



Badger Bytes

January 16, 2026

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 remember there will be no bus service on Monday, January 19th, this is our last Parent Transport Day for school year. The public school and All Saints do not have school this day. If you will have a problem getting your child to school on Monday, please reach out to the school office, 920-361-0555 or school@stjohnberlin.org



All students in grades 1-8 will be competing with other Lutheran Schools across the country in the Accelerated Reading (AR) Challenge which will start on January 26th. Each week we will report our scores. Students earn points by reading books and taking AR tests on them. The Pre-school and Kindergarten students will be participating in the Wisconsin Timber Rattler's reading program to earn a ticket for a baseball game.

The second quarter ends TODAY. Report cards will come home next week Wednesday.

SOUP COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

Join us January 25 at 10:30 AM in the St. John School Gymnasium to sample a variety of homemade soups and vote for your favorite! Admission is \$10 for adults (18+), \$5 for kids, and free for ages 5 and under. We hope you can join us for a fun afternoon filled with delicious soups and fellowship.

We are also looking for help to support the event. Donations of bread sides and/or desserts are greatly appreciated. **We are also seeking 10-15 students in Grade 5 or older to help serve soup during the event.** If your family is able to help, please contact Paige Schrader at



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 16 -**
End of the 2nd quarter
- Jan 19 -**
Parent Transport Day
5:00pm-B-girls home game
- Jan 20 -**
B-boys game at Trinity, Menasha
4:30pm-B-girls at home
5:30pm-A-boys at home
- Jan 21 -**
Report cards come home
- Jan 22 -**
4:30pm- B-boys at home
5:30pm-A-boys at home
- Jan 25-9am**
Seraphim Choir sings & Handbells play
- Jan 26 -**
YMCA field trip
4:30pm-B-girls at home

School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to the Berlin Food Pantry. This week \$30.82 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$186.60 for the quarter. [This means we are giving the Berlin Food Pantry \\$186.60 since the 2nd quarter ends today.](#)

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

This week our teams traveled to St. Paul, Manawa on Tuesday. They all played well together. The B boys pulled out a win, but unfortunately the other teams fell short. Then on Thursday the B boys and A boys played at home against New Springs from Neenah. The B boys played hard but came up just a little short. The A boys played well together as a team but they were unable to pull out a victory.

Next week, the B girls have a home game on Monday. On Tuesday the B boys travel to Trinity, Menasha while the B girls and A boys have home games. On Thursday the B boys and A boys will once again play at home, this time against the Valley Homeschoolers. The cheerleaders will cheer on Tuesday at 5:30 and Thursday at 5:30.

PARENT TRANSPORT DAY

There is a Parent Transport Day on Monday, January 19. There will NOT be any buses offered for the students on Monday. Please plan to get your child(ren) to and from school this day, if it will be a problem for you, please contact the school.

MOTHER-SON EVENT

Our Mother-Son Event is coming up on January 30th. See more information on Page 6, this is a community event, all are welcome.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, January 25th because of the soup cook-off

TRIVIA NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE

The St. John PTL is hosting a trivia night Saturday evening on March 14th at (time TBD) to raise funds for the school. Please join us in the school gymnasium for this fun event. More details to come soon!

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Lutheran Schools Week is fast approaching! It is the week of January 25th. There will be dress up days and fun activities. The dress up days and the activities are listed on page 6. A sign up sheet for Grandparents Day came home this week.

SERAPHIM CHOIR AND HANDBELL REMINDER

We sing and play handbells on Sunday, January 25, to kick off Lutheran Schools' Week. This is NOT the third Sunday, like usual. We will also sing and play for Grandparents Day, January 28.

ANNUAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

If you are in 5th-8th grade, save the date, our annual St. John/All Saints Dodgeball Tournament which will be Friday, March 6th. More information to come.



Dinner table ABCs

Start a mealtime game by asking your youngster to name a healthy food. Then, go around the table taking turns, with each person naming a food that begins with the last letter of the previous food. Examples: okra, apricot, turkey, yellow squash. Your family may get new ideas for nutritious foods to eat.

From the Teachers

3K/4K

Miss Linse

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We spent some more time reviewing our numbers, shapes, and colors in math. We are continuing to practice “if today is...; then yesterday was...” during calendar time along with our new AAB pattern. In language, we have been focused on identifying beginning sounds by adding and subtracting them from words.

We are continuing to practice for our class play “The Mitten” based on the book by Jan Brett. We are excited to perform this for our grandparents on Grandparents’ Day, January 28th, during Lutheran School Week. A note with more information about Grandparents’ Day went home this week.

This week, during Jesus’ time, we read two more Old Testament stories that we had paused on to focus on Christmas. We are reminded that there is only 1 true God and that He loves us and takes care of us.

I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase “P” if you would like to work on that at home. Also, your child brought home their “K” door page today. This is not required but can be fun. The second quarter ended today, and your child’s report card will be sent home next week on Wednesday.

Kindergarten

Mrs. Webb

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During Jesus time, we learned about Elijah and Elisha from the Bible. God took Elijah to heaven in a chariot of fire, and Elisha knew God would still help him. We talked about trusting God and knowing He is always with us.

We have completed 71 math lessons to date and continue to learn new skills. We learned about dimes and what they are worth and counting by tens.

We met our tenth superkid friend this week, Frits. We are working to sound out words containing these letters C, O, G, A, D, S, L, I, T, and F (using short vowel sounds for A, I, and O). We will begin having word bags so we can practice reading at home the words we can sound out at school, as well as sight words.

In social studies we talked about the president of the United States and who the first president was and where he lives. In art we made penguins with their own scarf design.

