

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WHAT A NIGHT!

Dear St. John's Families,

Back-to-School Night 2026 was a wonderful success, and it was SO good to have our hallways again filled with students, families, teachers, and plenty of Eagle spirit as we prepare to begin another school year together.

Families had a chance to visit classrooms, drop off school supplies, pick up textbooks, take school pictures with Slow Road Photography, visit information tables, learn about volunteer opportunities, grab some STJ gear, and stop for a few fun photo ops along the way. Dr. Skura also shared important information for the year ahead during three family sessions, and our 7th and 8th grade families met with Mr. Peterman to begin talking about the exciting Washington, D.C. trip ahead.

And, of course, the grill was going in the back parking lot! A big thank you to our Board of Education for serving brats, hot dogs, and other goodies to our families throughout the evening.

Most of all, thank you to all of our St. John's families who joined us and to the many faculty, staff members, board members, volunteers, and others who helped make the evening possible. Back-to-School Night is fun, but it also gives us an important opportunity to reconnect, get organized, ask questions, and make sure everyone feels rooted (see what I did there??) and ready for the year ahead.

The classrooms are ready. The backpacks are packed. And after seeing so many of you last night, we're even MORE excited to officially welcome our Eagles back!

Here's to a wonderful 2026-2027 school year at St. John's!

A large, 3D, red graphic of the word "WOW!" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters have a metallic sheen and are arranged in a slightly staggered, dynamic layout, with the exclamation mark being particularly prominent.



SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS

Students and staff will be participating in safety drills throughout the year, including fire drills, severe weather drills, and intruder drills. **Fire drills and intruder drills are scheduled to begin the first few weeks of school.**

St. John's utilizes ALICE (ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE) as the proactive strategies used in the event of an intruder.

Students in grades Preschool - 8th grade are trained on these strategies. This training, however, will differ based on age-appropriateness.

Intruder drills will include simple classroom drills and all-school drills. All intruder drills are **announced to students in advance**, and students will always know that they are participating in a **practice** drill.

The goal of intruders drills will be for faculty and students to practice safely evacuating the building and/or locking down in a classroom. At no time during any drill will simulations be used.

1ST DAY PHOTO OPS

Parents, feel free to take advantage of our fun photo ops to snap a picture of your child on his/her first day of school! We'll have our STJ banner and other props still up and ready for your use. If you post any of your pics to social media, be sure to tag us at @stjleagles.

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

Our first Learn. Pray. Grow. of the year is **included with this newsletter**. Feel free to get a head start on your memorization. Reminder: Preschool-8th grade participate in LPG.

OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Our opening chapel service will be THIS Monday, August 31st at 8:30am. All parents and family are welcome to attend!

CHAPEL OFFERING PROJECTS

Each term we adopt a special project to support with our weekly chapel offering. We hope you'll help us support these incredibly worthwhile projects!

- **Term 1:** Supporting Gillette Children's Hospital with the Jared Box Project
- **Term 2:** Hygiene kits and supplies for the homeless encampments
- **Term 3:** Flowers and decorated pots for St. John's homebound members

DIGITAL OPTION FOR CHAPEL OFFERINGS

We know families don't always have cash on hand, so chapel offerings may now be given digitally! Families may make a one-time gift or set up recurring [contributions online](#).

Whether your child brings an offering to chapel or your family gives digitally, thank you for helping our students put their faith into action through these worthwhile projects!





CARLINE PROCEDURES FOR NEW & RETURNING FAMILIES

Are you new to St. John's and wondering how carline will go each afternoon? Are you a returning family and just need a reminder? Well wonder no more!

Each afternoon, PS-8th grade parents picking up their children via carline begin arriving between 2:00-3:00pm.

Here's what to do next.

- Enter the STJ parking lot from the Mystique Dr. entrance.
- Proceed to the end of the far parking spaces (see top picture).
 - Cars will form multiple lines perpendicular to the parking spaces.
- Wait for an STJ staff member to signal the start of carline and then line by line, slowly drive up to the building curb.
 - Show your family sign to the staff member as you pass him/her so that your child can be summoned from the gym
- Once at the curb, park as far up as possible (see bottom picture) and place your family sign in the passenger-side window for staff to see.
 - Be sure to avoid the crosswalk.
 - Typically, 4-5 cars can fit along the curb.
- Children will enter vehicles from the curb.

- For those parents needing to assist their child with safety harnesses, please have your child sit down in his/her seat and then proceed to a parking space to assist him or her. Do not assist while parked at the curb.



ESP FAMILIES, READ THIS!!

ESP hopes to provide full-day care on many of the days when school is scheduled to be closed. However, there must be at least 12 students scheduled two weeks before the closure *and* there must be sufficient staff available.

