

**St. John School**

## **BADGER BYTES**

### **Principal's Corner - Miss Linse**

We have a Parent Transport Day coming up on Monday, Jan. 20th. Please let us know if you will have an issue getting your child to or from school that day.

**We will be celebrating  
Lutheran Schools Week,  
Jan. 26th - Feb. 1st**

**Here is what we have planned:**

Sun. Jan 26th— Seraphim Choir sings and handbells play at church

Mon. Jan 27th - Dress in School Colors (blue & white)  
Going to the YMCA

Tues. Jan 28th - Dress in Your Future Career Day  
Going Bowling

Wed. Jan 29th— Dress to Impress in am; Class Color in pm  
3K/4K Yellow, 5K/1 Green, 2nd Purple,  
3rd Red, 4th Orange, 5/6 Purple, 7/8 Blue  
Grandparents' Day

Thurs. Jan 30th - Sports Day, Wear Jerseys/Team Apparel  
Olympics in the afternoon  
B-Team Basketball Tournament

Fri. Jan 31— NO SCHOOL—teachers at a conference  
5pm - Mother/Son Glow Crazy  
B-Team Basketball Tournament



**January 10, 2025**

**Weekly Edition**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Jan 14—6pm**  
Board of  
Education  
meeting

**Jan 16 -**  
Girls and both  
Boys' basketball  
teams at  
Manawa

**Jan 17—**  
End of the 2nd  
quarter

**Jan 19 -**  
Cherub Choirs  
at church  
10:30 PTL  
meeting

**Jan 20 -**  
Parent  
Transport Day

**Jan 21 -**  
Girls'  
Basketball—VC

**Jan 22 -**  
Report cards  
come home

**Jan 23—**  
Boys' basketball  
at home

**Jan 24 -**  
Field Trip (PS-  
1st)

**Chapel Offering: \$9.10 Total Offerings: \$130.39**

**Mark Your  
Calendars!**

**3K/4K**  
**Mrs. Potratz**

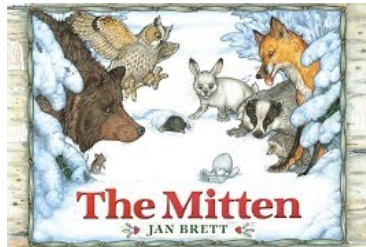
**Bible:** This week we had the story of Jesus' baptism and Jesus' first disciples. We learned that Jesus took our sins and punishment so that we can be with God in heaven. We learned that God sends people out into the world to share the Gospel with those who haven't heard.

**Literacy:** We are working on following directions and positional words (top, bottom and middle). We have written our name many times this week.

**Math Corner:** We are identifying numbers and counting out things to match the number we have.

We are excited to be practicing "The Mitten". You will be getting the part your child will have in the play to practice with them at home.

We had a great first full week of 2025.



**Kindergarten/  
1st Grade**  
**Miss Linse**

Welcome back. We are settling back into our school routines very nicely. During Jesus time, we talked about the wisemen visiting Jesus and then we read about Jesus being baptized. Baptism is a special way in which we receive forgiveness and salvation in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Kindergarten jumped right back into Superkids with our friend, Ettabetta. We are focusing on the short e sound with her like you hear at the beginning of egg. First grade is almost done with unit 3 and we are excited to have a few new stories to read at home in our Superkids readers. First grade got a new spelling list today. We have finished 62 math lessons, and we continue to practice counting different ways every day.

Our snack prayer this month is to the tune of "This Old Man". It goes "Jesus, come, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. For the things you give us every day. A song of thanks we now will say. Amen."

There were permission slips for our field trip to the YMCA on January 27th in our folders this week. Please let me know if you did not receive it so I can send home another one. The front page of the Badger Bytes has information about the fun activities and dress up days we will be having to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week (January 27-31). There will also be a separate e-mail coming home with more information.

**Please put on your calendars that the Kindergartners and First Graders will be singing in church on January 19th at 9:00am.** Please keep an eye on the weather and make sure to send snow gear to school when we have snow on the ground.

