

St. John School

BADGER BYTES

May 26, 2017

Weekly Edition

Upcoming Events

May 29 No School

May 31
Kindergarten
Graduation

June 1 Report
Cards

June 1 8th grade
graduation

June 2 Last Day of
School / Dells Trip



Principal's Corner - Mr. Snow

No school on Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day).

Graduation is at the end of the Thursday evening worship service on June 1. This service begins at 7pm. We wish God's richest blessings on these graduates as they continue their Christian walk into this new chapter of their lives. Remember who you are and whose you are.

The last day of school is Friday, June 2. We will be taking the whole school to Mount Olympus in Wisconsin Dells. We will be back at school around 5pm.

Our group is tailgating before the June 4 Timber Rattler game. Game time is 1pm. We plan to eat around 11am. Bring a dish to pass and your lawn chairs. The PTL will provide the brats and burgers. Come join the fun.

The PTL held their final meeting of the school year on Tuesday evening, May 23. Election of officers was held. Next year's executive committee consists of Rachel Vergin, April Lueck, Amy Dament, and Nancy Wallner. At the meeting, it was reported that the profit from the hanging basket / garden plant sale was \$2167. The tree sale profit was \$1272. It was approved to give each teacher \$150 for classroom purchases. \$50 was approved for the end-of-year party. \$800 (25% of our fund raising) was given to the church's general fund. 10% of our fundraising is supposed to go to a mission project. Our group selected Camp LuWiSoMo to receive that check of \$300. We donated \$200 to the Berlin library from our Father / Daughter dance as promised in pre-dance publicity. The date for Campfire kick-off was set for Sunday, August 27, at 11am. We discussed possible future events like family fun night, Mother / Son event, and another Father/Daughter dance. We also discussed the graduation reception, and Timber Rattler game.

There will be a special PTL planning meeting at the school at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 22. We invite everyone to attend as we plan a schedule of PTL events for next year. We need other parents to share their thoughts and ideas. We could use more hands to plan and run events during the year. We do not expect people to take over without knowing what to do. We just need some parents of younger students to work with some of our more experienced to "learn the ropes". We need help figuring out what we want to do for the next camp fire kick-off.

We thank Mr. Gehrke and Mrs. Reeves for their years of service to our school. They have played important roles to help our school fulfill its mission. They will truly be missed. We wish them God's richest blessings as they begin the new adventures that God has in store for them.

This is the last newsletter of this academic year. Have a wonderful summer. We will see you next year.

Chapel Offering: \$20.75 Total Offerings \$399.79

4K
Mrs. Snow

4K finished a wonderful year with our Fun in the Sun party. We started our day by cleaning our classroom. We tried out our pom-pom shooters in the gym and then moved outside to the sprinkler, stomp rockets, making giant bubbles and standing inside a bubble. We enjoyed snacks provided by our parents. Our day ended with watching a slideshow of our school year. God's blessings to you all and safe travels this summer.



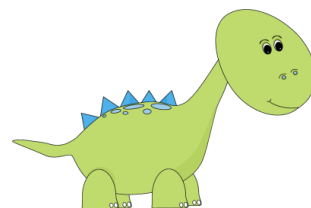
PS/K
Miss Linse

In 3K we cannot believe that we only have one day of school left on May 31st. This week we continued to work on writing our names and we made windsocks after talking about spring weather. Our whole school field trip to the Dells is Friday, June 2nd, parents, or an adult must accompany a 3K student. Also, if you have not registered for 4K now is the time to do it. We are excited for summer and some of us are even excited for next year already.

In Kindergarten, we are busy preparing for our graduation Wednesday, May 31st at 6:00pm. We are also looking forward to the Wisconsin Dells trip on Friday, June 2nd. We have almost completed our Superkids program - one more test and we will be Superkids ourselves. We are also excited for summer and cannot wait to get to be outside enjoying the sunshine. Thank you to all my parents and volunteers who helped make this year so wonderful. Have a blessed summer and we'll see you next year.

