



# Badger Bytes

February 19, 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:

Progress Reports come home TODAY.

If you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, teachers will be available to meet on **Friday, February 20**, in the afternoon. Your child's teacher's email address can be found on pages 3-4 of this newsletter. Please reach out to the teacher directly to schedule a conference.

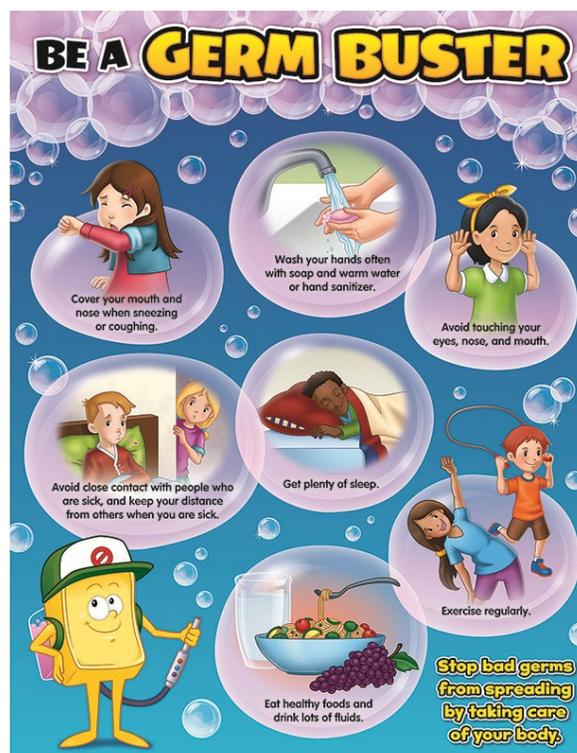
Reminder: There is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, February 20. Teachers will have in-service in the morning and parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon.

We also have our Open House this evening, February 19 from 4pm-7pm, please let anyone know who may be interested in our school.

Father-Daughter Dance is Saturday, February 21 from 6pm-8pm. No advance tickets needed, just come that evening. This is a community event open to everyone.



Please plan to join us!  
Each Wednesday through Lent  
Meal starts at 5:15pm  
Service at 6:30pm



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 19-**  
Progress Reports  
4pm-7pm Open House
- Feb 20 -**  
NO School  
P/T Conferences
- Feb 21-6pm-8pm**  
Father-Daughter Dance
- Feb 25-**  
**5:15pm** PTL hosts the Lenten meal  
**6:30 pm**-Seraphim Choir sings and Handbell play for the Lenten Service
- Mar 1-9:00am**  
Cherub Choir sings at the worship service
- Mar 6-**  
Dodgeball tournament
- Mar 10 - 6pm**  
Board of Education meeting
- Mar 14-**  
Trivia night
- Mar 15-9am**  
Seraphim Choir sings, handbells play

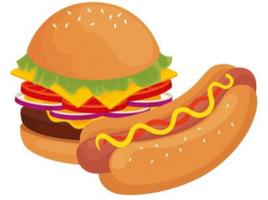
# School News

## CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Camp LuWiSoMo. This week \$39.47 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$564.51 for the quarter.

## PTL LENTEN MEAL

The first Lenten meal will be served by the PTL (Parent-Teacher League) on Wednesday, February 25 starting at 5:15. Please join us for Hamburger, hot dogs, brats and all the fixings. This is a fundraiser for the PTL.



## NEW WELLNESS CHALLENGE

Your child should have brought home the February Wellness Challenge, please let Mrs. Schrader know if you need a new one. Students can see her each Monday to get a prize if they completed the challenge. Mrs. Schrader did not have many students come for a prize last Monday. Don't forget to tell her if you completed the challenge.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS AT CHURCH

If you're interested in joining our church or learning more about our Christian faith, we would love to have you join us for our next New Member class! The 8 week class will be held on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM beginning Feb 22 and ending Apr 19 (excluding Easter). If you're interested, even if you can't make every class, please contact Pastor Rob at [pastor@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnberlin.org). Current members are also welcome!

## ACCELERATED READER CHALLENGE

After three weeks of the A/R challenge, we have a few classes that are still placing in the top 10: 1st grade is in eighth place, 3rd grade is in ninth place, and 8th grade who is in fifth place. There is still time to improve the standings, KEEP READING!

## SERAPHIM CHOIR AND HANDBELL REMINDER

Handbells and Seraphim Choir did well on Sunday. You brought the joy of the Lord to the worship experience. ALL students grades 3-8 are asked to participate Wednesday, February 25. Handbells warm up at 5:30pm. Choir warms up at 6:15pm.

## FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE

The dance is this SATURDAY. This is a community event, all are welcome. There is more information on page 6. Hope to see you all there.

## HANGING ANNUAL BASKET FUNDRAISER

One order form per family for the Hanging Basket Flower Sale should have come home. Please call or email the school if you did not receive a form, 920-361-0555 or [school@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:school@stjohnberlin.org).

**All orders and money are due March 2nd.** Thank you in advance for selling!

10" Spring  
Annual  
Basket  
*Colors vary*



Calibrachoa

Begonia

Geranium

Impatiens

Petunias

# From the Teachers

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1st/2nd Grade

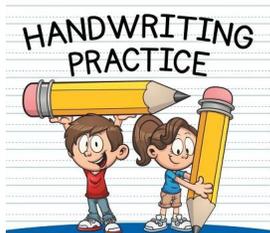
Mrs. Fritsch

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We had a lot of fun celebrating our 100th day of school on Monday. This week in math we have been talking about positional words like in front of, behind, next to, and inside.