Take a moment now to complete this very short form to let Mrs. Harken know if you need ESP while school is closed on October 15 and 16. The deadline to do so is 9am Thursday, October 1st.

NO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 4 & 7

Parents, keep in mind that the first two weeks of the 2026/27 school year are short - only four days long. There will be no school on Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



FALL ADULT CATECHISM CLASS - ALL WELCOME

Are you looking to become a communicant member of St. John's? Are you a recent LCMS transfer who would like to get to know others here in a small-class environment? Are you a long-time member who would like a Catechism-refresh? Now is your chance! If you or someone you know would like to take Pastor Moss's Adult Catechism Class, please contact him at pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org ASAP so we can schedule and start another ~12 week session.

THE SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!

Start the year off strong with new STJ spirit wear! Our Spirit Store is currently open now through September 6th, and fun, new merchandise has been added. Orders placed by the Sept. 6th closing date will arrive at St. John's a few weeks after the start of school.

IMPORTANT LITTLE UPDATES

- We will NOT be serving lunch at Grandparents Day this year. It will still be a half-day of school, however.
- Small Business Day will take place on Friday, December 4 instead of November as in years past and will be a great opportunity for students to do some Christmas shopping!
- We're going back to paper field trip forms!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for St. John's Chipotle Night on Tuesday, September 29, from 4–8 p.m. at the Maple Grove location on 70th Way. Chipotle will donate 25% of qualifying event sales to our school, so plan to give yourself a night off from cooking while supporting St. John's!

26/27 STUDENT COUNCIL

Parents, please make sure your 3rd – 8th grade children know that we'll be gearing up for a new Student Council soon after school begins.

Students in grades 3rd–8th may run for class representatives; students in 7th and 8th grade may run for offices.

- **Sept. 14–18:** Campaigning and posters
- **Sept. 21–25:** Voting
- **Sept. 25:** Election results announced

TEE UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Grab your clubs and gather your foursome for the 13th Annual St. John's Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 19, at Rush Creek Golf Club! Enjoy a fun day of golf, friendly competition, dinner, and prizes—all while supporting tuition assistance and school improvement projects at St. John's. Registration is \$150 per golfer.

Register today and join us on the course!



PS-8TH GRADE MUSIC PERFORMANCE DATES

All students in preschool-8th grade participate in singing in chapel at school and/or Sunday Divine Service at St. John's Lutheran Church.

- **Friday, Oct. 2: 5th-8th** sing in chapel
- **Sunday, Oct. 4: 5th-8th** sing in the 10:30am Divine Service
- **Friday, Oct. 9: K-4** sing in chapel
- **Sunday, Oct. 11: K-4** sing in the 8am Divine Service
- **Friday, Nov. 6: 8th grade** handbells perform in chapel
- **Sunday, Nov. 8: 8th grade** handbells perform in 10:30am Divine Service
- **Friday, Nov. 13: All students** sing at Grandparents Day program
- **Thursday, Dec. 17: All students** sing in the Christmas Concert (1:30 & 6pm)
- **Sunday, Jan. 24: All students** sing in the 8am or 10:30am Divine Service
- **Friday, Mar. 5: 5th-6th** sings in chapel
- **Sunday, Mar. 7: 5th-6th** sings in the 8am Divine Service
- **Friday, Mar. 12: All students** participate in school musical (1:30 & 6pm)
- **Friday, Apr. 23: K-4** sings in chapel
- **Sunday, Apr. 25: K-4** sings in 10:30am Divine Service
- **Friday, May 21: 8th grade** handbells perform in chapel
- **Sunday, May 23: 8th grade** handbells perform in 8am Divine Service
- **Thursday, May 27: All students** perform at closing service

Students singing on Sundays should be in the music room at 7:45am if singing at 8am or at 10:15am if singing at 10:30am.

If you have any questions you may contact Sarah.Carter@stjlutheran.org if your child is in K-2 or Katie.Moss@stjlutheran.org if your child is in 3-8. Preschool families may reach out to their child's teacher.

JOIN US IN THE PARADE!

St. John's is participating in the Osseo Lions Roar parades this summer, and we want YOU to join us!

Grab your St. John's gear, put on some comfortable walking shoes, and enjoy a fun evening together as we connect with the community and share a little St. John's spirit. Light snacks and water will be available.

Who: Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, current, future, and former students are all welcome!! Feel free to participate in one or both of the parades!

What: We'll have a decorated trailer pulled by a truck.

When: Sat., Sep. 12 at 12:00pm

Sign up to participate [here](#).