1st/2nd
Mrs. Fritsch

Our Religion lessons have shown us what God can do with terrible sinners! Saul was terrible! God changed him, he was baptized, and became a Christian to spread the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus has now Ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us. He will come back to get us! Alleluia! We took our last math test on Monday. We've learned quarter to and quarter after in 2nd Grade. First grade is enjoying quarters, dimes and pennies. In Superkids, we are finishing up our stories and language arts activities. We read about persuasive stories, and tried writing our own! Some of us like to write, others, not so much! But we'll keep practicing. Mrs. Fritsch gave us each a dinosaur. We read about them, looked them up on the SMART board, and took them home to make dioramas. They are awesome! We will keep them in our room until Tuesday, then they can go home. You are welcome to come and take a look at them!



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

A special thank you to Mrs. Jill Hartzke and Mrs. Amber Trochinski for driving us to Kaukauna. The class went to 1000 Islands Environmental Center. We had a nature hike and scavenger hunt in morning. The afternoon had the girls crayfishing in the creek. It is hard to believe the school year is at the end. I truly hate to see this class go. Thank you so much for sharing your child with me. God bless your summer.



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

We have finished the fifth book in the Indian in the Cupboard series in our reading class. Students have completed reading practice quiz. They will be taking the vocabulary test if that is not done already. We are also doing some reviewing to study for the literacy test next week.

In math class, we have finished our text book. We have been checking out the Kahn Academy to see how students could use this site to stay fresh on math skills and learn new things over the summer. Give it a try. We have also spent a few class periods learning the card game of cribbage. This a great way to practice quick addition and observation skills. They also practice probability concepts. It is a great math game and life-long pastime.

Our class delivered a check to the Berlin library on Thursday. The PTL donated \$200 from the Father / Daughter dance that we sponsored back in February. The librarian was quite surprised and thankful when we walked in with the check. Watch the paper for the photo. We thank the PTL for donating these funds to this community organization.

This is our last newsletter of the year. Don't forget to get those permission slips in for the last-day trip to Mount Olympus in the Wisconsin Dells. Have a great summer.

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

Congratulations to the 8th graders on their graduation this coming Thursday. We wish them God's blessings as they start high school next year!

We have some classes that need to finish up a few sections yet, and others that are primarily done. Hopefully we will have some time to put in a few fun learning activities next week.

It's been a great year! I look forward to having the seventh graders as eighth graders next year and our new incoming seventh graders!

I pray for God's blessings on your summer!



Music

Thank you to the Handbell ringers, Karson Kaufman, Kasten Ewald, Melanie Resop, and Kaylee Vergin, for singing for Confirmation on Sunday. Thank you for your talents.

Thursday, June 1, Junior Choir and Handbells will participate in 8th grade Graduation at the 7:00pm service. Handbells will practice at 6:00pm. Wear black and white.

Timber Rattler Tickets

Timber Rattler Game is Sunday, June 4. The game starts at 1:00. Tailgate party before game, we will eat at 11:00 a.m. Our tent will be located on the east side of parking lot, next to highway 41. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and drinks for your family. I have a few tickets available if anyone is interested in going to the game.

Library

The AR program will graduate your child to the next grade level by June 15th. Please have your child read over the summer and come to the computer lab and take AR tests. The points will count for the 2017-18 school year. If your child would like to use our library books please text Mrs. Oppor (920-229-8828) and she will be happy to come in and check out books. It is very important to read every day!!

NEW Student Information System (SIS)

Because of School Choice and our soon to be new accounting system at school/church we are switching our SIS from Praxi/SchoolSpeak to SYCAMORE. This program should do everything we need and be with us for some time. Please watch for emails and letters that will come to you with your sign on information.

Yearbooks

We have a few extra yearbooks available for \$10. If you didn't get yours, pop in the office and pick one up.

FREE BIKES!!

I have two bikes that have been donated to give away to anyone who needs one. The girl's bike is a single gear model. The boy's model is a 21-speed mountain bike. Both bikes are adjustable from middle school to adult size. Please call Mr. Snow if you are interested or know of someone who could use one of these bikes.



Hot Lunch Next Week

Monday May 29

No School

Tuesday May 30

Tacos

Wednesday May 31

Spaghetti

Thursday June 1

Brats & Hamburgers

Friday June 2

Wisconsin Dells

SCHOOL'S OUT

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

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

Milk Tickets

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

TUITION PRICES 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Members	2017/2018
3K Tuition	\$500
1 st Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$1600
2 nd Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$1500
3 rd Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$1400
4 th Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$1150
Non-Members	2017/2018
3K Tuition	\$950
1 st Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$2650
2 nd Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$2550
3 rd Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$2450
4 th Child 5K– 8th Tuition	\$2200

TUITION TAX DEDUCTION

Private school tuition is tax deductible.