In language, we continue to focus on identifying beginning sounds by adding and subtracting them from words. We have also started replacing the beginning sound to make a new word. For example, take boo remove the /b/ sound; replace it with the /z/ sound; and you get the new word zoo. During Jesus' time, we read the story of Jesus meeting Zacchaeus and how Jesus came to earth to save all people and he wanted them to follow him. We are so important to Jesus that He died to save us from our sins and give us new life as God's children.

I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase U if you would like to work on that at home. Also, your child brought home their "P" door page today. This is not required but can be fun.



During Jesus time we talked about the beautiful story of Jesus' birth and how the angels shared the good news with the shepherds. We talked about how Jesus is God's greatest gift to us because He brings love, forgiveness, and joy. We started unit 13 in Superkids this week. This book reminds us that we are all super kids. We are working on the letter u with the short /u/ sound you hear at the beginning of us. In math, we have finished 89 lessons. We learned about creating an ABC pattern and were able to create our own. In art we made a special art project for a display that will be at the Berlin library for spring time. In social studies, we talked about presidents and what they do and made a president craft of what we would do if we were the president. Remember no school tomorrow. Dates to remember: Open house for prospective families is TODAY, February 19th from 4-7 and they sing at church on March 1st.



This week we have learned about Jesus' 12 disciples and their names.

We also learned about the man that Jesus healed at the Pool at Bethesda. Jesus knew the man needed physical healing. He also knew that the man needed his sins forgiven. We get these blessings from Jesus also, every day, because we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment.

We have had many new concepts this week. Students learned to regroup or borrow while subtracting. They have begun to multiply by 1's, and 10's. They continue to add more than two, two-digit numbers, working with  $>$ ,  $<$ , and  $=$ . We also took our assessment for Lesson 95.

In Superkids, first grade is finishing their first reader, and doing many activities. Second grade is also doing many activities with their stories and learning cursive!

Have a great weekend and a blessed Lent.

Mrs. Fritsch

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



# From the Teachers

## 3rd Grade

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## 5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Pick

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## 7th/8th Grade

Mr. Pett

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This has been a short and fast week. We spent this week learning about Ash Wednesday and will spend next week learning about the season of Lent. We will learn about the parable "The Lost Sheep" Jesus used to teach the people during His earthly ministry, and how Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ. We will learn how God provides for our basic needs and makes us rich because of our treasure in heaven.

As we continue to learn more about the early Americans in social studies, we will get to see how life was different then compared to now. We will have the opportunity to taste cornbread, which was a staple food in the beginning years of America.

The 3rd graders reached their first reading goal in the AR reading challenge. We had a popcorn/game party to celebrate. The National AR reading challenge continues through March 6. Keep up the reading!!!

Have a blessed weekend!

Remember that grades 3-8 sing on Wednesday, February 25 during our Wednesday Lenten service. There is also a PTL sponsored church-wide supper that evening from 5:15 to 6:15. Please sign up for an item to bring for the meal.

Please watch the weather for changes and make sure that your child is dressed for the elements! This week has been beautiful, but the temperature will be falling! We thank God for the beautiful weather we've been having.

In Science we have continued learning about different landforms on our beautiful planet that God created.

In Math we've started multiplying fractions!

In Wisconsin History we have been studying some of Wisconsin's first explorers.

Have a great weekend.

We had our math test this week, and now we are moving on to the next lessons in math. 5th grade is now having to reduce their fractions when they solve the problem. 6th grade is doing operations with different units of measure and having to convert them.

We discussed similes this week and created our own similes for things that are in our reading book and also worked on sequencing as well. Next week we will be practicing summarizing our story. We will also be having a vocabulary word test next week for this week's and next week's words.

We are starting the next chapter in health and learning about first aid. Students should continue to study their southeast states and capitals because that test will be coming up soon.

Just a reminder that the handbells play and choir sings at next week's Lenten service on February 25th at 6:30.

Have a great weekend!

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather we are currently experiencing. Soon enough it will change, and we will be back to late February weather.

This week in History, we finished Chapter 6 talking about the War of 1812. In Science, we are putting the finishing touches on our presentations. In Language Arts, both classes are discussing nouns. In Religion, the students are still learning about the Lord's Prayer.

In Math, we took a test and did Investigation 8. Next up for Math will include order of operations, scientific notation, diagonals, angles, probability, surface areas, and arcs.

In Reading, we are nearing the end of *Bud, Not Buddy*.

Serving in His Kingdom,

Mr. Pett

# Lunch Menu and Fun

## Monday, Feb 23

Spaghetti & meatball, breadsticks, corn, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk

## Wednesday, Feb 25

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

## Friday, Feb 27

Chicken strips, potato smiles, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, mixed fruit, milk

## Tuesday, Feb 24

Sloppy Joe on wgr bun, tator tots, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk

## Thursday, Feb 26

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



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8TH ANNUAL  
**FATHER** *Daughter*  
DANCE  
*Saturday* **February 21st** 6-8 PM

Join us and celebrate an evening of fun with your daughter. Enjoy music, dancing, games, photo booth, door prizes, desserts and refreshments.

All ages welcome (entertainment geared to 2-14 years old) and dress as fancy as you please. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or any other person that fits that role.

**Entertainment sponsored by  
Farmers & Merchants Bank**



\$20 per Father/Father Figure  
(daughters free)

St. John Lutheran School  
146 Mound St., Berlin, WI



**Wellness Committee is hosting  
their 4th Annual**

**PRIZES** awarded to  
EACH member of  
the winning  
team!!!



**FREE refreshments**  
for all participants!

**DATE :** Friday, March 6th  
**TIME:** 6:30pm  
**PLACE:** St. John Lutheran School  
**GRADES:** 5th to 8th  
**SCHOOLS:** St. John and All Saints  
**TO SIGN UP:** email [school@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:school@stjohnberlin.org)  
Please email your name and grade by 2-27-26