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, August 28

- Tell the Teacher More meetings

Monday, August 31

- 7am Doors open for K-8th grade
- 7:30am Breakfast served
- 7:30am Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast for parents
- 8am School begins!
- 3pm Dismissal/ESP
- 7pm Divine Service

Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

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Thursday, September 3

- Student Council nominations open

Friday, September 4

- No School

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates



- **September 7:** Labor Day - No school
- **September 8:** 1st day of school for 5-day preschoolers; Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- **September 9:** 1st day of school for 2- and 3-day preschoolers; Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- **September 10:** School pictures available online
- **September 11:** Student Council nominations due
- **September 12:** Osseo Lions Roar parade

Mrs. Anderson says...

I really hope you'll
join us in walking in
the parade!





SEPTEMBER 2026



This calendar is meant to be helpful; it is NOT the official school calendar. The [official school calendar](#) is located on our website.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 K-8 1 st day of school Chapel	1	2	3 StudentCo nominations open	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 5-day preschool 1 st day PTL meeting	9 2- & 3-day preschool 1 st day	10 School pictures available - check your email	11 StuCo nominations due Chapel	12 Osseo Lion's Roar Parade
13	14 StuCol campaigning	15 BOE meeting	16 5th/6th LIC trip	17	18 Chapel	19 13th Annual Golf Tournament
20	21 StuCo voting & elections MAP testing begins	22	23	24	25 New StuCo announced Chapel	26
27	28 MAP testing continues	29 Chipotle fundraiser Feast of St. Michael DS	30	1	2 Chapel	3

Notes

Athletic practices and events may be found [HERE](#).

StuCo = Student Council; DS = Divine Service

Be on the lookout for numerous **October** events, including

- Wellness Month
- PS field trip (Oct. 7)
- Mid-term (Oct. 9)
- MEA/Fall break (Oct. 15-16, 19)
- Delayed start (Oct. 20)
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Trunk or Treat (Oct. 24)
- Picture retake day (Oct. 28)



STJL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The St. John's Lutheran School Board of Education consists of the the following:

- Chairperson: Bonnie Radintz
- Vice Chair: Jim Peterson
- Deacon: Grant Birznieks
- Deacon: Gary Volberding
- Deacon: Stu Glock
- Secretary: Brenna Koehler
- Candace Fisher
- Davey Kulberg
- Krista Anderson
- Ex officio: Kristen Skura
- Ex officio: Tori Kuehne

Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

BOE agendas and approved minutes are available in FACTS.

WHERE DO I FIND...?

- [FACTS family portal](#) (Use code SJL-MN)
- [School calendars](#)
- [Hot lunch menu](#)
- [ESP sign up](#)
- [Continuous Connection survey](#)
- [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Join us for worship each Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church!

- Divine Service 8:00 & 10:30am
- Adult Bible study 9:30am
- Sunday school 9:30am

QUICK REFERENCE

- Report absences, early dismissals, and late arrivals to **attendance@stjluthेरanschool.org**
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to **pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org**
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to **library@stjluthेरan.org**
- Volunteer to help in the library by clicking **[HERE](#)**.

BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!



OUR MISSION

The mission of St. John's Lutheran School & Preschool is to nurture young people through God's Word, sound Lutheran doctrine and worship, and a strong academic foundation. Our goal is to equip students to lead their lives as God's baptized children in this world and to carry out Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations."

(Matthew 28:19)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Thirteenth Week after Trinity: Aug 31 - Sep 5, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K + **Prov. 3:5** - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

1 John 4:3 - Sin is lawlessness.

First Commandment

PreK+ 1. You shall have no other gods.

1st gr.+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Second Commandment

PreK+ 2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

2nd gr.+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God
so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts,
lie or deceive by His name,
but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr.+ **Psalm 90:1-2** - Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations...
From everlasting to everlasting You are God.



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 & pastors, for our teachers, for our missionaries, for all who serve & volunteer at St. John's

Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for the sick & 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



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 - Offerings of Firstfruits and Tithes

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 - The Cheerful Giver

Luke 12:13-21 - The Parable of the Rich Fool



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day “Evening and Morning” (*LSB* 726)

School Hymn of the Month: “These Are the Holy Ten Commands” (*LSB* 581)

School Year Theme Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head” (*LSB* 647)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

Invocation - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

Recite - the Apostles’ Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

Read and Discuss - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

Pray - the Lord’s Prayer, Luther’s morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

Sing a hymn - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Luther’s Morning & Evening Prayers

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night
from all harm and danger;
and I pray that You would keep me
this day also from sin and every evil,
that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
That the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong,
and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

BOOHOO/ YAHOO

★ *Back To School Coffee & Donuts!!*

Some of you may be crying, teary eyed and blue. some of you may be cheering, "I'm glad that summer is through!"