PRE-PAYMENT DISCOUNT

- * If a family pays 1/3 of the total tuition owed for 2017/2018 by 7/1/17, \$50 per child will be deducted from tuition.
- * If total tuition is paid in full for 2017/2018 by 7/31/17, the family will receive the 2016/2017 tuition price. (\$200 deducted for each child)

FIRST YEAR STUDENT (K-6th Grade) Any first-year student (K-6th Grade) receives Member Rate. This includes any Kindergarten student who attended St. John School 4K.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE – The payments are due by the 1st of every month (September – May), and will be 1/9th of the total balance due at the beginning of the school year. Payments will be rounded to whole numbers with the last month's balance due being a smaller payment that brings the balance to \$0. **No final report card will be issued to anyone owing any school fees, (tuition, library, lunch). Students cannot attend last day of school trip to the Dells if fees are due.**

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP FINANCIAL POLICY Unless special arrangements have been made all tuition bills have to be paid in order for the 8th grade students to attend the class trip and receive their diploma. No final report card will be issued to anyone owing any school fees (lunch, library, tuition, etc.). Tuition needs to be current in order to attend this class trip.

****WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS FOR TUITION IN THE OFFICE!****

FINANCIAL AID – If you anticipate a need for financial aid, request applications are available in the school office. They should be filled out and turned in as soon as possible. (We would prefer these prior to the beginning of school.)

SCRIP – purchases can be used to offset tuition or 8th grade class trip expenses. Vendors provide the congregation gift cards at a discounted rate.

This is a simple program that allows you to spend exactly the same dollars you would normally spend for things like gas, groceries, restaurants, etc. and apply the discounts to your tuition. You may start participating any time and use the credits towards next year's tuition (a great way to minimize your pre-payment). There is no fee to participate. Please email Julie Snow (jsnow@stjohnberlin.org) for more information on this program.

FINANCES- *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Matthew 6:21. Please realize that the approximate yearly cost of educating a child at St. John is in the \$6,500 range. Tuition fees only cover a small percentage of those costs. The balance is covered by contributions to the congregation. Please keep this in mind and in your prayers as you make your own stewardship decisions. We all need to reflect our thankfulness to the Lord through the method in which we use His gifts to us.

We will collect the above fees throughout the summer to avoid the confusion and the stress during the first week of school.

*** PLEASE MAKE OUT SEPARATE CHECKS FOR TUITION, HOT LUNCH/MILK, ATHLETIC FEES, CATECHISMS, RECORDERS. ***

2016/2017

As the end of the school year fast approaches, the Board of Education would like to remind you of the policy:

No final report card will be issued to anyone owing any school fees, (tuition, library, lunch).

Students cannot attend last day of school trip to the Dells if any fees are due.

Please remember to send in your Letter of Intent for 2017/2018 School Year.

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**Messages from Mr. Gehrke &
Mrs. Reeves**

The school year is coming to the end and we say goodbye to the 8th grade class. I say goodbye to St. John Lutheran Church and School after 17 years here! I have met a lot of parents and a lot of great kids. Good luck and GOD BLESS YOU ALL! ~ Mr. Gehrke



This is a bitter sweet time for me. I have officially worked as secretary for 4 years, but I have been very involved at our school since 2002. 14 Years! My son attended here for 10 years. I started as the 3K aide in 2002 and quickly started directing Christmas and Spring programs and teaching drama. I've been the co-designer of the yearbook for most of those years and have helped in the office for just as long. St. John is a family and I definitely consider them my family. Our business, Reeves Productions, is getting quite busy and I need to focus on that. (shameless plug: remember us for all your photo and video needs).

That said, I will miss each and every one of the teachers and staff and the students. You kids are some of the greatest people on this planet! To you 8th graders. I have no doubt that you will succeed in High School and in life! Just remember to keep God first in all you do. He loves and cherishes each and every one of you.

I love you all! - Mrs. Reeves