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# Badger Bytes

September 5, 2025

## 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

## From Principal Linse:

Please check out the information on page 6 about our Donkey Baseball event THIS Saturday. We would love for you to come cheer on our participants and support the event. All students in K-6th grade have received a ticket for FREE admission with a paid adult. Preschool children are FREE. If you would like to purchase tickets, there is a QR code on the last page to order online. Ticket prices go up at 11:00am on Saturday. Snacks and beverages will be available for sale at the event which will be at the South Diamond in Berlin.

Here is the link to the Parent/School Handbook if you still have not read and electronically signed it: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t7mc\\_JJKMAxZ5GhFqBF7V5MuE2ilduCTxk9ablKadVo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t7mc_JJKMAxZ5GhFqBF7V5MuE2ilduCTxk9ablKadVo/edit?usp=sharing)

We also need the Registration/Emergency Contact forms and the Internet Permission/Photo Release signed and returned.

Finally if you have not already signed up for Remind, please text @a47bk2 to 81010. This allows us to text all families quickly.



September 29th will be our first Parent Transport Day. No buses will run this day, please let me know if this will be a problem for your family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sept 6 -

Donkey Basketball

### Sept 8 -

Picture Day for any students who missed the open houses

### Sept 9, -

4:45-B-Volleyball home

5:45-A-Volleyball home

6:00-Board of Education meeting

### Sept 15 & 16 -

Principal Conference

### Sept 15 - 4:30

A-Volleyball home (double header)

### Sept 16- 4:30

B-Volleyball home

### Sept 19 -

Field trips:

Wade House (3-8)

Apple Orch. (PS-2)

# School News

## CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Feed My Starving Children. This week \$21.00 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$ 36.00 for the quarter.

## HANDBELLS

The Handbell group met this week and they sound so promising! God is good and has provided this wonderful opportunity for the students. Keep them in your prayers.

## VOLLEYBALL

Practices have been underway since August 18th. The first volleyball home games are on September 9th. The B girls play at 4:45 and the A girls play at 5:45. All home games are played at All Saints. There is a small admission fee; adults \$2 and seniors and school aged children \$1, under 5 are free.

## PTL MEETING

The first PTL (Parent-Teacher League) meeting will be Sunday, Sept 21st starting at 10:30am in the school cafeteria. All parents of students in our school are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to get involved in your child's school and make a difference. See more information on page 7.

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Adult Bible Class will begin THIS Sunday, September 7th at 10:30am in the Church's lower level, all are welcome.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON!

We're excited to kick off Sunday School on **September 28th**, after the **9:00 AM service**.

To help things run smoothly, please fill out a registration form ahead of time. You can find them in the **weekly Badger Bytes** or in the **church narthex**. Completed forms can be dropped off at the **school office** or placed in **my mailbox at church**.

We're looking forward to a great year of Christ filled learning and fun!

April Lueck

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The St. John Lutheran School Board of Christian Education usually meets in the school on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th. We will have 2 openings on the board starting in January. If you are interested in serving, you need to be a voting member of St. John Lutheran Church, and you can let the school office or any Board of Education member know that you are interested in running for the open spots.

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Some school picture orders went home today with students.

For the few students who were not able to attend our Open Houses in August, your school picture day will be MONDAY, September 8th. Bring your best smile to school. Here is the information for ordering pictures:

**OPEN FROM:** July 1, 2025 - September 15, 2025  
**ORDER DATE #1:** August 28, 2025  
**ORDER DATE #2:** September 16, 2025



# From the Teachers

3K/4K

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1st/2nd Grade

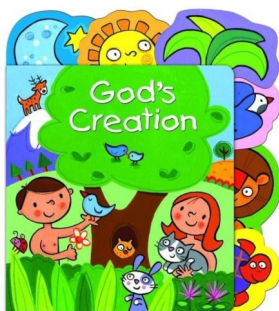
Mrs. Fritsch

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Welcome to 3K/4K at St John. We are excited that you are here. This week we spent time getting comfortable in the classroom. We are learning that as we come to class in the morning we have “work” to do. We are tracing our names every day.

We worked on writing our letter Aa's this week. We made 2 books that will be circulated throughout the students for them to share with their families. We have jumped into math and calendar time. We learned songs to help us with numbers 1-3. We have been using a song to help us learn the days of the week.

In language we are learning what sounds the letters make and what letter is at the beginning of our names. We got to go to Chapel on Wednesday and sit with our Chapel families. On Thursday and Friday, we learned about God creating the World and how much He loves us, His favorite creation.



What an amazing first week we've had in Kindergarten! Your children have done a fantastic job adjusting to their new classroom, routines, and making new friends. We're off to a great start!

We jumped right into our lessons this week. In math, we started reviewing our numbers and introducing math manipulatives. In Language Arts, we met our first Superkid friend, Cass! Cass is helping us learn about the letter C and the “k” sound it makes. Cass loves to cook and has a cat named Coconut.

Every month we will have a new prayer for lunch and snack. This month it is “The Lord is good to me” and it is sung to the tune of Johnny Appleseed. The words are “O, the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for giving me, the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed, the Lord is good to me. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Aaaaaaaaamen.” I will include the new prayer each month in Badger Bytes so you can enjoy them with your child.

**Don't forget: Please be sure to check your child's folder daily for important notes and finished work. Also, please remember to send a water bottle with your child. They get very thirsty during the day!**

**Reminder: Permission slip for the apple orchard is due September 12th.**

We made it, 4 days in a row! We have learned a lot about how God created the heavens and the Earth. “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good”. Genesis 1:1, 31. This was part of our memory, as well as Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus”. Adam and Eve did not obey God, so they suffered the consequences of their sin. But God is gracious and forgiving and promised a Savior. More to come!