Whatever your mood, the St. John's PTL is here for you!



JOIN US!

LOOK FOR US OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL AFTER YOU DROP OFF ON THE FIRST DAY. WE WILL HAVE COFFEE, DONUTS, AND CONVERSATION!

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

MON 8/31/26 K-8

TUE 9/08/26 PRE-K (5-DAY)

WED 9/09/26 PRE-K (2 & 3 DAY)

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ST. JOHN'S
13TH ANNUAL

CHARITY
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Register
Today

Contests Steak Dinner Prizes



SATURDAY
September 19th, 2026
RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB
(Maple Grove)

12:30 pm Check In
& Range Balls

2:00 pm Shotgun
Scramble Start

6:30 pm Dinner & Awards



\$150 Per Golfer
(18 Holes, Golf Cart & Dinner)

SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE!

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT Tuition Assistance
and School Enhancements!**

Contact St. John's PTL with Questions - PTL@stjlutheran.org



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL
— C O R C O R A N —



2026 Charity Golf Tournament SPONSORSHIP MENU

Title SPONSOR \$5,000



- 1) Sixteen (16) Golf and dinner package registrations at the tournament.
- 2) An exclusive promotional table at a tee box on tournament day to promote your business.
- 3) Business recognition in the event program, marketing materials, websites, and social media.
- 4) Sponsorship acknowledgement during the welcome announcements and awards ceremony.
- 5) Dedicated Title sponsor logo banner at registration/check-in.
- 6) Two-minutes of speaking time during dinner.

***Golf participants included.**

Reception SPONSOR \$2,500



- 1) Eight (8) Golf and dinner package registrations at the tournament.
- 2) An exclusive promotional table at a tee box on tournament day to promote your business.
- 3) Business recognition in the event program, marketing materials, websites, and social media.
- 4) Sponsorship acknowledgement during awards ceremony.
- 5) Dedicated Reception sponsor logo banner and centerpiece signage in the reception hall.

***Golf participants included.**

Team SPONSOR \$1,000



- 1) Four (4) Golf and dinner package registrations at the tournament.
- 2) An exclusive promotional table at a tee box on tournament day to promote your business.
- 3) Opportunity to provide an item for each participant gift bag.
- 4) Company logo in the event program, marketing materials, website, and social media.

***Golf participants included.**

Promotional SPONSOR \$500



- 1) Two (2) Golf and dinner package registrations at the tournament.
- 2) Shared promotional table at a tee box on tournament day to promote your business.
- 3) Opportunity to provide an item for each participant gift bag.
- 4) Business Name listed in the event program, marketing materials, website, and social media.

***Golf participants included.**

Hole SPONSOR \$250



- 1) Shared promotional table at a tee box on tournament day to promote your business.
- 2) Opportunity to provide an item for each participant gift bag.
- 3) Business Name listed in the event program, marketing materials, website, and social media.

RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB - SEPTEMBER 19th, 2026

The Deadline for ALL Sponsor Registration is September 1st, 2026.

****All sponsors must have logos submitted NO LATER than
August 15th, 2026 for event signage. ****

Beverage Cart SPONSOR

\$500



- 1) Company Logo and recognition at one of the beverage carts.
- 2) Exclusive company logo Koozie's at the beverage carts.
- 3) Opportunity to provide an item for each participant gift bag.
- 4) Business Name listed in the event program, marketing materials, website, and on social media.

Golf Cart SPONSOR

\$500



- 1) Company Logo on ALL participant golf carts.
- 2) Opportunity to provide an item for each participant gift bag.
- 3) Business Name listed in the event program, marketing materials, website, and on social media.

Pin Flag SPONSOR

\$250



- 1) Custom Pin Flag at Two of the holes.
- 2) Logo on Golf Status App for that same hole.
- 3) Opportunity to provide an item for each participant gift bag.
- 4) Business Name listed in the event program, marketing materials, website, and on social media.

SWAG Bag SPONSOR

\$250



- 1) Custom printed swag bags with company logo.
- 2) Opportunity to include promotional materials in each golfer swag bag.
- 3) Business Name listed in the event program, marketing materials, website, and on social media.

Company

Website

Email

Phone

Contact Name

Checks payable to: St John's PTL

St John's Lutheran Church and School

Attn: PTL Golf Committee

9141 County Rd 101. Corcoran MN 55340

All proceeds benefit St. John's Tuition Assistance and school enhancements.

Thank you, for your support!

Have Questions?

Contact Jamie Peterson

PTL@stjlutheran.org or 612-481-3904

