! The assistant roles are hourly and flexible, perfect for adults or high school students. Spread the word! Questions? Contact Mrs. Kuehne at Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org or 763-420-2426 ext 37.



Tips for Mask Wearing

Here are some tips for what you can do to help your child become comfortable wearing a mask:

- Give your child opportunities to express their feelings and/or concerns about wearing a mask.
- Practice wearing a mask at home. Start with 10-minute increments throughout the day and build up to longer time periods. Maybe schedule 'mask wearing times', so your child knows when to expect wearing a mask at home.
- Make a mask together. Your child could pick out a tee-shirt or bandana to use for a no-sew mask. If you sew a mask, your child can pick out the fabric or pattern.
- Have a few masks handy for your child to wear or play with so they become familiar with masks being easily accessible and on hand.
- For younger children, make a mask for their dolls or stuffed animals.
- For younger children, make masks fun with pretend play. Play doctor or nurse while you wear your masks at home.
- Pray with your child. Ask God to protect our neighbors and keep everyone safe during these different times. Remind your child that God is with them and loves them very much!

**St. John's COVID-19 Return to Campus Plan and
St. John's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan can be found at
www.stjlutheranschool.org.**