Keep an eye on the Badger Bytes for more information about the fun activities and for the dress up days we will have to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week

January 26-29.



1st/2nd Grade

Mrs. Fritsch

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This week we learned about King Solomon. He prayed for wisdom to be a good ruler. He started out loving, trusting, and listening to God. His wisdom went to his head, and he figured he did not need to continue listening to God. Unfortunately, he started to worship false gods. God was not pleased and took his kingdom away. God loved His people and kept His promise of a Savior.

In math we have started adding three two-digit numbers and regrouping. We are also coloring fractions and learning to make our own line segments.

In Superkids 2nd Graders are writing contractions, reviewing who, what, when, where, with comprehension.

1st Grade is learning how to read a play, with parts. We also started a sight word game. We have been practicing letters and words in handwriting and writing stories to go along with our skateboards from the Super Magazine.

2nd Grade also came up with 4 new flavors of ice cream. I don’t think I would be brave enough to try all of them. We created snowmen using our names. We all love the snow!

Have a blessed weekend,
Mrs. Fritsch



From the Teachers

3rd Grade

Mrs. Wenzel

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Happy Friday! The week started out warm but has turned cold. Because of the cold weather we have been experiencing, please remind your child to wear hats and mittens to school. We will go outside as long as the windchill is zero or above.

We are continuing to spend time practicing our Twelve Days of Christmas song. After we present our song at Grandparents Day, I will put together a booklet for each of the 3rd graders to take home.

Next week in social studies we will continue to learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. Fun Fact: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth name was Michael Luther, Jr. His parents changed his name shortly after to Martin Luther King, Jr. to honor the Christian Leader Martin Luther (he helped reform the church) from Germany.

God's blessings!

4th Grade

Mrs. Berry

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In Math, we have started two and three-digit multiplication by a one-digit numbers. We have been practicing the facts each day. Please continue this practice at home as well!

We have been working on our skit and song for Grandparents' Day on the 26th. Ms. Waters has been a great help with the posters we will be using!

The students designed posters for a Reading/Science project this week. The posters depict a natural disaster. They included facts about their natural disaster. They will be hanging in our hallway for grandparents to see.

Have a great weekend!



5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Pick

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We have reached the end of the second quarter, so we are officially halfway through the school year. We worked on our different verb tenses this week, and we started working on infinitives and participles. We are working hard on our biography projects during reading and writing time too. Students will need to bring in their biography bags by next Friday, January 23rd, so we can prepare for our presentations.

We are learning about water and the water cycle in science and the eastern United States in social studies. Students will need to study the states of each region so that they can identify the state and its capital.

We are just finishing up our one word art projects and then we will be doing advertisements for the newspaper. Have a great weekend!

7th/8th Grade

Mr. Pett

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This week we had a research project in History. The students were each assigned two amendments, and they will be presenting them to their classmates. In Science, we are almost finished using dogsled racing to learn about weather and how it is affected by geography, altitude, and location. They will be applying what they have learned to a project on climate change.

In Language Arts we are continuing verb tenses. In Literature, we finished *A Christmas Carol*. The students have been assigned a paper comparing the book and their choice of three different film versions. They should have brought home the directions and my expectations so they can work at home. We started reading *Bud, Not Buddy*. Pastor Schrader is talking about the Lord's Prayer in Confirmation class. In Math, seventh grade has been covering symbols of inclusion and talking about circumference and *pi*. In eighth grade we have covered number lines and similar and special right triangles.

Have a great weekend.

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Jan. 19

Popcorn chicken, potato smiles, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Pizza, rice pilaf, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk

Friday, Jan. 23

Chicken nuggets, French fries, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Covered wagons, baked beans, tator tots, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Jan. 22

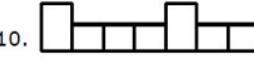
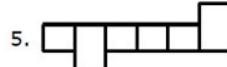
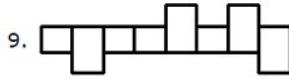
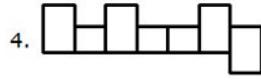
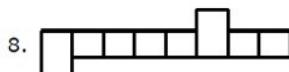
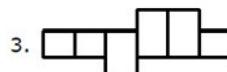
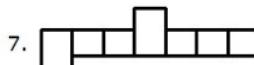
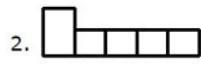
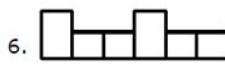
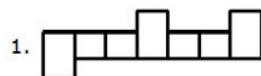
Spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks, corn, mixed fruit, milk



"Free at Last" ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



justice
dream

freedom
leader

rights
liberty

preacher
protest

equality
speech

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19, 2026

Did you know he is named after Martin Luther the reformer who started the Lutheran religion!

Lutheran School's Week
January 26-29th
Dress Up Days
brought to you by Student Council

Monday: Twin Day (Match with a friend)



Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day



Wednesday: Jersey Day



Thursday: Nerd Day



Monday: Twin Day
YMCA

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day
Bowling

Wednesday: Jersey Day
Grandparents Day
Olympics

Thursday: Nerd Day
Olympics

Friday: No School
Mother Son Night

You are **WANTED** at our
Mother Son
Rhinestone Cowboy
Night

St. John Lutheran School gym
Friday, January 30, 2026 5-7pm
\$20 per Mother - Sons are FREE

Wear your Western attire, Slip
on your Boots, and come Join us
for a night of Fun!

Music & Dancing
Games & Activities
Food & Drinks



**Let's
Make
a Joyful
Noise** PSALM 98:4



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NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK