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# Badger Bytes

September 25, 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:

We have a new Spirit Sale. You can use this link to order.

<https://rvdh-apparel.square.site/shop/st-john-lutheran-school/JODWOQ7SCVIK4LGLIJAEFST>

We have also emailed the link out to families. The sale will always be open and there will be a link on our website: stjohnberlin.org.

Donkey Baseball is SATURDAY, You can still pre-order tickets TODAY before the price goes up tomorrow. Just scan the QR code on page 2

Thank you again to everyone who brought in plastic for our Trex recycling program. Just a reminder, the program ends on Sept. 30th.

Progress Reports should have come home with your child(ren) today. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher. The teacher emails are under their names on pages 3 and 4.



This is a friendly reminder that we offer School Breakfast every morning. The cost is \$2.50 per meal; however, students who qualify for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch also receive the same benefit for breakfast. Students may choose a milk,

a grain item (such as a muffin or pastry), and a fruit. Breakfast is served from 7:25 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

Students begin eating in the cafeteria and, if needed, may finish their breakfast in the classroom after 7:50 a.m.

School breakfast is a great option for families with busy mornings or for students who arrive at school early. We encourage families to take advantage of this convenient and nutritious start to the day!

Check out our Homecoming Spirit Week Dress Up Days. This is for the week of October 5th-9th.

### Homecoming Spirit Week

October 5th - 9th

**Monday : Dress as your Favorite Movie Character**



**Tuesday : Jersey Day**



**Wednesday: Wear your Favorite Color**



**Thursday: Pajama Day**



**Friday: Berlin Spirit Ware Green & Red**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 26th 1pm -**  
Donkey Baseball

**Oct 5 -**  
7th/8th pizza sale begins

**Oct 6-**  
VB at home  
4:45 B girls  
5:45 A girls

**Oct 7 -**  
Fire Department visit

**Oct 8- 4:45**  
B Team VB at home

**Oct 9 -**  
5-8 grade to to Feed My Starving Children  
2:30 homecoming parade

**Oct 12 -**  
Volleyball at New Springs  
4:30 B Team  
5:30 A Team



# School News

## CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Phil's Friends. This week \$30.01 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$82.85 for the quarter.

## SPORTS

Both volleyball teams won at home on Tuesday evening against New Springs. Both teams played very well. On Thursday, both teams traveled to St Paul, Manawa. The B team was able to get their second win. The A girls lost, but all three sets were very close. The B team is now 2-2. The A team is 3-1.

## 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 has 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.

## PIZZA FUNDRAISER

To raise money for their class trip, the 7th and 8th graders will be selling frozen pizzas from Joe's in Wautoma. They will be collecting orders from October 5-Oct 23, and the pizza will arrive on November 5th.

## DRESS CODE

Just a reminder starting next week on Thursday, October 1st the students are no longer allowed to wear shorts or skirts above the knees with out leggings.

## PTL NEWS

The PTL met recently to discuss several exciting projects and opportunities for the school year. We are currently looking for a few additional chairpersons and volunteers to help with events throughout the year. Please see the email sent by Deb Schrader for available opportunities.

PTL has approved \$200 twice a year per teacher for classroom expenses. Teachers may also request additional support for field trips, special events, and other classroom needs throughout the year. In addition, PTL will provide treats for staff birthdays once each quarter, and a sign-up will be shared soon.

The group also approved updates to the PTL bylaws regarding meeting dates. PTL will now meet every other month, alternating between Monday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Planning is underway for the Christmas Parade on November 19 with this year's theme, "Old-Fashioned Christmas." We are seeking a truck, trailer, trailer storage, and a volunteer to lead the decorating effort.

Please mark your calendars for the Ladies Aid/PTL Cookie Walk on December 13. All school families are asked to provide 4-6 dozen cookies, and parents who would like to purchase cookies may refer to Deb Schrader's email for ordering information.

Our next PTL meeting will be held on November 2 at 5:00 p.m. at the school. We will be having a potluck, so feel free to bring a dish to share. We are also working on providing childcare for families attending the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Green Lake County HCE for providing some books for our 4K students to take home. Thank you for all you do for our county.

# From the Teachers

3K/4K

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1st Grade

Mrs. Wenzel

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Our morning work is going well. This week we practiced writing our letter Cc's. We are working hard on an AB pattern for our calendar. We practiced counting up to 5 with our fingers and met a math helper cricket, named Chirpy, who loves to help us count. We are singing our numbers 1-5.

In language we are continuing to work on what sounds letters make and what letter is at the beginning of our names. We are having fun going for letter hunts in our weekly nursery rhymes. We loved getting to share green items during show-n-tell.

This week, during Jesus' time, we read the story of the flood found in the book of Genesis. We learned that sin makes God angry and sad, but God loves us and forgives us because of Jesus and keeps us safe.

We created our own "Chicka, Chicka Boom, Boom" classroom book where the letters in our names are falling out of the trees. In art we created fall themed trees and painted with Q-tips.



This week during Jesus time, we learned about the birth of Isaac and how God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah. We talked about how we can trust God and know that He always keeps His promises! In math, we have finished 16 lessons. We really enjoy using the many different math manipulatives for our lessons and learning about how to graph our manipulatives.

In Superkids this week, we finished up on our first superkid friend, Mya. Mya helped us learn about the letter Mm and the /m/ sound. We finished the unit by crafting just like Mya and had so much fun. Students are also bringing home their first decodable reader to practice with you at home. It may not have words yet, but looking at the pictures and telling what is happening in the story is great reading practice. We can't wait to meet our next Superkid friend next week! We had so much fun learning with apples this week! We made apple volcanoes, enjoyed apple pie in a cup, and taste-tested different kinds of apples. We even graphed our favorites to see which apple our class liked best.

