



# Badger Bytes

September 11, 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 return all your paperwork to the school office or your child's teacher, this includes the blue card, and internet permission/photo release slip. Also, please sign the online Parent/School Handbook and fill out the Emergency Contact/Registration form. Thank you.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—GET YOUR TICKETS!** Our Donkey Baseball event is on September 26th! More information is on Page 6. All Preschool children should have brought home a FREE ticket today, with a paid adult. If you would like to purchase tickets, there is a QR code on page 6 to order online or there are tickets for sale in the school and church offices. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Snacks and beverages will be available for sale at the event which will be at the South Diamond in Berlin.

Thank you James and Lily's grandpa for the treats for the staff.

If your child rides the bus, you should have received an email from the school office this morning about Monday, Sept. 28th. Please let the school office know ASAP if your child will be riding the bus on the 28th.

Please note on the "From the Teacher" pages of this newsletter, the teacher email's are listed under their names if you need to contact them.



Anyone who missed our school picture days, your photos will be taken on **MONDAY!**

Don't forget to go online and order your school pictures. You can use the QR code at the right to order.



## A "BAG" Thank You!



Thank you to everyone that recycled plastic for St. John Church and School (and the Second Time Around Shop). We received three composite decking benches (one for each location) through your donations. St. John donated over 3,500 lbs. of plastic. We are truly thankful for your efforts because this plastic did not go into our landfills or waterways.

The Trex Company, Inc. has changed their recycling program and discontinued the free composite decking bench.

**St. John Church and School will NO longer collect plastic, effective September 30, 2026.**

Please continue to recycle your plastic by placing it in the marked bins at Walmart, Hy-Vee, Piggly Wiggly, or Festival Foods.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 14 -**  
Picture Day for any students who missed the open houses

**Sept 15 -**  
VB at home (All Saints)  
4:30 B-girls  
5:30 A-girls

**Sept 17—**  
VB at Trinity, Menasha  
4:45 B-girls

**Sept 18 -**  
PS-1st field trip

**Sept 20—**  
9am Seraphim choir sings at church

**10:30 PTL meeting**  
at school

**Sept 24th -**  
VB at Manawa  
4:45 B-girls  
5:45 A-girls

**Sept 25th -**  
Progress reports come home  
7th/8th field trip



# School News

## **CHAPEL**

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Phil's Friends. This week \$18.25 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$26.39 for the quarter.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School starts this SUNDAY, SEPT. 13th. See more information on page 7. To register your child, simply scan the QR code on page 7. We look forward to another wonderful year of learning, growing, and sharing God's love together!

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPENINGS**

The St. John Board of Christian Education will have two positions open in January 2027. Board members serve three-year terms, and all candidates must be members of St. John Lutheran Church. If you would like more information or are interested in running for the board, please contact Miss Linse or any current member of the Board of Christian Education. Please pray about this opportunity to serve our school.

## **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

St. John Lutheran School is currently seeking a Volunteer Athletic Director. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Miss Linse by email or phone for more information:

Email: [mlinse@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:mlinse@stjohnberlin.org) Phone: 920-946-8835

Thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity and for your support of St. John Lutheran School.

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Interested in Joining St. John Lutheran Church?

Our Fall Membership Class begins Wednesday, September 23, and meets weekly from 6:00-7:30 p.m. through November 11. If you have questions about the class, please see Pastor Rob. If you would like to join to learn more about the Christian faith and St. John, please contact the church office at 920-361-9935 or [church@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:church@stjohnberlin.org) by September 21.

## **PTL MEETING**

The first PTL (Parent-Teacher-League) meeting for the year will be Sunday, September 20th following the church service around 10:30 at the school. Come and join us and make a difference in your child's school.

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

We are looking for a volunteer to be the chairperson for the float in Berlin's Christmas Parade on Thursday, November 19th. We are grateful to Ms. Nechkash for chairing the project the last few years. She does have a few ideas for this year's theme that we can share with anyone who would be interested in taking on this event. Please call or email the school if you are interested in being the chairperson.

## **REMIND APP**

If you have not done so already, please sign up for our Remind App by [texting@a47bk2](mailto:texting@a47bk2) to 81010. This will allow us to text all families quickly if we need to. Thank you.

## **SERAPHIM CHOIR**

The Seraphim Choir (grades 3-8) will sing in church on Sunday, September 20th. The worship service begins at 9am. Please have your child to church by 8:50am.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Students in Preschool-1st should have brought home a field trip form for Little Farmer. Students in 5-8 should have brought home a field trip form for Feed My Starving Children, and finally students in 7-8 should have brought home a permission slip for the Ropes Course, please return these permission slips as soon as possible.

