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Badger Bytes

October 10, 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:

We walked to the Homecoming Parade today, thank you to parents for saving us some spots on the sidewalk.

October 22nd was designated as a Parent Transport Day, but once again Parochial buses will run, because All Saints has school too. Please let Mrs. Schrader know by **October 15** if your child would like to ride the bus that day. You can email the school at school@stjohnberlin.org

The Preschool-4th grade enjoyed a visit from the Berlin Fire Department on Wednesday. It was a great learning experience and so much fun to look at the big fire trucks.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of the month. Be on the look out for an email this afternoon to sign up for time slots. If you don't receive an email by 4pm, please contact the school office. Every classroom will have a separate sign up link, you will need to sign up for each of your students.



Rake leaves/create leaf mazes

Grab your rake and let's get active! Whether it's removing fallen leaves in your own yard or a neighbor's, raking leaves is a great way for family fitness and burn a few extra calories. For every half hour of raking and bagging leaves, the average person can burn about 175-225 calories. Encourage your kids to join in on the fun by creating and navigating leaf mazes together.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 11 -
Home Volleyball tournament, B-team in the morning, A-team in the afternoon.

Oct 14-6pm
Board of Education meeting

Oct 16 -
4:30 B-girls VB at home
5:30 A-girls VB at home

Parents' Night

Oct 17 -
Field trip to Petals and Plows

Oct 19-9:00am
Seraphim Choir sing & Handbells play
Voter's meeting following the service

Oct 21-4:30
B-girls VB double header

School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Feed My Starving Children. This week \$33.91 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$158.78 for the quarter.

VOLLEYBALL

The B girls lost to Trinity, Menasha on Tuesday despite playing well together as a team. On Thursday both teams played a new school, Emmanuel Lutheran from New London. Both teams played great and the B girls won 3-0. The A girls won 2-1. Tomorrow both teams are in a mini tournament up at All Saints. The B girls play at 9:00 and 10:00. The A girls play at 12:30 and 2:30. Go Berlin!

Next week Thursday is parents' night for both teams and their last home game of the season for the A girls. The B girls have a double header on October 21st to end their season.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who ordered pizzas from our fundraiser. The pizzas will arrive on Friday, October 24th.

SCHOOL PICTURES—COMPOSITE PICTURES

The deadline to order your child's class composite photo is October 17th.

LIBRARY

Thank you to the O'Bara family for the donation of reference books to our school library.

CHURCH VOTER'S MEETING/ BOARD OF EDUCATION OPENING

There will be a Voter's meeting at St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 19 following the 9am worship service in the lower level of the church. One of the items the voters will be deciding is who the two new board members will be on the Board of Education starting in January. If you are a voting member of our church, you are welcome to attend the meeting and vote. If you are not currently a voting member, but you are a member of St. John Lutheran Church you can become a voting member at the meeting and you will be allowed to vote.

WELLNESS CHALLENGE

Your child should have brought home a Fall Fun Scavenger Hunt before the break. If they find at least 28 of the items listed they can turn in their form to Mrs. Schrader for a small prize and they will be entered into a drawing for a larger prize at the end of the month. The larger prizes are on display in the trophy case between the gym and cafeteria. If your form has been lost or misplaced, reach out to Mrs. Schrader for a new form, students have the entire month of October to finish the scavenger hunt.

CHRISTMAS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date—Christmas VBS will be Saturday, December 20th from 9am to 1pm. More information and sign up links will be coming.

JAMMIES, JINGLES and JACK-O-LANTERNS

All 3K-4th grade families are invited to Jammies, Jingles and Jack-O-Lanterns on Wednesday, October 22nd from 5pm-6pm in the school gym. Bring a pumpkin to carve and your carving tools if you have them. You can wear your jammies, snacks will be provided and the preschools will perform a few songs. We suggest you gut your pumpkin prior to attending to save time. A note was sent home, please respond by October 17th if you will be attending so we know how many to plan for.

From the Teachers

3K/4K

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Kindergarten

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1st/2nd Grade

Mrs. Fritsch

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We jumped right back into our daily routine after the long break. We are now using pumpkins in math and have a new AB pattern for our calendar. We are practicing numbers 1-10.

In language we are continuing to work on what sounds letters make and what letters are in our names. We loved getting to share brown items during show-n-tell.

This week, during Jesus' time, we learned about what happened to Joseph, from being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers to rising to be second in command to the Pharaoh of Egypt and saving them and his family. This story is a reminder of God's promise that He is always with us.

We worked on writing E and F this week. I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase E if you would like to work on that at home with your child. We are learning a few songs and finger plays for our Jammies, Jack-O-Lanterns, and Jingles event. We enjoyed the fire department's presentation and getting to see the fire trucks in the parking lot. We are learning a new snack/lunch prayer for the month of October.

During Jesus time, we learned about Moses, the baby in the basket, and the Ten Plagues that went over Egypt when Moses was trying to free the Israelites from the Pharaoh.

We are working hard on the letter A with our fourth Superkid friend Alf. During language arts, we are practicing the short "a" sound like at the beginning of apple and ant. We are continuing to work hard on our handwriting. During S.Q.U.I.R.T time, we read 'To Many Pumpkins' and got to make our own paper pumpkins to go along with the story.

We have finished 27 lessons in math, and we continue to practice our counting every day. We learned how to build our own AB patterns with our counting bears.

