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# Badger Bytes

October 30, 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:

There are still some spots available for Parent-Teacher Conferences if you have not signed up yet.

Remember NO school tomorrow, Friday, October 31st.

On Tues. Nov. 11th, all students will be taking buses to All Saints to watch their Veteran's Day program. Also on Nov. 11th our 3rd -8th grade students will be presenting their Fall Music Showcase at the church at 5pm, all are welcome to attend.

Friday, November 14th was designated as a Parent Transport Day on our original school calendar. All Saints also has school this day so Northern Express Bus Service will provide a parochial bus for our students. Please call or email Mrs. Schrader by Thurs. Nov. 6th if you would like bus transportation for your child.

Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday night!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 31 -**

NO school

P/T conferences

**Nov 11-**

Veterans Day program at All Saints

5pm-Music Showcase

6pm-Board of Education meeting

**Nov 16-**

Seraphim Choir sings & handbells play

**Nov 26-28 -**

NO school Thanksgiving break

**Nov 26-6:30 -**

Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

**Dec 5 -**

Progress Reports come home

# School News

## **CHAPEL**

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Feed My Starving Children. This week \$16.00 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$209.09 for the quarter. Since our 1st quarter ends today, we will be donating \$209.09 to Feed My Starving Children. Next week we will start collecting for the Berlin Food Pantry.

## **FALL MUSIC SHOWCASE**

The Fall Music Showcase for grades 3rd-8th will be on November 11th at 5pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Friends and family are welcome.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

The girls played their last volleyball games for this season. The A girls concluded their season by taking 1st place in the tournament this past weekend. The B girls unfortunately were not able to secure a victory, but they had a lot of fun playing together and they grew a lot over the season. Thank you, parents, for supporting our volleyball program, we could not do it without you. Please make sure all uniforms get returned to Miss Linse by November 5th.

## **BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING**

Your child should have brought home a form to sign up for basketball (grades 5th-8th) or cheer (grades 3rd-8th). It is not too late to sign up. We are also going to be opening up basketball to 4th graders this year, so your fourth grader should have brought home an interest form today. Please return that form by Tuesday, November 4th. Practice schedules will be coming out next week. Games do not start until December so that schedule will be coming out closer to Thanksgiving. We are working on finding a girls coach. If you are interested in coaching one of the girls' teams, please reach out to Miss Linse.

## **WELLNESS CHALLENGE**

The names of all the students who completed the Fall Scavenger Hunt were put into a drawing for larger prizes. The following students were chosen to win a larger prize: Mille Schuster, Satori Snow, Lilea Evans, Judah Krueger, Oliver Billington, Owen Markowski and for the staff, Mrs. Billington. We had 44 people participate in our Scavenger Hunt Wellness Challenge.

## **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards will come home on Wednesday, November 5th, not at Parent/Teacher conferences like the school calendar states.

## **MOVIE VOUCHERS FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

Displaying Christian behavior just got more rewarding. This year, students who display Christian behavior in and outside the classroom will be nominated for Student of the Month and be eligible to win movie tickets. As part of the Marcus Theatres' and Movie Tavern by Marcus Student Motivation Program, each voucher is good for buy-one-get-one admission at the box office at any Marcus Theaters and Movie Tavern location. St. John Lutheran School will recognize student achievers throughout the school year. See Mrs Schrader for more details.

## **SPIRIT SALE**

A email with a link for our school apparel sale went out today. All these items come from Apparel Art right here in Berlin. The sale will be open until November 14th if you are interested in purchasing anything. The orders will arrive by Christmas if you want them for gifts.



## **FREE CONCERT**

There will be a free concert at the church on Friday, November 7th starting at 6:30pm. The concert will feature the Garms family. See more information on page 6 of this newsletter.

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The Christmas parade committee is looking for donations of candy for the Christmas parade. We like to handout candy on the parade route. If you would like to donate candy, you can drop it off at the school office.

## **FRUIT SALE**

Next week a fruit sale fundraiser order form will come home with your youngest child. We only send home one per family.

# From the Teachers

3K/4K

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1st/2nd Grade

Mrs. Fritsch

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Your child brought home their B door page today. The directions for what to do are on the door. This is not required but it is a fun way to practice letter recognition and beginning sounds. We are practicing our numbers 0-11. We have added rhombus, octagon, hexagon, and trapezoid to the shapes we are learning. In language we are continuing to work on letter sounds and recognizing the beginning and ending sounds in words.