# From the Teachers

**3K/4K**

**Miss Linse**

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**Kindergarten**

**Mrs. Webb**

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**1st Grade**

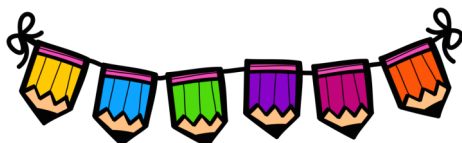
**Mrs. Wenzel**

[jwenzel@stjohnberlin.org](mailto:jwenzel@stjohnberlin.org)

Welcome to 3K/4K at St John. We are excited that you are here. This week we spent time getting comfortable in the classroom.

We are learning that as we come to class in the morning, we have “work” to do. We are tracing our names every day. We worked on writing the letter Aa this week. We made our first “make and take” book that will be circulated throughout the students for them to share with their families. We jumped into math and calendar time. We learned songs to help us with the numbers 1-3. We have been using a song to help us learn the days of the week. We are practicing an AB pattern in math using red and green apples.

In language we are learning what sounds the letters make and what letter is at the beginning of our names. We got to go to Chapel on Wednesday and sit with our Chapel families. During Jesus time, we learned about God creating the World and how much He loves us, His



We had a fantastic second week in kindergarten! The students are doing a great job with their new routines and are learning so much each day. So far, we have completed 8 math lessons, and we are practicing how to use our math manipulatives. We are also working on the correct way to write our numbers.

In Superkids, we are finishing up with our warm-up unit. They have been working hard and are doing a great job getting familiar with our reading program. Next week, we will begin unit 1 and meet our very first Superkid friend! We are excited to see what comes next!

In Jesus time we talked about Noah and the flood. We talked about how Noah trusted and obeyed God, and how God kept Noah, his family, and the animals safe. We also learned that the rainbow is a reminder of God’s promise and that we can always trust God to keep His promises.

In art, we worked on a fun “All About Me” project. They used bubble wrap to add texture to their artwork and had fun trying a new way to paint. Our first family projects are hung in the hallway for everyone to see and they all look great! Nice job!

**Reminder that we will be going to Little Farmer on Friday, September 18th. Please make sure they are dressed for the weather!**

This week, we continued reviewing our Superkids characters, both old and new, and began practicing a few new sight words. We will end the week by making heart-shaped flags in memory of 9/11, which ties into our first social studies unit on American history and symbols.

In religion, we continued learning about how God blesses families through the story of Adam and Eve, followed by a lesson on Cain and Abel. We learned that we have conflict and jealousy, which results in consequences, but God is gracious and merciful.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be learning about pictographs and ordering sets from smallest to largest in math. We are also looking forward to our field trip to Little Farmer on Friday!



# From the Teachers

**2nd/3rd Grade**

**Mrs. Pick**

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**4th Grade**

**Mrs. Berry**

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**5th/6th Grade**

**Mrs. Heise**

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**7th/8th Grade**

**Mrs. Schrader**

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We have had another week in our classroom. We learned about what God created each day and how we can take care of everything God created. We started reading and the 2nd graders have been learning about the new Superkids in their books, and the 3rd graders read the first story about a fine school.

They also had their first time with their reading buddies this week!

We have started learning about forces and energy in science and geography in social studies. In math, we have been talking about dates and calendars, sequence patterns, and clocks.

We will be starting spelling next week too. They will be getting a list of words to study, and they will be working on them at school, but should also study them at home. Next week, we will have our first Monday of the school year, so it will be a full week. Have a great weekend!  
Mrs. Pick

What a great week!

In Math we're reviewing adding, subtracting, and finding missing numbers. Next we will be writing number words and working with money. We learned about the four types of Health: Spiritual, Mental, Physical, and Social.

We read a funny story in Reading class called "Because of Winn Dixie". We learned how to find the vocabulary words in the glossary and use the words in a sentence.

Keep encouraging your child to be reading 30 minutes a night and fill out the reading log. They have been taking AR tests already.

Our first spelling test was today. A new list will come home today for next week's test so everyone can start practicing.

Please check the memory schedule. We will be working on the Second Commandment and the What Does This Mean.

In English we've been reviewing how to identify complete sentences that contain capital letters, punctuation, and a complete thought.

Mark your calendars for September 26th. St. John will be hosting Donkey Baseball at the park! Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Tickets are available in the office. Hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend.  
Mrs. Berry

In Religion, we read about the Tower of Babel, God's Call to Abram, and the Birth of Isaac.