**2nd Grade**  
**Mrs. Fritsch**

This week we saw King Solomon lose favor with God by worshiping false gods! Solomon with all his wisdom! Then the prophet Elijah hears God talk to him in a whisper. Elijah is going to anoint a new king in Syria and in Israel, and God will lead him to the next prophet. In our math we have started stacking numbers when we add two digits, we are finding congruent shapes, counting dimes, nickels, and pennies, and telling time to the half hour.

In Superkids we are changing the y to i before adding er or est. We have started a new chapter in our reader. Our new friend is from Russia and doesn't talk much English but is great at playing soccer.

In science and AR reading we are learning about penguins, the Southern Hemisphere, and Antarctica.

Watch for information about Lutheran Schools Week, singing in church, and Book Reports!

**3rd Grade  
Mrs. Wenzel**

Happy Epiphany! Last week, along with this week, we spent time learning about baby Jesus and His early years: the visit from the Wise Men, Jesus and His parents having to flee to Egypt, and Jesus' baptism.

Next week we will continue to learn about the baptism of Jesus. I am asking each child to bring in a picture of his/her baptism to be placed on our bulletin board in the classroom. Please send the picture with your child by Monday, January 13.

This week in reading we read about young Thomas Edison and how he spent his time doing many experiments (some of which didn't go so well) which led to many new inventions. We will be spending some time during the next couple of weeks thinking about our own inventions we can create to either solve a problem or make something easier.

We will also be participating in the National AR reading challenge which will begin at the end of the month. More information will be sent home.

God's blessings!

**4th Grade  
Mrs. Berry**

Our class has been reading *Caddy Woodlawn* for both Reading and Wisconsin History. It's a story based on the real life of a young girl growing up in Wisconsin in the 1860's. We have been reading a chapter a day and learning how to write a summary in our journals.

In Math we are practicing our multiplication tables and learning how to multiply two digits numbers. We are also learning about exponents.

The books of the Bible are our new focus skill in Memory. Lutheran Schools' Week is coming up. The permission slip for the YMCA was sent home earlier this week. Let us know if you need a new one.

Thank you for all the gifts and cards over Christmas! Have a great weekend!



**5th/6th Grade  
Mrs. Pick**

We have completed our first full week of the new year! We are back to our normal routine this week, learning about the story of Hannah and Samuel in Religion class, learning about adages, proverbs and idioms, looking at vowel digraphs in spelling, and beginning our new writing unit on opinion essays.

We also started a new book this week, *The Tale of Despereaux*, which has a lot of the elements of a fairy tale. Students will also be creating a book review project with their choice book that they are reading from the library. Students should be reading at least 20 minutes at home each night to continue to practice their reading skills. They need their book done by the end of next week to work on their projects.

Permission slips went home this week for the YMCA field trip and are due back by next Friday, January 17th.

We are back in full swing this week. We are getting back in the routine of things. We will be finishing Chapter 13 in Geography on Central Europe. We will be discussing Northern Europe next. We are working on verbs in English class and will soon be finishing up *Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry. The next novel will be the *Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling.

The dress up days have been decided by the student council as well as the colors. We look forward to an exciting Lutheran Schools Week with the various activities we have planned.

The next youth group activity is January 18th. We will be going ax throwing in Oshkosh. A waiver will need to be signed and parents are welcome to attend and be drivers.

Papers from homework should be coming home on a regular basis. Please look at your student's work as it comes home so you can see how they are doing. Also, use Sycamore as the gradebook is updated frequently. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Serving in His Kingdom,  
Mr. Pett

## **BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING**

Tuesday evening saw our B boys and the girls' team travel to Trinity, Oshkosh. Both teams played well, but they were unable to secure the victory. Thursday evening all 3 teams traveled to New Hope. The girls won their game 22-10. The B boys and the A boys played well together and had a lot of great teamwork, but they were not able to pull out a win.

Next week all three teams will travel to St Paul Manawa on Thursday. Good luck and Go BERLIN!!!

## **PTL (Parent Teacher League) MEETING**

Mark your calendars for our next PTL meeting on Sunday, January 19th at 10:30am at the school. More information is on page 6.

