

Calendar of Events

Fri, 10/30



Spirit Day Theme: Dress Up as something that starts with the first letter in your name

Tues, 11/3

Band Day
Remember your instruments

Fri, 11/6

Chapel at 8:15 a.m.
Live Stream online
Fun First Friday – There will be a fun surprise during the day!



Spirit Day Theme: Color By Grade
(see the next page for info)

Thurs, 11/12

Picture Retake Day

SAVE THE DATE:

Fri, 11/13

St. John's Virtual Gala

From the desk of

Mrs. Dolan

Eagle Community Building

Dear Families,

Know what it feels like to have one of those glorious days when things click into place, your vision for something is fulfilled, and the world around you feels like a happy place in which to be? For me, that happened last Friday in our school building! With a focus on the steady building of a positive school culture and the social emotional well-being of our students, we've been working to provide time for students to empathize and socialize. As previously shared regarding the Danish approach to this known as "klassens tid", every teacher has now set aside weekly time for *Eagle Community Building* (ECB). We debuted this last Friday with a rousing "Freeze Dance" activity in all grades and captured some great video and photos of students' spending time together simply having fun! Going forward, we have a structure and cadence for what ECB will look like each week.

As a principal, I've also been working to spend time with classes on a more individual basis to get to know the students and their class dynamics. To do this, I've been joining classes casually at lunch to talk with them or read to them. Last Friday, while eating with the 4th graders, one of the students said, "Mrs. Dolan, why are we getting to do so many fun things at school?" I answered that part of caring for each other is taking time to listen to one another and enjoy fun activities together! I asked the class what it means to be a community and they answered perfectly when cued: 1) we are part of God's family, 2) we are St. John's Eagles together as a school family, 3) each class is a family, and 4) many of us have family members throughout the building with whom we live! In all of these family scenarios, it is important that we pray, learn, and play!

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Mrs. Dolan's Letter continued...

I had the privilege of watching this come to life with the 8th grade class as I led them through ECB. Our "freeze dance" activity became a full dance party with break dancing, line dancing, and acrobatics. Students let loose and cheered for each other! I felt joy watching them pause their daily schedule for 15 minutes to simply enjoy the company of one another and let go of worrying about what someone else was thinking of them.

As shared from an online blog, when we spend time in the week with "everyone together, welcoming each person, sharing news, listening to individual voices, and communicating as a caring group, we make several powerful statements. We say that every person counts. We say that the way we interact individually and as a group is significant. We say that our classroom culture is one of friendliness and thoughtfulness. We say that we can accomplish hard work and make important discoveries together. We say that teachers hold authority, even though they are part of the circle. We say that this is a place where courtesy and warmth and safety reign -- a place of respect for all." Last week it began with something light-hearted and fun, and it will grow and develop as we carry it forward within our classrooms and school.

In the coming weeks, I will share about each component of Eagle Community Building (ECB) and unpack the thinking behind the methodology. Ask your students at the end of the week about this time together because tomorrow may just be another fun day!

In joyful service,
Mrs. Dolan



Chapel Services

Join us for Live Stream Chapel services at 8:15 a.m. on Friday. You can watch the Chapel service online (just like the students at school) by going to this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/STJLutheran/>

Learn.Pray.Grow for next week can be found at the end of the newsletter...

Spirit Day on Friday, November 6

Our school is going to be very colorful on this Friday! Every grade has been assigned a color to wear. Wear as much of the color as you can to show your school spirit and participate in this fun spirit day.

