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Badger Bytes

December 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:

Progress reports should have come home with your child today. You will find your child's teacher's email under the From the Teachers on pages 3 and 4 if you would like to email them with any concerns about your child's grades.

We continue to practice for our Christmas program which is scheduled for Friday, December 19th at 6pm at the Berlin High School Auditorium. All students (3K-8th) will be participating in the program. All students should wear blue jeans and black socks and be to the Berlin High School by 5:40pm. A note should have come home with your child this week. Please reach out if you did not receive the note. We will be going to the High School on December 18th in the afternoon and on December 19th in the morning to practice.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Adopt A Family gifts. We will be delivering them to the Boys and Girls Club next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5 -

Progress Reports come home

Dec 9-

Basketball boys at Celebration- 5pm & 6pm

Board of Education meeting-6pm

Dec 10-6:30pm

Advent Service

Dec 11 -

Basketball girls and boys at St. Paul, Manawa

Dec 14 -

Cookie Walk

Dec 17-6:30pm

Advent Service

Dec 18 -

Fruit orders arrive

Dec 19 -

Christmas program

Dec 20-9 to 1

Christmas VBS

Dec 22-Jan 2

NO school-
Christmas break



School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to the Berlin Food Pantry. This week \$21.77 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$102.13 for the quarter.

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

All four teams had their first games of the season on Tuesday against St. Paul Manawa. The B boys' team won their game. Although the B girls, A girls, and A boys played well together as a team they were unable to come away with a victory.

The B boys also had a game on Thursday against Trinity, Menasha, and they won their game 26-2 by working together. The cheerleaders cheered for their first game on Thursday, and they did a great job.

Next week, the A and B boys travel to Celebration in Appleton on Tuesday and all four teams travel to St. Paul, Manawa, on Thursday.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mark your calendars, the ALL school Christmas program will be Friday, December 19th at 6:00pm at the Berlin High School Auditorium. All students participate. More information came home about what kids need to wear on a green half sheet this week. Invite your family and friends to join us as we learn about the true meaning of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS VBS/BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Do you need a few hours without kids to get things done around Christmas time? Send your children to our Christmas VBS/Birthday Party for Jesus on Saturday, December 20th from 9am to 1pm. You can sign up by using this QR code.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Christmas Caroling event for tomorrow, December 6th has been canceled.

PTL COOKIE WALK

Mark your calendars!! The Ladies Aid/PTL Cookie Walk will be SUNDAY, December 14th. A Cookie Walk is a fundraiser where a person purchases a container and then they can fill the container with a variety of treats. Each family is asked to make 6 dozen or MORE nice cookies or candy. Bring your treats to the church lower level before the 9am worship service, or you can drop them off at school on Friday, December 12th. The Cookie Walk is after the worship service and all are welcome to purchase a container and fill it with cookies and candy.



SERAPHIM CHOIR & HANDBELLS

Both groups praised God with beautiful sound on Wednesday night! Thank you all for attending. Handbells did a super job! Remember Saturday, December 6, 2025, we play for St. John Advent by Candlelight in the basement of the church. Be there ready to change at 12:30pm. Program starts at 1:30pm. Eat lunch before you come, bring a drink! Thank you, parents, for the extra effort this week, I greatly appreciate it! ~ Mrs. Fritsch



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| Mon. Dec. 15 | "Let's Get Cozy with a Good Book" | Dress as your favorite book character. |
| Tues. Dec. 16 | "Ugly Christmas Sweater Day" | Wear an ugly Christmas sweater |
| Wed. Dec. 17 | "Frozen Day" | Wear your favorite flannel |
| Thurs. Dec. 18 | "Candy Cane Day" | Wear red and white |
| Friday. Dec. 19 | "Dreaming of Christmas Day" | Wear your Christmas PJs (or regular ones) |

From the Teachers

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday weekend. We were very excited to see each other after the break. Your child brought home their G door page today. This is not required but can be fun.

We are practicing numbers 0-20. We are also learning about the different types of pattern blocks in math. In language we are continuing to work on letter sounds and recognizing the beginning and ending sounds in words. We are also working on identifying if two words rhyme or not. We use nursery rhymes to go on letter hunts to practice recognizing capital and lowercase letters within words.

This week, during Jesus' time, we read about how after David became king, he kept his promise to take care of Jonathon's children. This story reminds us that God wants us to love others and treat them with kindness because God first loved us. We also read the story of when David's son Solomon became king and then was directed by God to build a permanent Tabernacle instead of the Israelites continuing to worship in the tent church that was constructed in the time of Moses. We continue to practice our handwriting. I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase L if you would like to work on that at home.

Thank you for your generous donations to our adopt-a-family child we were able to purchase warm pajamas, socks, clothes, diapers, wipes, and a fun educational little people farm toy (Black Friday deals are great).

In Jesus time, we talked about Advent and how it is a special season when we get to celebrate Jesus. We talked about how each candle has a special meaning and that we will "light" a new candle each week on the advent wreaths we made as we get closer to Christmas. We talked about the hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus brings.

We are on our 58th lesson in math and learning new concepts every day. In language arts, we finished with our eighth superkid friend, Icky and cannot wait to meet our new Superkid on Monday. We are working hard to sound out words made up or words we know.

We are also continuing to work hard on the Christmas program, and we are excited to perform for our parents. The Christmas program is on December 19th at 6pm at the Berlin High School auditorium. Our classroom's new snack prayer for December is "Lord, we thank you", to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?". It is a repeat after me prayer and the words are, "Lord, we thank you, (repeat) for our food, (repeat) and our many blessings, (repeat). A-a-men, (repeat)".



We have heard a lot about King Saul, David, Jonathan, and their relationship with God and each other. We have learned the 5th Commandment, Proverbs 17:17 and Zechariah 7:9.