The Berlin Fire Department came on Wednesday to talk to us about fire safety and fire prevention. Then we went outside to see the fire trucks, and they got to see their teacher go up in the ladder bucket!

Reminder that we go to Petals and Plows on Friday, October 17th, so please dress accordingly.

Please remember as the weather cools down, we are outside for recess, and it would be a good idea to keep light jackets, hats, and mittens in our backpacks.

Time flies! We met Moses, as God was talking to him through a burning bush. God told Moses to go to Egypt to ask Pharaoh to let His people go, that they may serve Him! Pharaoh's heart is hardened, and God sends 10 plagues to show His power. The last plague was the angel of death. Those who put lambs' blood on top of the door frame of their home were saved. This is called the Passover because the angel of death passed over the Israelites. The Pharaoh's son died in this plague, and Pharaoh let the people go. God is with His people through all of this and is showing His power. This story is to be continued in the New Testament!

In math we learned some new patterns using our names. This also became one of our art projects! We worked with ordinal numbers, numbering the clock face, and identifying and coloring neatly different shapes.

In Superkids we are finishing our review units! We will have new words to learn and write for spelling.

Have a blessed weekend!

~Mrs. Fritsch

From the Teachers

3rd Grade Mrs. Wenzel jwenzel@stjohnberlin.org	4th Grade Mrs. Berry rberry@stjohnberlin.org	5th/6th Grade Mrs. Pick mpick@stjohnberlin.org	7th/8th Grade Mr. Pett tpett@stjohnberlin.org
It's October and that means pumpkins are everywhere! During this week, the 3rd graders have selected and read a book. Next week they will be completing a book report and creating a character from the book using a pumpkin. It will fun to see the decorated character pumpkins. The 3rd graders, along with 4th through 8th, have the opportunity today to work with Feed My Starving Children and put together meal packs for those in need. God uses ALL of us to do His work, no matter what the age, to serve Him and others to His glory! We continue our religion unit, "God Leads His Nation." We will learn that God is with us and provides for all our needs, both physical and spiritual. We will also learn that God wants only good for the lives of His people. The Bible lessons for next week are "The Ten Commandments" and "God Gives His People Food & Water." Have a great weekend!	Another full week! 4th Grade has been working hard in Math this week. Learning how to find a missing number in sentences takes a lot of concentration! We've learned different strategies to solve these problems. So far this school year, we've been very busy on Fridays with educational field trips. This week we helped pack bags with dehydrated food at "Feed My Starving Children". Next week we will be going to "Petal and Plows" in the afternoon. Wisconsin has so many beautiful state parks to visit! 4th Graders can apply for a free state park pass online at: everykidoutdoors.gov. We took our Spelling test early this week due to our trip. Next week we'll take it early Friday morning before we leave. We continue to learn about the many different forms of energy in Science class. Our Reading story this week was called "The Power of W.O.W." It was written in play form with different characters having their own parts. A new Memory schedule was sent home on green paper. It lists what you child needs to be practicing each week. Enjoy what is left of this year's warm weather!	Our first full week in October is done. We had a math test and vocabulary test this week. We will be starting our fifth week of words next week. In Religion, we have been learning about Abraham and Isaac and how they trusted God. We learned about the rules for quotation marks and for writing numbers in our writing this week, and will be looking at plural nouns and some more confusing words next week in grammar. We have been working on ways to make our writing better by talking about point of view and developing characters and setting by using our five senses. We began our first novel study of the year with the book, Holes. It has been a funny book so far, and a fun change of pace from our nonfiction reading we have done so far this year. Just a reminder that we have our field trip to Petals and Plows next Friday afternoon, so students will need to remember to dress for the weather and bring a cold lunch if they didn't sign up for a school lunch.	It was a learning experience in St. Louis last week. It was great to gain a few new perspectives to use in the classroom and catch up with some former CUW classmates. One of our speakers, Gerry Brooks, was very interesting and hilarious. If you have not seen his videos, please look him up online. You will enjoy the material he covers. In History, we are covering Colonial America. In Science we are finishing the Hindenburg Explosion with projects on chemical changes. In Language Arts, we are covering Italics, hyphens, quotation marks, and the proper use of apostrophes. (I bring up misuses by local organizations on signs out in public that need to be fixed.) In Literature, we finished The Outsiders and watched the movie in class. The students are doing the reviews for the film versus the book. They were instructed to not use text talk or abbreviations in their writings. The same applies when emails are sent when communicating with others especially in a professional setting. Text talk is destroying our language. I will be out on the 24th to be with my dad for his hernia surgery. Please keep him in your prayers during his procedure and healing process. My siblings and I have a pool going as to when he will try to be back out working in either dump truck, mini excavator, or skid steer. He is very active in this manner for a 78-year old man, as well as stubborn. Have a great week. Serving in His Kingdom, Mr. Pett

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Oct. 13

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

Tuesday, Oct. 14

Spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks, corn, chilled peaches, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, French fries, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Oct. 16

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

Friday, Oct. 17

Cheese omelets, ham-sausage links, pancakes-French toast sticks, broccoli, asst. breads, mixed fruit, OJ, milk



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Columbus Day

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Word Box:

Christopher	America	Spain
Columbus	October	King
ships	discover	Queen
Nina	explorer	sail
Pinta	voyage	ocean
Santa Maria	holiday	compass