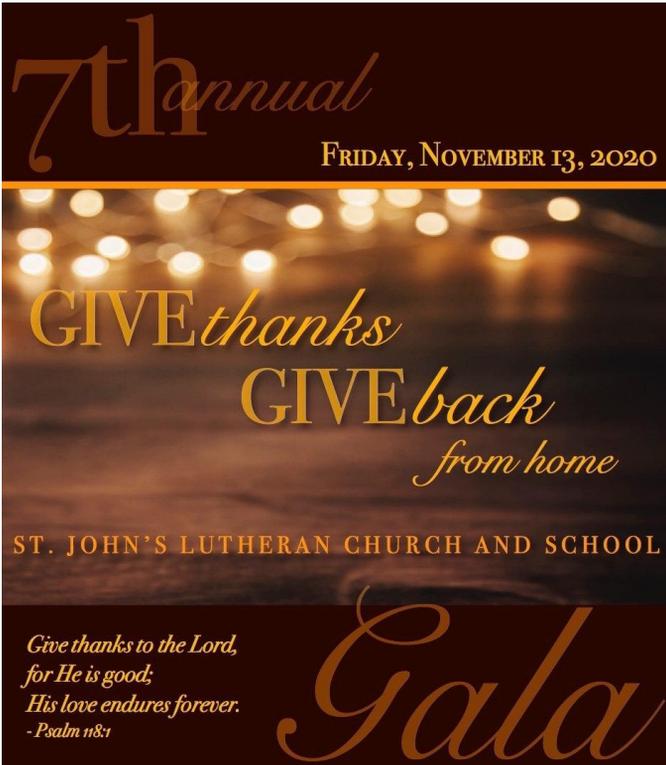
PreK – Red	4 th grade – Violet/Purple
Kindergarten – Orange	5 th Grade – White
1 st Grade – Yellow	6 th Grade – Blue
2 nd grade – Green	7 th Grade – Gray
3 rd grade – Blue	8 th Grade – Black



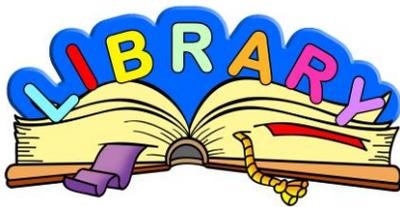
Watch for Spirit Day announcements in the newsletter every week.

SAVE THE DATE:

**St. John's Virtual Gala on
Friday, November 13**



Watch for more information in the coming days about the Gala and how to register.



The Library is Open!

The students of St. John's have been overjoyed by the opportunity to check out books once again from their school library. Following our new health procedures this year we have adapted our library protocols. Students are checking out books every other week to split up the classes and allow for social distancing. Our volunteer librarian brings a variety of books requested by students and teachers to each classroom. 

Eagle Pride: Mrs. Peterson



We want to say a big THANK YOU to our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Peterson! Thank you, Mrs. Peterson for the care and devotion you show to your students every day. They love school and love having you as a teacher! Your students learn so much through the fun and engaging activities you plan. Thank you for your excellent teaching! You ensure that all your students are growing academically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We appreciate you so much!



(While we will only feature one person or group each week in this Eagle Pride section, we are proud of our ENTIRE Eagle family.)

Students then have the opportunity to check out books one at a time throughout the day. Returned books sit for 72 hours prior to being recirculated. It has been a great joy to students and staff to be able check out books again. If your students are interested in particular books, topics, or series, please encourage them to tell their teachers or the librarian, Mrs. Woodgate. We are continuing to add new books and adapt in these times to help bring the best library experience to our students!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The 21st week after Trinity: Nov. 1- 7, 2020



LEARN-BY-HEART

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Bible Verse

3rd gr+ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
And between your offspring and her offspring;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise his heel. (Genesis 3:15)

The Second Article of The Apostles' Creed

PreK+ And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

- 1st gr+ 1. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
Begotten of the Father from eternity,
And also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,
Is my Lord,
2. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
Purchased and won me from all sins,
From death and from the power of the devil;
Not with gold or silver,
But with His holy, precious blood
And with His innocent suffering and death,



PRAYERS

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, and for our teachers and
students who begin a new week of school

- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands and wives, for all parents and children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word
- Thu ...for our Church and our pastors, for our teachers, for our missionaries, for all who serve and volunteer at St. John's
- Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick and dying
- Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service tomorrow



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Micah 6:6-8
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Matthew 18:21-35



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" (*LSB* 607)
 School Hymn of the Month "I Walk in Danger All the Way" (*LSB* 716)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Our new hymn of the month for November wonderfully connects our Catechism work. We've finished the First Article with God's defense and guarding us in body and soul. Now we move into God's *redeeming* work, saving us from the devil through His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. This hymn does a great job teaching us why we need such saving.

1. I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me
 That Satan, who has marked his prey, is plotting to deceive me.
 This foe with hidden snares
 May seize me unawares
 If I should fail to watch and pray.
 I walk in danger all the way.

2. I pass through trials all the way, with sin and ills contending;
 In patience I must bear each day the cross of God's own sending.
 When in adversity
 I know not where to flee,
 When storms of woe my soul dismay,
 I pass through trials all the way.