

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE STJ HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Dear Families,

St. John's is beginning an important conversation about the future of our hot lunch program—and we need your input.

Currently, our school participates in the National School Lunch Program and the Minnesota Free School Meals Program, which provide breakfast and lunch to every K–8 student at no charge. To ensure consistent kitchen staffing and meet the many requirements of these programs, we contract with New Horizon Foods.

Unfortunately, the government reimbursements we receive do not cover the full cost of providing these meals. St. John's must make up the difference, and the amount our school contributes continues to grow each year. With our New Horizon Foods contract nearing its end, we must carefully consider what our meal program should look like moving forward.

Our short survey (only 5 questions) asks families about the importance of breakfast, hot lunch, milk for cold lunch, nutritional quality, affordability, and student preferences. It also asks how a potential meal cost could affect your family's participation.

Most importantly, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Is there an option we should explore or something we may not have considered? Please share it with us! Your honest feedback will help us better understand the needs of our families as we work toward a financially responsible plan that serves our students well.

**Please take a few minutes to
complete the Hot Lunch
Survey.**

Thank you for helping us
thoughtfully plan for the future!





SMALL BOXES, BIG SMILES!

Our first-term chapel offerings will support The Jared Box Project! These shoebox-sized containers are filled with toys, games and activities to comfort children during hospital stays. Our offerings will help provide Jared Boxes for children at Gillette Children's in St. Paul.

Families are also invited to pack their own Jared Box and return it to Miss Fuhrman for delivery. **Check out the flyers included with this newsletter** to learn more about this year's chapel offering and service projects—and for step-by-step instructions to make a Jared Box of your own!

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!

YOUR DINNER CAN GIVE BACK

Burritos, bowls, tacos—and support for St. John's! Join us at Chipotle in Maple Grove on Tuesday, September 29, from 4–8 p.m. Twenty-five percent of qualifying event sales will be donated to our school. Make plans with another St. John's family and help us have a strong turnout!

ESP FAMILIES - READ THIS...

All families picking up children from ESP **MUST park in the back parking lot and enter through door 7.** Please do not use the school's front entrance for ESP pickup.

Upon entering door 7, **you MUST first stop in the main ESP room to sign out your children, including preschool students.** You may then collect your children.

Following these procedures is essential for maintaining accurate attendance records and ensuring every child's safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

...AND THIS!



- The subscription registration deadline is Wed., Sept. 30. Families must schedule their child via Sign Up Genius after this date.
- **If you have chosen the subscription option you DO NOT have to schedule your child via SignUp Genius UNLESS he/she is coming on a day that IS NOT part of his/her subscription.**
- Students must be scheduled for ESP if they are staying after school (excluding school sports and activities).
- For the safety of students with nut allergies, ESP is a nut-free program. Your child may choose to bring a snack from home if it is nut-free or they may enjoy a snack provided by ESP.
- The deadline to request all-day care for MEA/fall break is 9am on Thursday, October 1st.



LIBRARY BEGINS SOON!

Library begins soon, and we are excited and ready to welcome students back and to share the new books added over the summer (you can [view our library catalogue HERE](#))!

- Library visits begin Wednesday, Sept. 16
- PS-4th grade visit on Wednesdays, and 5th-8th grade visit on Fridays.
- Books are due one week from their check-out date.
 - If school is closed or a student is absent on library day, books will be due the following library day.
- K-8th should return books via the dropbox (located outside the library or in the front lobby each Wednesday morning). PK returns them in their classroom bin.
- To renew a book, simply bring it with you to your scheduled library time.
- To reserve a book, speak to a librarian or contact library@stjlutheran.org.
 - Reserved books will be available at the library desk.
- Overdue slips are sent home weekly.
- K-8th overdue fines accrue at \$0.05 each day they are late; PS does not accrue fines.
- Lost book fees are collected at the end of each trimester via FACTS.
- Always feel free to recommend new books!
- If **YOU** would like to volunteer in the library and assist students checking out books, [sign up HERE](#)!

See you on the 16th, Eagles!!

AN UPDATE ON MISSIONARY JANINE

A few years ago we supported Janine Foggia, who happens to be a former STJ student, for an entire school year with our chapel offerings as she served in Costa Rica as a missionary.

We are happy to share that Janine is still serving our Lord by sharing His Word and love with others, but she's no longer in Costa Rica...she's in Hong Kong!

She writes, "As with any cross-cultural move, it takes a while for the pieces to fall into place and settle into a new rhythm. While I have yet to step into my full schedule (serving at 3 high schools & a grade school each week!), I'm energized by the work ahead that God has prepared. From introducing youngsters to Jesus to co-hosting an English cafe for high schoolers to participating in student Bible fellowships, there will be no shortage of opportunities for connection."

Please continue to keep Janine in your prayers, along with the children and adults she serves.

If you'd like to learn more about her missionary adventures, feel free to email her directly at janine.foggia@missionofchrist.org to request being placed on her newsletter emails.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT...

...to register 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!

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS CONTINUE

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 continue the first few weeks of school.**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SOON!

Nominations close TOMORROW!

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

Students may visit the front desk or their teacher for a nomination form.

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

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all of our Golf Charity Event sponsors! Your generosity makes this special event possible and supports the students and mission of St. John's. We are truly grateful for your partnership and support!

