

St. John School

BADGER BYTES

Principal's Corner - Mr. Snow

We are looking for a few good people. We need some folks to help us get the word out about the good things going on at St. John. I would like to encourage families to consider St. John as the educational home for their children. We need to get weekly articles into the Berlin Journal. We need to get information into the community about St. John being a Wisconsin Private School Choice school.

How good are you working to share news on social media? Do you have ideas for sharing the school's mission with family and friends? If you are willing to meet with a group to "brain storm" for short and long term plans to share our news with potential families, please let Mr. Snow know. We will have a meeting Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30pm here at school. Thank you!

Junior Choir and Bells are involved in the 8am church service this Sunday, Feb. 19.

No school Monday, Feb. 20, as a "teacher in-service day".

School will be held on March 6th for a weather make-up day.

Chapel Offering: \$13.10 Total Offerings \$180.82

February 17, 2017
Weekly Edition

Upcoming Events

- Feb 20 No School
- Mar 3 End of 2nd Tri
- Mar 6 Make Up School Day
- Mar 8 Report Cards
- Apr 1 Pizza Making
- Apr 10-17 Easter Break
- Apr 26 Progress Reports
- Apr 29 Tree Sale Pick up



4K
Mrs. Snow

We have begun a new module in math covering the numbers 6 - 10. The math newsletter that we sent home yesterday has some activities that you can do with your child to help with this skill.

Tuesday is 4K's 100th day of school. We would like to make a 100 day trail mix. Please help your child count out 100 snack items for us to use in a trail mix.

Jesus time

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me". There are times small children and grownups feel like they are unimportant and don't matter. Jesus tells us that we all matter. We are all important to Him. We are so important that He gave His life in our place so that we may live eternally with Him.



PS/K
Miss Linse

In 3K we have been talking about rectangles and we brought home some fun rectangle activities to do at home. Another fun rectangle activity would be to count how many doors and windows we have, to see what we have more of while we practice our counting. We had fun at our Valentines party and loved the yummy treats parents provided. Reminder that there is no school Monday for a teacher in-service. In Kindergarten, we had a blast at our Valentines party. Thank you parents for the delicious treats. We are almost halfway through our Superkids program. We also cannot believe that we have been in school for over 100 days. The year is just flying by. Remember there is no school on Monday so we will see you Tuesday.

1st/2nd
Mrs. Fritsch

We wrapped up our Religion Unit on the Prophets this week, with Daniel, Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. God gave them great strength to stand up to some very wicked kings. We finished the week with a test. We also had an Assessment for Lesson 85 in Math. Students are learning many new concepts and building on them each day. We have been talking about bicycle safety and walking safety in health, as well as checking finger nails. We had a very fun party for Valentine's Day, and we thank all of the parents who helped and provided snacks, treats, games, and crafts: Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Mosier, Mr. Resop and other parents who contributed snacks, Mrs. Herbst and Mr. Johannes and Kate Humphrey.



**3rd/4th Grade
Mrs. Schram**

A special thank you to the Valentine's committee for a great party. We had good food and fun games. Thanks for making our day special. Another shout out of thanks goes to Mrs. Josie Hartzke and Mrs. Keller for coming in and teaching us the art of Zen tangle. We will be displaying our works of art in the Berlin Public Library cases the month of April. Fourth grade has an open book Wisconsin history test due next Thursday, February 23. A new permission slip for our rescheduled field trip went home today. Please sign and return by Tuesday, February 21. The field trip is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28.

Happy Baptismal Birthday to Bella on February 18.



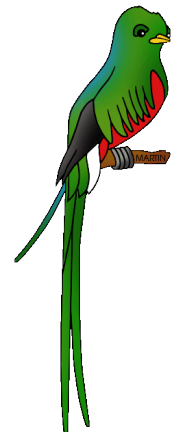
**5th/6th Grade
Mr. Snow**

We have completed test #15 in math class on Monday. We are working on set #18 over this weekend. Our big news for the week was our Outdoor Education trip on Wednesday and Thursday. We traveled to the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station by Amherst Junction, WI. This camp is run by UWSP. College students taught us lessons about lake studies, snowshoeing, winter survival strategies, scull identification. We also played fun games in between lessons. There was an evening program about astronomy followed by skits, songs, and entertainment before bedtime. The food was great! We were tired when we were done, but it was well worth it. We thank Mrs. Mosier and Mr. Kilgas for driving us and staying for both days as chaperones. We are continuing our Secret of the Indian book in reading class.