This week, during Jesus' time, we learned the story of God giving His people directions to build the Tabernacle so that He could dwell among them while they were traveling. We also learned about the Israelites sending spies into the land God promised them before they entered. These stories remind us that God is always with us; will always take care of us and wants what is best for us. We worked on writing the letter J this week. I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase H if you would like to work on that at home with your child.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend parent/teacher conferences.

In Jesus time, we talked about Moses and the Twelve Spies. Moses sent twelve spies to look at the land God promised to give His people. Ten spies were scared, but two- Joshua and Caleb- trusted God and said, "God will help us- let's trust Him!"

In Superkids, we met our sixth Superkid friend Sal, and we are working on the letter S and increasing the number of words that we can sound out and blend together.

We have completed 40 math lessons so far and have completed 3 assessments. In Social Studies, this week we talked about where we live and that we live in a city, in a state, in a country.

We brought home our November snack calendar this week. Our new snack prayer for November is to the tune of "Mary had a Little Lamb" and the words are "God, we thank you for this food, for this food, for this food. God, we thank you for this food, we praise your name. Amen."

Have a great extended weekend!



We are learning about Martin Luther on our flannel graph. He was born in Germany to Hans and Margaret Luther. He was baptized when he was one day old. Martin went to grade school and when he was high school age he lived at the school. He would go home to visit, and one time on his way back to school, he got caught in a storm, he hid under a tree and lightning struck nearby, Martin asked St. Anne to help him, and he would become a monk. A monk is someone who leaves his family, to become a priest or pastor. He told his friends at college and before he left, they gave him his first Bible. He became a priest (pastor). During this time, a man named John Tetzel came to sell indulgences to raise money to build the church in Rome. Martin was against these indulgences, and posted the 95 theses on the church door on All Hallows Eve; we call this Halloween. Martin wanted everyone to know about the true God, pray only to Him, and know that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

In math we have been learning vertical, horizontal, and oblique lines. Students continue to find important numbers in word problems, add doubles, create fact families, make fractions half, fourths, thirds, sixths, and eighths. We also graphed the kinds of apples we like the best. None of us chose Red Delicious; two chose green Granny Smith, and 9 chose Golden Ginger. In Superkids 2nd Grade began *Goodbye Summer!* Cute one-page stories to wrap up summer and begin 2nd Grade. The students have also been drawing pictures and writing stories to go along with them.

Have a blessed weekend celebrating All Hallows' Eve, and All Saints Day!

~Mrs. Fritsch



# From the Teachers

## 3rd Grade

**Mrs. Wenzel**

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The third graders are learning how important it is to stack our numbers when adding or subtracting. This week we practiced this by adding 3 multiple digit numbers together. We also continued to add and subtract dollars and cents.

In religion we learned about Martin Luther and the Reformation. We learned how God uses leaders to guide and direct us in His ways. Today we will have a Reformation Celebration in the afternoon.

During the month of November, I will be giving the students a reading challenge. If everyone in the class meets his/her goal, the class will get to pick a special treat/activity. Stay tuned for updates to see if they meet the challenge...

Have a great weekend!

## 4th Grade

**Mrs. Berry**

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It's the end of October already! The first quarter is flying by! Thank you to all the parents who signed up for conferences this week.

Our next special event to mark on your calendars will be the Christmas parade in November. Please consider helping build the float or walk along with us this year!

We have been adding new concepts in Math. It's getting harder each week. Please consider having your child bring home the Math assignment each day for you to look over. We do correct the previous day's assignment each day and go over any mistakes that have been made. I don't want anyone to keep making the same mistake over and over!

We continue to learn the commandments and their meaning in Memory.

We took Week 7 Spelling Test today. Have a great three day weekend.

## 5th/6th Grade

**Mrs. Pick**

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Another week complete! Today marks the end of the first quarter for this school year already. Students will have report cards sent home with them next week. We will keep moving right along in our learning as we start the second quarter.

We will be doing lessons 33-37 in math next week. We are starting our next unit in religion and will be discussing Moses in the coming lessons.

We will be learning about compound subjects and predicates next week in grammar, and sharing our first story of the year in writing. We will be having a test on our vocabulary words next week Friday too.

Thank you to everyone for signing up and coming in for conferences, and enjoy your extra long weekend!

## 7th/8th Grade

**Mr. Pett**

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One more week in the books. I am happy to have seen so many parents at conferences. Many things were discussed for the betterment of the students. If you were unable to make it to conferences, please feel free to contact me to set up a time for a meeting.