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, September 11

- 8:15am Chapel
- 3:15pm C soccer practice
- 3:45pm Cross country meet at Twin Lakes Park

Saturday, September 12

- 12pm Osseo Lions Roar parade

Monday, September 14

- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:30pm A & B volleyball practice

Tuesday, September 15

- 3:30pm A, B, & C soccer practice
- 4:15pm A volleyball vs. Holy Trinity
- 5:15pm B volleyball vs. Holy Trinity
- 7pm Board of Edu. meeting

Wednesday, September 16

- 8:05am 5th/6th grade leave for LIC
- 3:30pm Cross country practice

Thursday, September 17

- 5th/6th grade at LIC
- 4:15pm A soccer vs. King of Grace
- 4:15pm A volleyball at CCLS

Friday, September 18

- 5th/6th grade returning from LIC
- 8:15am Chapel
- 3:45pm Cross country meet at Crown Christian

Saturday, September 19

- 12:30pm 13th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates



- **September 21-October 2:** MAP testing (K-8)
- **September 29:** Chipotle fundraiser
- **October 2:** 5th-8th grade sings in chapel
- **October 4:** 5th-8th grade sings at 10:30am Divine Service
- **October 7:** Preschool field trip
- **October 9:** Mid-term; K-4th singing in chapel
- **October 11:** K-4th singing at 8am Divine Service

Mrs. Anderson says...

See you at the
Osseo parade **THIS**
Saturday!





SEPT./OCT. 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
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	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 Chapel • 5th-8th singing	Oct. 3
Oct. 4 5th-8th singing at 10:30am service	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7 PS Field trip to Dehn's	Oct. 8	Oct. 9 Mid-Term Chapel • K-4th singing	Oct. 10
Oct. 11 K-4th singing at 8am service	Oct. 12	Oct. 13 PTL Meeting	Oct. 14 Chapel	Oct. 15 NO SCHOOL	Oct. 16 NO SCHOOL	Oct. 17

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
- 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

- **ESP questions?** Contact Kayla.Harken@stjlutheran.org.
- Report absences, early dismissals, and late arrivals to **attendance@stjlutherschool.org**
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to **pictures@stjlutherschool.org**
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to **library@stjlutheran.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)

Chapel Offering and Service Projects



Current News – 9/10/2026

In this flyer, you'll see the updated information for our Service Projects and Chapel Offering throughout the year! I will keep you in the loop about our goals and what's happening!

Term 1 our focus is The Jared Box Project. A Jared Box is a plastic shoebox filled with small gifts, games, crayons, coloring books and other fun activities. Boxes are given to children in the hospital to provide a special, fun diversion. The boxes calm nerves, lift spirits and show the children that someone cares!

Our chapel offering during Term 1 will go towards funding Jared Boxes to deliver to Gillette Children's in St. Paul.

If you would like to pack your own Jared Box, information is included and also can be found @ thejaredbox.org. Any Jared boxes can be given to Miss Fuhrman to deliver to the hospital.

Year at a Glance

- 1** The Jared Box Project
- 2** Hygeine and Food for the Unhoused
- 3** Flowers and Cards for the Homebound



Questions?



Reach out to Miss Fuhrman @
anna.fuhrman@stjlutheranschool.org

Make a Jared Box



step 1 – Get a Box

Get a shoebox-sized plastic storage box.

☐ Boy	☐ Infant (0 - 12 months)
	☐ Toddler (1 - 3)
	☐ Preschool (3 - 5)
☐ Girl	☐ Elementary (5 - 8)
	☐ Tweens & Teens (8 and up)

step 2 – Choose for a Boy or Girl

Decide if the box you are making is for a boy or a girl and select an age group. If the box could be for either a boy or girl, check both the Boy and Girl boxes.



step 3 – Fill your Box

Select items for your box, such as crayons, card games, puzzles, or stickers. Refer to our Suggested Toy List for more ideas. Place toys in the box.



step 4 – Say Hello

Print our "Little Note From You" Card. These can be printed on white cardstock. Write a personal note on the card and place it in the box.



step 5 – Print your Lid Label

Print the Box Label (top) - Logo. This template can be printed on Avery Labels 15264, or any standard white shipping labels, six per sheet, 3 1/3" x 4" label size. Place the Jared Box label on the lid of the box.



step 6 – Print your Side Label

Print Box Label (side) - Boy/Girl. This template can be printed on Avery Labels 18163, or any standard white shipping labels, ten labels per page, 2" x 4" label size. Place the Boy/Girl label on the end of the box. Check the appropriate gender and age.



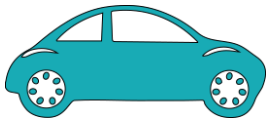
step 7 – Print Activity Sheet

For age groups older than toddler, print the Activity Sheet. Fold the sheet in half and add it to your box.



step 8 – Have some fun

Decorate your box. Our Lid Decoration Guide has lots of great examples. You can optionally use markers or stickers to decorate the outside of the box.



step 9 – Deliver your Box

Deliver your boxes to your local hospital. Use our Hospital Directory to locate a hospital or deliver the boxes to your local hospital. If you would like to deliver your boxes to a new hospital not on our list, you may contact that hospital directly. The Child Life or Volunteer Services Departments usually handle donations.



step 10

Complete the Jared Box Smiles Delivered form (<https://thejaredbox.org/make-a-jared-box/tracking>) to let us know how many boxes you made and to what hospital you are delivering them. If you are unable to complete the online form, send an email to hospitals@thejaredbox.org. We would love to receive suggestions, stories about your project, and pictures too!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Fifteenth Week after Trinity: Sep 13 - Sep 19, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K+ **Matthew 26:52-** Jesus said, "All who take the sword will perish by the sword."

Matthew 19:6- Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let not man separate."

Fifth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not murder

1st gr+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God
so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body,
but help and support him in every physical need.

Sixth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not commit adultery

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God
so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do,
and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr + **Mark 10:7-9** - "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh;"
so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.



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 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

1 Kings 17:17-24 -Elijah raises a widow's son

Eph. 3:13-21 - Prayer for Paul

Luke 7:11-17- Jesus raises a widow's son



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day "The Will of God Is Always Best" (LSB 758)

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