**7th/8th Grade
Mrs. GeRue**

This week the animal reports were due. We began a chapter on Central America and the Caribbean Islands for geography. In science we began a chapter studying about birds. We also finished our language chapter and took the test today.

The first results for the AR Challenge were posted. Both seventh and eighth are in the top two for all the schools participating. This was partially due to finishing Swiss Family Robinson and taking that test, but students have also been reading and taking other tests. I encourage them to keep up reading and taking tests to keep up their good standing!



Basketball & Cheer

The girls had a great season and finished with 8 wins and only 6 loses. The boys played with heart and really built some good teamwork. Please stay tuned about when team photos for Basketball and Cheerleading will be. Picture day will also be uniform turn in day. As soon as we have a date a note with more details will come home with your child. Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, and fans for your help and support this past season. We appreciate all you do.

Tournament

We had another successful tournament in the books. Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone that contributed in some way.

Music

This Sunday, February 19, we participate in worship at St. John, Church at 8:00am. Handbells should be to church at 7:01am. Remember to wear black and white. Boys extras are with Mrs. Fritsch. Remember, we sing once a month, and students work hard in choir class to learn the songs.

Sunday School Choir

Sunday School students will sing at the 8am service on March 5th. Please bring your children to Sunday School to learn the songs.

Library

National Lutheran School AR challenge is in full swing. As of yesterday, our 8th grade class is in first place and the 7th grade class is in 2nd place. Each grade competes with the same grade from Lutheran schools around the country. Great job in representing our school. The contest will conclude March 10.

Hot Lunch Next Week

Monday Feb 20

No School

Tuesday Feb 21

Spaghetti

Wednesday Feb 22

Hamburgers

Thursday Feb 23

Covered Wagons

Friday Feb 24

Tacos

**REMEMBER, YOU CAN CHECK YOUR
TUITION AND LUNCH BALANCES
ON PRAXI!**



Lunch Tickets

Grades K – 5: 5 tickets = \$12.50 (1 meal \$2.50)

Grades 6 – 8: 5 tickets = \$13.75 (1 meal \$2.75)

Adult Meals: \$4.00 per lunch

FAMILY NAME:

Student		No. of Tickets	@ \$	=	
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Student		No. of Tickets	@ \$	=	

Milk Tickets

No. of Milk		@ \$7 per 20 =	\$
TOTAL:			

TAX DEDUCTION FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION

Tax Day is coming up on April 18, 2017. Don't forget to claim your private school tuition tax deduction!

There is a silver lining to this dreaded deadline for private school parents. Thanks to advocacy by WCRIS, state law allows Wisconsin parents to deduct private school tuition on their taxes.

This is the third year the private school tuition tax deduction has been available, so don't forget to remind parents and tax professionals of this enormous opportunity. Please help spread the word to your families so that they can take advantage of this financial benefit.

In total, the deduction has the potential to provide up to \$30 million in tax relief for taxpayers with children in private schools. In 2014 alone, the first year of the deduction, parents saved \$11.2 million, according to DOR reports analyzed by the Wisconsin Tax Payers Alliance (WisTax).

Regardless of income, parents and legal guardians are eligible for a maximum deduction of \$4,000 per child in grades K-8 and \$10,000 per child in grades 9-12. Students transitioning from eighth to ninth grade are eligible for both deductions.

You can pick up your 2016 Tuition Statement in the office—or call Mrs. Reeves to have it sent home with your child, or emailed.

Easy Money for our School!

Did you know that by shopping on Amazon, they will donate 5% of your purchase to our school?

It's simple, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and search for St. John Lutheran Church Berlin.

Once you select it, every purchase you make will help the school out!