In math we have completed Lesson 60, learning about line segments, angles, and adding two-digit numbers. In Superkids, 2nd Grade has completed all the review work and are now reading *The Superkids Hit Second Grade*. The kids look a little different now that they are in second grade, just like we have changed. We are getting taller, our hair might be shorter, or a different style, and we are liking to write stories. Both grades are working with long vowel sounds, rhyming words, ch, tch, and sh sounds. We started adding 's, and using pronouns.

First grade is also learned ed and ing endings. They read *Dominic's Apple*. Second grade read Chapter 2. This month, we are writing sentences to go along with the word for the day on our calendar. So far our words have been: tradition, symbol, excited, sleigh, and holly!

New spelling words for next week!



From the Teachers

3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th/6th Grade	7th/8th Grade
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<p>It's hard to believe that we only have 2 weeks before Christmas break. This week we began preparing our hearts for the coming of our Savior by working on our Advent lapbook. This week we focused on the 1st candle which is the hope (prophecy) candle. This candle represents the HOPE of the prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus.</p> <p>Next week we will be spending time learning how other countries around the world celebrate the birth of our Savior. Our first country we will travel to is Mexico. The Christmas "flower", the poinsettia, originated in Mexico. The legend is that a poor Mexican child wanted to give a gift to the Virgin Mary, but he had nothing to give. The child picked some weeds and laid them at the foot of the statue. Miraculously, they turned into beautiful, star-shaped flowers with the color of fire and light.</p> <p>Have a great weekend!</p>	<p>Christmas practice has kept us very busy! We have still been working hard in Math and Reading.</p> <p>We have really been hitting multiplication hard. We're starting multiplication by two-digit numbers. Please practice these facts at home with your child! Math has a tendency to get harder and harder, so if the first piece of the puzzle isn't mastered, it's difficult to build on to the next concept.</p> <p>In Reading we continue to work on using our new vocabulary words correctly in sentences with capital letters and punctuation. Our story this week was about a family who adopted a screech owl as a pet.</p> <p>We are participating in the AR Challenge again this year in January. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. You might even get a chance for them to check out new books at the public library.</p> <p>Have a great weekend and enjoy the snow!</p>	<p>Our first week of December is complete! I hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving Break. We will continue to keep moving right along in our subjects. We discussed common, proper, concrete and abstract nouns in grammar. We made it through lesson 50 and took a math test today. We discussed the tabernacle in religion and are still working on the commandments and their meanings for memory. We focused on a non-fiction story about the endangered Florida panthers in reading and worked on sequence of events and cause and effect text structures. We are still working hard on preparing for the Christmas Program that we have on December 19th.</p> <p>I keep reminding the students that they need proper gear for outside recess so that they can do things besides hanging out on the blacktop. Boots, snowpants, jackets, hats and gloves are highly encouraged. Have a great weekend!</p>	<p>Thank you, Mr. Snow, for filling in this week for me while I was away. This week the students continued to read <i>A Christmas Carol</i>. In Language Arts, the seventh grade has been working on reviewing concepts they learned in the past and now they get to move on to learning the different parts of speech. The eighth graders have also been reviewing concepts they learned earlier in the year. In Science, we have started a new unit where we are using dog sled races in Alaska to learn about how precipitation, temperature, and latitude can affect climate. In History, they started learning about the Articles of Confederation and the transition to the Constitution as we know it today. In Confirmation, they continued learning about Apostles' Creed. Please continue to monitor the weather to make sure your student is prepared for recess.</p>

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Dec. 8

Hot dogs—mini corn dogs,
French fries, carrots-vegs,
baked beans, chilled
peaches, milk

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Chicken strips, tator tots,
wgr bread, carrots-vegs,
applesauce, milk

Friday, Dec. 12

Chicken nuggets, French
fries, wgr bread, carrots-
vegs, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Hot ham & cheese on wgr
bun, buttered noodles, car-
rots-vegs, pineapple tid-
bits, milk

Thursday, Dec. 11

Hamburger on wgr bun,
cheese slices, cheddar
spuds, carrots-vegs,
chilled pears, milk



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Snowman Word Search



COAL SNOW
CARROT STICKS
SCARF TOP HAT

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K	F	R	A	C	S	A
F	C	M	L	V	W	T



3wk Lunch Menu for

December 8-19

Monday 12-8 Hot Dogs mini corn dogs french fries carrots-vegetables Baked Beans Chilled Peaches milk	Tuesday 12-9 Hot Ham & Cheese w/ bun Buttered Noodles Carrots-vegetables Pineapple Tidbits milk	Wednesday 12-10 Chicken Strips Tator Tots w/ bread Carrots-vegetables Apple Sauce milk	Thursday 12-11 Hamburger or w/ bun cheese slices cheddar spudgy carrots-vegetables Chilled Peas milk	Friday 12-12 Chicken Nuggets French Fries w/ bread carrots-vegetables Mixed Fruit milk
Monday 12-15 Breaded Chicken Patty on w/ bun cheese slices mac and cheese Carrots-vegetables Apple Sauce milk	Tuesday 12-16 Spaghetti and meat balls Breaksticks corn Chilled Peaches milk	Wednesday 12-17 Advent Service 6:30 Pizza Rice Pilaf carrots-vegetables Chilled Peas milk	Thursday 12-18 Tacos lettuce-cheese-salsa carrots-vegetables Mixed Fruit Dessert milk	Friday 12-19 Popcorn Chicken Tator Tots w/ bread carrots-vegetables Apple Sauce milk
*Cookie Walk-December 14				
Advent Service 6:30				
Fruit Arrives!				
Christmas Program				

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