## **A/R CHALLENGE**

Our 2nd-8th graders will be competing with other Lutheran Schools across the country to see who can get the most A/R points per grade. The challenge will run from Jan 20th-Feb 28th.

## **MOTHER-SON EVENT**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Mother-Son event on January 31st. More information is on Page 6 of the newsletter.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

The next youth group event will be January 18th at 1:00 pm. We will be going ax throwing in Oshkosh. Waivers will be available soon and parents are welcome to join us. It promises to be a fun activity for all.

February will have an outdoor activity on the 22nd. It will depend on how much snow we have. Either sledding at Zobel Hill or snow tubing at Nordic Mountain. We would plan again for around 1:00 pm and go for 2 hours. If we buy tickets online ahead of time, they will be \$20.00. At the hill, they are \$35.00.

If you have a suggestion of something for future activities, please let me know. I am available via email [tpett@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:tpett@stjohnberlin.org) or 262-470-2152.

Mr. Pett

## **CHERUB CHOIR**

The Cherub Choir (grades PS-2nd) will be singing in church on Sunday, Jan 19th. The church service is at 9:00am. The children can sit with their parents until they are called forward to sing.

## **YMCA PERMISSION SLIPS**

Permission slips for the whole-school day at the Oshkosh YMCA came home this week. Please return the permission slip with payment by Jan. 17th. We are hoping to only take one bus, so please indicate if you plan to drive and/or chaperone and if you would be willing to take additional students. If you need a new permission slip, please call or email the school, 920-361-0555, [school@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:school@stjohnberlin.org)

## **WELLNESS BINGO**

The St. John Wellness Committee has a new challenge for the month of January, Winter Wellness BINGO. Your child should have brought home a BINGO sheet with instructions. This challenge is for students and staff. Turn your completed BINGO cards into Mrs. Schrader for a prize.



## Hot Lunch Next Week

### Mon, Jan. 13th

Hot ham & cheese on wgr bun, buttered noodles, carrots-vegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

### Tues, Jan. 14th

Sloppy Joe on wgr bun, tator tots, carrots & veks, applesauce, milk

### Wed, Jan. 15th

Popcorn chicken, French fries, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk

### Thurs, Jan. 16th

Turkey slices, mashed potatoes/gravy, wgr bread, peas, mixed fruit, milk

### Fri, Jan. 17th

Hot dogs-mini corn dogs, cheddar spudz, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk

### IN THE KITCHEN

## All right, burger night!

Lean and tasty, these two dishes will liven up your family's next burger night.

**Chicken and zucchini.** In a large bowl, combine 1 lb. lean ground chicken with 1 beaten egg, 1 shredded zucchini, 1 minced garlic clove,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup whole-wheat breadcrumbs, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. each salt and pepper. Divide into 4 patties, and sauté in an oiled skillet over medium-high heat until cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. Serve on whole-wheat buns with lettuce and tomato.



**Quinoa and feta.** Preheat oven to 400°.

Beat 3 eggs in a large bowl. Stir in 2 cups cooked quinoa, 1 tbsp. tomato paste,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup whole-wheat panko breadcrumbs,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup crumbled feta cheese, 2 tbsp. parsley, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt. Arrange 4 patties on a lightly

greased baking sheet and cook 20 minutes, flipping halfway through. Tuck into whole-wheat pita pockets with baby spinach and nonfat Greek yogurt. 🍷

### St. John Mission Statement:

St. John Lutheran School exists to provide a Christ-centered education focusing on spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical growth. We assist parents in preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation. Above all, we proclaim "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

# St. John School Parent Teacher League

## *Inviting Parents and Teachers*

Looking for ways to get involved in your  
school community?