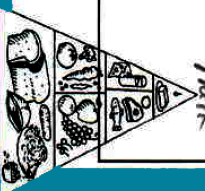
3 Week LUNCH MENU for

February 20 - March 10

Monday <u>2-20</u> No Dessert	Tuesday <u>2-21</u> Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadsticks corn Chilled Peas milk	Wednesday <u>2-22</u> Hamburger on w/ bun cheese slices Baked Beans French Fries Carrots & Vegetables Apple sauce milk	Thursday <u>2-23</u> Covered Wagons Tator Tots Carrots/vegetables Pineapple Tidbits milk	Friday <u>2-24</u> Tacos lettuce-salsa-cheese Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches Dessert milk
Monday <u>2-27</u> Hot Turkey Sandwiches on w/ bun macaroni & Cheese Carrots-vegetables Mixed Fruit milk	Tuesday <u>2-28</u> Chicken Fajitas lettuce-salsa-cheese Carrots-vegetables Apple sauce Strawberry Shortcake milk	Wednesday <u>3-1</u> Chicken Nuggets French Fries w/ dinner rolls Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peas milk	Thursday <u>3-2</u> Tator Tot Casserole w/ dinner rolls Peas & Carrots Chilled Peaches milk	Friday <u>3-3</u> Cheese Omelets Ham/Sausage Links Fr Toast Sticks/Pancakes Assorted Breads Pineapple Tidbits Orange Juice milk
Monday <u>3-6</u> Sloppy Joe on w/ bun Tator Tots Carrots-vegetables Apple sauce milk	Tuesday <u>3-7</u> Chicken Patty on w/ bun Cheese slices Parsley Buttered Potatoes Carrots-vegetables Mixed Fruit milk	Wednesday <u>3-8</u> Hot Ham & Cheese on w/ bun French Fries Carrots-vegetables Pineapple Tidbits milk	Thursday <u>3-9</u> Lasagna Breadsticks Broccoli Chilled Peas milk	Friday <u>3-10</u> Chili Ham/PBS Sandwiches Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches milk



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Is a **FREE*** Private Christian School
Education Possible?

YES!

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL is part of the
Wisconsin Private School Choice Program!

*Available for Qualifying Families

Open to 5K -8th Grade 5K & 1st Grade no restrictions.
2nd - 8th Grade, student cannot have attended
St. John Lutheran School in the 2016-2017 SY.

* Qualifying Incomes - 185% of Federal Poverty 2017-2018

Family Size	Single Income
3	\$37,296
4	\$44,955
5	\$52,614
6	\$60,273
7	\$67,951
8	\$75,647

For each additional member add \$7,696
If married, subtract \$7,000 from your total income

Income levels are Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ST. JOHN SCHOOL @ 920.361.0555
TO SIGN UP, GO TO: <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

Registration starts February 1st - and Ends April 20th, 2017
MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 20TH!

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

How does someone qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)? A student qualifies for the WPCP on the basis of their residency and their family income, if applicable. Students must reside in a Wisconsin school district, other than in the city of Milwaukee and Racine Unified School District. Additionally, students in the WPCP must meet at least one of the prior year school attendance requirements: (1) been enrolled in a public school in Wisconsin in the 2016-17 school year, (2) have not been enrolled in school in the 2016-17 school year, (3) be applying for kindergarten, first or ninth grade at the private school in the 2017-18 school year or (4) participated in the WPCP in the 2016-17 school year. For the 2017-18 school year, a new student must have a family income at or below the amount listed in Table 3. Students who participated in the WPCP in 2016-17 or were on the DPI's waiting list in 2016-17 are not required to prove that they are income eligible. Family income includes the income of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that reside in the same household as the student applicant. If the student's parents/legal guardians are married their income is reduced by \$7,000 when determining income eligibility for the program. Family size includes parents/guardians and their children by birth, marriage or adoption that reside in the same household as the student applicant.

WPCP 185% of the Federal Poverty Level for 2017-18 Family Size Maximum Yearly Income
1 \$21,978 2 \$29,637 3 \$37,296 4 \$44,955 5 \$52,614 6 \$60,273 7 \$67,951 8 \$75,647 For each additional member add \$7,696

How does a student apply for the WPCP? The application period for the 2017-18 school year is from February 1 - April 20. Parents must complete the online student application available through the following webpage: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choiceprograms/student-applications>. Parents must provide residency documentation and income documentation, if applicable to the school(s) they apply to during the application period or the application is ineligible. Additionally, applicants for the WPCP will have to indicate which of the prior year school attendance requirements they meet. Parents/guardians may either: (a) provide their social security numbers or taxpayer identification number to the school and have the Department of Revenue determine whether the student is income eligible for the program; or (b) use the Department of Public Instruction's income determination method by answering a series of income questions in the on-line application and providing paper income documentation to the school(s) as directed in the application during the open application period. The school will verify that the student meets the income Page 5 of 8 requirements. Applicants must also provide proof of residency directly to the schools during the open application period. A student can apply to the Choice program at one or more schools during the open application period.

<https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

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Train up a child...

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