We are now discussing the American Revolution in History. We will talk about the basics of it and why it was necessary. Depending upon how long we will study this era, we will probably incorporate Colonial Christmas traditions as a project. I will have more details as the time gets closer. In Science, we are still discussing the Superstorm of 1993 and weather systems related to that subject. In Language Arts, we are starting to talk about subjects and predicates. It will become more refined as we take a closer look at nouns and verbs. At this point in the year, the students should have twenty or more cards for their Language Arts ring and thirty or more for their Math ring. In Literature, we are reading *Rip Van Winkle*, which is at the end of the Sleepy Hollow book. Our next novel is *A Christmas Carol*. In Confirmation, they are continuing to learn about the Ten Commandments with Pastor Schrader.

We will be starting winter sports and Christmas program practices soon. As those dates get closer, we will have more information.

Keep checking in with your students. They should be bringing home corrected homework and a filled-out assignment book nightly. If they are not, please talk to them.

Have a great week and God bless.

Serving in His Kingdom,  
Mr. Pett

# Lunch Menu and Fun

## Monday, Nov. 3

Hamburger on wgr bun,  
cheese slices, French fries,  
carrots-vegs, applesauce,  
milk

## Wednesday, Nov 5

Chicken strips, French  
fries, wgr bread, carrots-  
vegs, pineapple tidbits,  
milk

## Friday, Nov 7

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

## Tuesday, Nov 4

Covered wagons, tator  
tots, carrots-vegs, baked  
beans, chilled peaches,  
milk

## Thursday, Nov 6

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

## Halloween Sudoku

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| 6 |   |   |   | 2 |   | 7 |   | 1 |
|   | 7 |   | 8 |   |   | 4 |   |   |
|   | 5 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 9 |   |
|   |   |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9 |   | 4 | 7 |   |   | 2 |   | 8 |
|   |   | 6 | 4 |   |   | 9 |   |   |
|   | 6 |   | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |   | 4 |
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| 1 |   | 5 |   |   | 7 | 3 | 2 |   |

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# A LIVE NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

# The Garms Family



**FREE  
CONCERT**

FREEWILL OFFERING  
WILL BE TAKEN

**FRIDAY  
NOV. 7**

**6:30 P**

**ST. JOHN  
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## Healthy, Gluten-Free Cheesy Crackers



Recipe courtesy of Food Network Kitchen



*Part of the beauty of gluten-free dough is that you don't have to worry about handling it too much, so kids can really go to town rolling and shaping these snack-friendly cheesy crackers. (Overworking dough with gluten in the flour can make the dough tough.) For little and big kids: Let them measure ingredients, cut out the crackers and sprinkle on the toppings. For big kids: Let them try rolling out the dough.*

**Level:** Easy

**Total:** 2 hr 40 min (includes chilling and cooling times)

**Active:** 1 hr

**Yield:** about 100 crackers

### Ingredients:

- 1 large egg, separated
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups gluten-free all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for sprinkling
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 tablespoon white sesame seeds
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds

### Directions:

**Special equipment:** Your favorite 1 1/2-inch cookie cutters

- 1** Whisk together the egg white, vinegar and 3 tablespoons water in a small bowl; set aside. Refrigerate the egg yolk in a small bowl, covered, until ready to use.
- 2** Pulse the flour, cornstarch, salt, baking powder, mustard, paprika and turmeric in a food processor to combine. Add the butter, Cheddar and Parmesan, and pulse until the butter is completely broken up. Pour in the egg white mixture, and pulse until the dough comes together in a ball. (It's OK if it's a little wet.)
- 3** Transfer the dough to a large piece of plastic wrap, and pat it into a 1/2-inch-thick round. Wrap it up, and refrigerate to chill and firm up the dough, about 1 hour.
- 4** Position 2 oven racks at the top and bottom third of the oven, and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment.
- 5** Roll the dough out on a large piece of parchment (to keep it from sticking to the counter) to about 1/8 inch thick. Cut shapes out with a 1 1/2-inch cookie cutter, and transfer the cutouts to the prepared baking sheets, spacing them about 1/2 inch apart. Gather and reroll the scraps and cut out more crackers; repeat with any remaining scraps. (Dust the dough with flour if you find it too sticky.)
- 6** Whisk 2 teaspoons water into the egg yolk. Brush the tops of each cracker with the mixture. Sprinkle each with some sesame seeds, poppy seeds and the tiniest pinch of salt.
- 7** Bake 2 baking sheets of crackers at a time, until the crackers are deep golden brown on the bottom, about 20 minutes, rotating the sheets about halfway through. Let cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes, then transfer to a cooling rack to cool completely. Bake the remaining cutouts.
- 8** Store the crackers at room temperature in an airtight container for up to 2 days, or freeze them for up to 1 week.