Please remember the weather is starting to cooling down and we are outside for recess, so it is important to have a coat that will keep us warm.

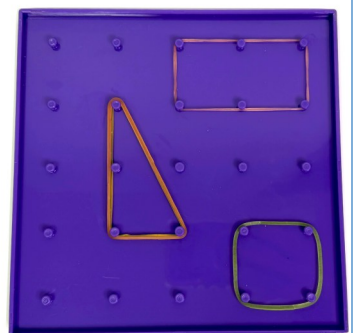
We continue to learn about how God blesses families. This week we focused on Abraham and Sarah and how God always keeps His promises. He kept His promise to Abraham by giving him a big family, a new home, and a blessing for all people. Next week we will learn more about how God was with Abraham's family, especially his grandson, Jacob.

The 1st graders continue to learn new words by stretching out the sounds and pulling them together. We also began to look at word families and how words rhyme.

In math, we continued to work on double digit numbers and identifying the characteristics of a triangle and square. We will begin to learn how to make shapes on a geoboard and learn about story problems.

This week in social studies we finished learning how God made each of us special and unique. We learned how God created feelings, and how we have many different feelings throughout each day.

Have a blessed week-end!



# From the Teachers

## 2nd/3rd Grade

**Mrs. Pick**

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This week we learned about verbs and how they describe actions, and we looked at cuc, ccuc, and cucc patterns in spelling. We also have been learning about sentences.

In Superkids, we have been making connections between different stories, and in Journeys we have been talking about making conclusions.

We compared and contrasted God's plan and promises to Noah and his family and all of us.

We are still talking about forces in science, and we have been talking about continents, oceans, countries, and borders in social studies.

In art we just finished our first art project with creating zendangles on our hands and painting with watercolors. The students also brainstormed words that described ways they could be good students in our classroom to write around their hand. They came up with lots of great ideas!

We are also working hard on staying focused during work time and being a responsible student. Since we are now a month into school, the students are learning that if they do not stay focused, they are going to turn classwork into homework.

Have a great weekend!

## 4th Grade

**Mrs. Berry**

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Our upcoming field trips are scheduled for October 13, 16, and 20. 4th Grade is going to a cranberry marsh on the 13th. The whole school is going to Petals and Plows on the 16th. Grades 2-4 are visiting the Fish Hatchery in Wild Rose on the 20th. Donkey Baseball is coming up this Saturday! Come see a few of the teachers ride donkeys! Come early and enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs before the 1:00 game!

We have our first report due on Wednesday, September 30. Each student picked a continent in which he/she will be doing research and writing a informative paper to share with the class.

The students had a great time learning about their brains and how God created up as special beings! Next week's memory work is the 4th and 5th Commandment and the WDTM?

Our Reading story for next week is called "The Power of W.O.W.!" There will be a Math test on Thursday.

We will be starting Wisconsin History with the pioneers.

The words for our next spelling test always come home on Fridays.

Hope to see you on Saturday!

## 5th/6th Grade

**Mrs. Heise**

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Salutations!

This week the 5th and 6th graders sang with other Seraphim Choir members, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty," in St. John Church. Next month, they will sing, "Lord Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word."

In Religion, they studied some of the ways God provided for Joseph and his brothers during a seven-year famine. God provided all that the early Israelites needed. He made them into a great nation in the Egyptian lands. In Science, they studied different properties of matter. They observed and wrote about an experiment on heat transference and insulation. In Language Arts, the 5th graders studied comma usage and quotation marks. The 6th graders studied capitalizing proper nouns as well as compound nouns.

In math this week, we completed Lessons 7-10 and took our first test. Sixth grade learned about segments and rays, measuring with a ruler, perimeter, and reading scales. Fifth grade math learned about writing and comparing numbers up to the hundred thousands, ordinal numbers, how addition and subtraction relate, subtracting with regrouping, and finding missing addends. In History, students learned how geography can help us understand how early civilizations lived. They explored tools geographers use, such as aerial maps, diagrams, maps, and GPS. Students also completed a mapping challenge that helped them understand latitude and longitude.

## 7th/8th Grade

**Mrs. Schrader**

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This week in English, we learned how to use parentheses, dashes, and quotation marks.

In math, we completed Lessons 7-10 and took a test. Seventh grade learned about lines, angles, and planes; measuring with a ruler; and operations with fractions. Eighth grade explored rates and averages; mean, median, and mode; perimeter and area; prime numbers; and equivalent fractions.

In science, we learned about genetic diversity and how it helps living things adapt to their environment.

In history, we studied the Spanish, French, and English explorers who explored, conquered, and colonized the West.

In religion, we learned the Third Commandment and discussed, "Can we be good without God?"

In life skills, we practiced respectful communication, listening well, and teamwork, and learned about spiritual gifts.

Looking forward to another great week. Have an awesome weekend!

# Lunch Menu and Fun

## Monday, Sept. 28

Chicken strips, potato smiles, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, applesauce, milk

## Wednesday, Sept 30

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, French fries, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, applesauce, milk

## Friday, Oct. 2

Pizza, rice pilaf, carrots-celery, chilled peaches, applesauce, milk

## Tuesday, Sept 29

Spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks or garlic bread, corn, chilled pineapple, applesauce, milk

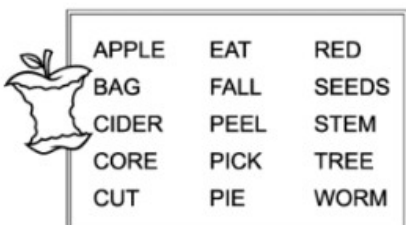
## Thursday, Oct. 1

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**TIME: 1:00pm**

**PLACE: Riverside Park, South Diamond**

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