In Math we have begun adding doubles, writing our names, dates, days of the week, digital date, and following directions. We also started our Mad Minute today!

Our Superkids are learning rhyming words, reviewing short vowels, and beginning adverbs! We are growing up! Our first spelling list went home today, and our first practice test is on Monday. First Grade started reading *The Flat Cat* and *Golly and the Vet*. They should continue to practice both stories. Second Grade is reading Unit 14. Both grades need to bring these books back to school every day.

We had a great first six days of school! Blessings on your weekend.

Mrs. Fritsch



# From the Teachers

## 3rd Grade

**Mrs. Wenzel**

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We had a busy first week in third grade! It has been a time of learning the classroom routine: writing answers in a notebook verses writing in a consumable book, reviewing math and reading skills, and learning how God created the world perfectly and everything in it. We also began learning and saying memory work starting with the books of the Old Testament. Next week we will add spelling tests to our schedule. The third graders are very excited to learn how to play the recorder. It will be fun to hear them progress in playing their instrument.



## 4th Grade

**Mrs. Berry**

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A new year! A new set of smiling faces! A new chance to grow! Welcome back!

The BEE attitudes are our classroom theme this year.

We have started Math this week. Reviewing to start the year, and new concepts are being introduced quickly!

Next week we will dive into our Reading series. Vocabulary, focus skills, stories, and more are on the way!

In Science we already learned about surface tension, dense and porous materials, and chemical reactions.

Wisconsin History will start next week. We will be canoeing down the beautiful Mewan River, enjoying God's awesome creation.

A few students have already started taking A.R. Tests!

We read daily during our S.Q.U.I.R.T time. (Super Quiet Uninterrupted Reading Time) and at home when we can begin filling out Reading Logs.

Spelling and Handwriting will begin on Monday. The spelling words for the next week will come home on Friday, so everyone can get a jump start on practicing their words.

Have a blessed weekend!

## 5th/6th Grade

**Mrs. Pick**

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Welcome back to school! We have made it to day six! It has been exciting welcoming back my students from last year and welcoming my new students as well. We have done some fun beginning of the year activities and also started to ease into our normal daily routine. We did an escape room last week to work on our collaboration and problem-solving skills. We also did a little research and started learning about different states in Social Studies.

We started math this week, so students should be completing a lesson every day, and it is due the next day. If they get any problems wrong, they must copy the problem and do corrections on a piece of notebook paper and staple it to their assignment. This allows them to make sure they understand any problems they didn't get so that they know how to do it the next time, since similar problems will continue to show up in their daily problems.

Students should be bringing home their binder every day that includes their assignment notebook and take home folder. They are also expected to fill in their assignment notebooks by copying what we did from the board, show them to an adult at home, and get them signed each night. That allows you to see what we have been doing in class each day.

## 7th/8th Grade

**Mr. Pett**

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Welcome back! It is great to be back and see everyone at school. We have a few new faces in our classroom. The students have been given their expectations for the class behaviors and academics. They have their lists for memory work and Spelling so they know what is expected each week. We are striving to achieve in the classroom and set good examples for the younger students in Christian behaviors.

We are talking about the early explorers in History and the Hindenburg Explosion in Science. We are discussing capitalization in English. Did you know there are six rules for capitalization?

We look forward to this school year and the things to come. God bless your week.

Serving in His Kingdom,  
Mr. Pett

# Lunch Menu and Fun

## Monday, Sept. 8

Hamburger on wgr bun, cheese slices, parsley buttered potatoes, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

## Wednesday, Sept. 10

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, mac & cheese, carrots-vegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

## Friday, Sept. 12

Sloppy Joes on wgr bun, tator tots, carrots-vegs, mixed fruit, milk

## Tuesday, Sept. 9

Hot dogs, mini corn dogs, baked beans, tator tots, carrots-vegs, chilled pears. milk

## Thursday, Sept. 11

Tacos, lettuce-cheese-salsa, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, dessert, milk



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JOIN the FUN...  
COME to

# DONKEY BASEBALL



DATE: Sept. 6th Rain date the 13th

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: Riverside Park, South Diamond

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## ATTENTION!!

Parents, the first PTL meeting of the school year will be Sunday, September 21 at 10:30 at the school. Please plan to attend!

# 8 Reasons Why Parents Should Get Involved

BACK TO SCHOOL IS THE KEY TIME OF YEAR TO GET PARENTS INVOLVED in your group and school. Take advantage of the excitement of the new school year by letting parents know from the start why their involvement is so important—for kids, for schools, and for themselves.

**Kids whose parents are involved are more likely to do their homework and attend school more regularly.**

**Schools with thriving parent groups have a better reputation in the community.**

**Involvement gives you an inside view on what's happening at school.**

**Kids with involved parents tend to do better in school and score higher on tests.**

**Being in a parent group opens you up to making new friends and connections.**

**It feels great to volunteer! Especially when kids' smiles are one of the rewards.**

**Parent groups do a lot of great work! It's awesome to be part of something you really know is making a difference.**

**There's no one-size-fits-all way to be involved—there are plenty of opportunities regardless of how much time you have to give.**

## ST JOHN LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL - REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

School Year

Child's name:

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First

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name (Primary Contact):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

May we text this number: YES or NO

Secondary Parent/Guardian Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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