In Science, they continue to study states of matter. They are studying physical and chemical changes in matter.

In English, fifth graders are studying subjects and predicates. They are also studying action verbs and helping verbs. Sixth graders are studying compound subjects and compound predicates. In math, 5th grade students learned to recognize and extend number patterns, identify even and odd numbers, used money to understand place value, and compare whole numbers. The 6th grade students reviewed addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, used fact families to understand related math facts, and solved equations involving unknown numbers by applying inverse operations.

In history, we talked about how and why we study history. This includes gathering evidence, developing a question, collecting evidence, and building additional content knowledge.

To serve.  
Mrs. Heise

We had a great week of learning!

In History, we began working in our textbooks and learned how to think like a historian, explored key themes in history, and discussed the events and significance of 9/11. In Math, we reviewed fact families, finding unknown numbers in basic equations, solving word problems, and understanding the properties of operations. In Life Skills, students learned about personal responsibility, organization, time management, decision-making, and problem-solving. In Apologetics, we researched the incredible complexities of the human body that point to a divine Creator and discussed the question, "Who made God?" In Science, we learned about the diversity of fruit flies and how fruit fly populations can be controlled. In Writing, we focused on capitalization and summarizing. We also enjoyed spending time with our 2nd and 3rd grade reading buddies this week!

Looking ahead, I will be attending a Pastoral Conference with Pastor Rob next Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Brooks will be teaching the classes during that time. Also, if you plan to attend our Rope Course Field Trip, please return permission slips by this Wednesday.

Have a blessed weekend!  
-Mrs. Schrader

# Lunch Menu and Fun

## Monday, Sept. 14

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

## Wednesday, Sept 16

Cheese omelets, ham-sausage links, pancakes-French toast sticks, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk

## Friday, Sept. 18

Sloppy Joe on wgr bun, ta-tor tots, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk

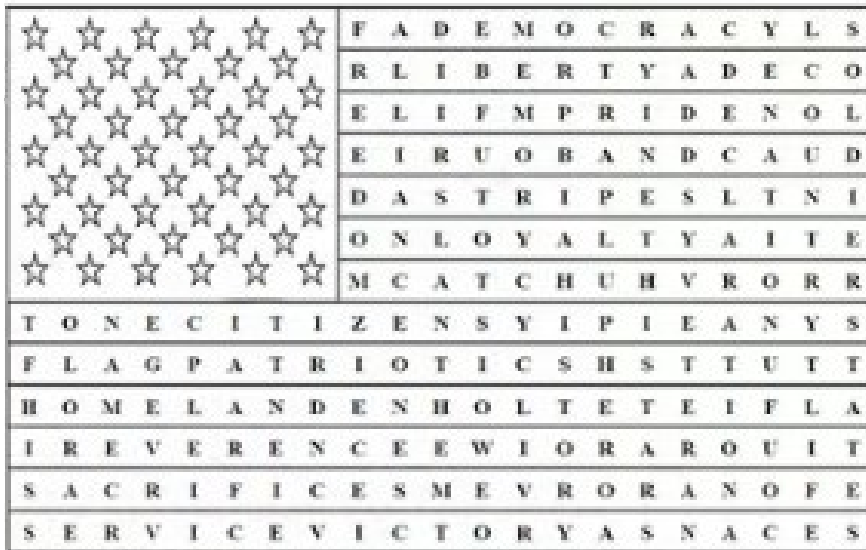
## Tuesday, Sept 15

Popcorn chicken, wgr bread, French fries, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk

## Thursday, Sept. 17

Sliced hot ham on wgr bun, cheese slices, buttered noodles, carrots-vegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

## PATRIOTS' DAY WORD SEARCH



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| flag   | country | liberty  | democracy   |
| life   | history | anthem   | citizenship |
| hero   | soldier | loyalty  | patriotic   |
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Trustees,  
Parents and  
former  
students  
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Baseball on  
DONKETYS!!**

**DATE:** September 26, 2026

**TIME:** 1:00pm

**PLACE:** Riverside Park, South Diamond

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**

St. John School and Church offices  
or SCAN this QR code to order tickets



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# St. John Sunday school

Every Sunday beginning  
September 13th

10:30-11:30 St. John School



Children and youth bible lessons,  
activities and Christian  
socialization



# **Sunday School kick off brat fry!**

September 13

11:00 a.m.

It's a wonderful  
opportunity to gather  
with our church  
family, welcome new  
faces, and enjoy a  
good meal together!