Come learn more about what  
the PTL is all about

### Discussion Topics

- *Mother Son Dance*
- *Fundraisers*
- *Lutheran Schools Week*
- *Father Daughter Dance*
- *Other School Events*

When: January 19th at  
10:30 after Church

Where: School Cafeteria

Please bring a dish to pass for  
our first PTL Meeting/ Potluck  
of 2025

## St. John Lutheran School 2nd Annual

# Mother Son Night Let's GLOW Crazy!

Friday, January 31, 2025  
5-7 pm

St. John School gym

\$20 per Mother (Son's Free)

Tickets at the door

Join us for a FUN filled night of  
Dancing Glow-tastic Games Food

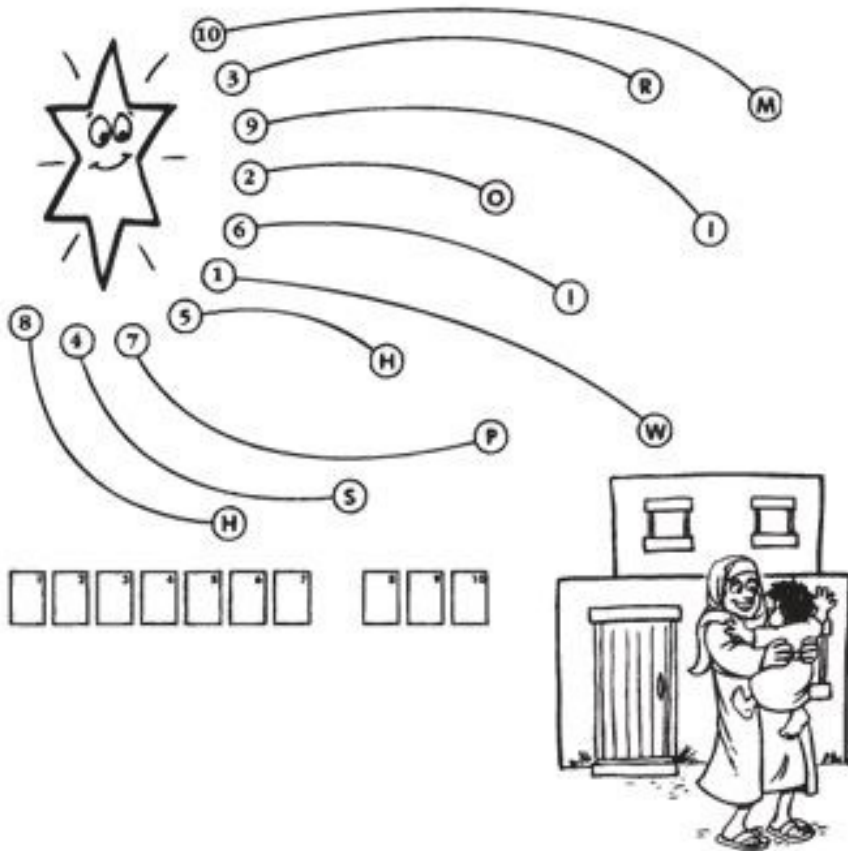
All Mother + Son's welcome



# Follow the Star

Wise Men  
Worship Jesus  
—Matthew 2

Follow each numbered ray of light from the star to find the letters you need to put in each numbered box. Then you will know what the wise men planned to do when they found Jesus.

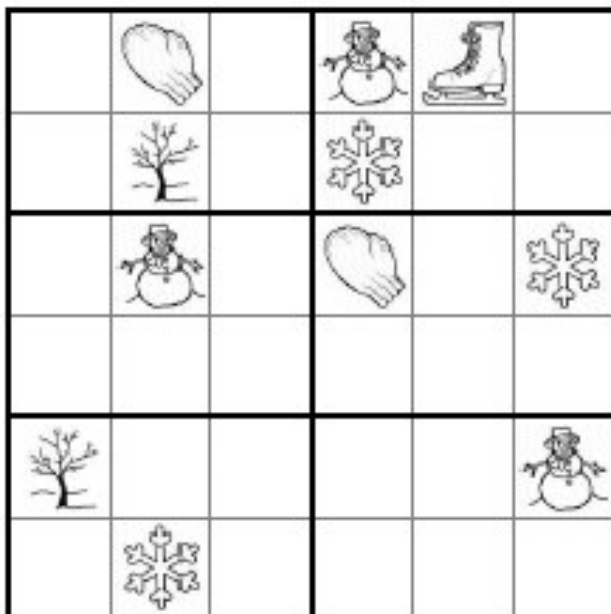


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