



Badger Bytes

October 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:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of the month. These conferences are required for parents to attend. You should have received an email with slots to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. Every classroom will have a separate sign up link. You will need to sign up separately for each of your children.

ALL students who ride the bus to or from school should have received an email from Mrs. Schrader about some upcoming special bus days. Wednesday, October 28th there will be a parochial bus route and Mrs. Schrader needs to know by THIS MONDAY if you child will need transportation that day. On Thursday, October 29th, there will be no bus service available and it is a Parent Transport Day. Please reach out to Mrs. Schrader in the office with any questions or if you did not receive the email from her.

NO SCHOOL on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, but we hope to see parents for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

We are looking for a Cheerleading Coach for the Basketball season. Please reach out to me for information or if you are interested. GO BADGERS!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 18-9am

Seraphim Choir sings at church

Oct 20 -

Field Trip for 2nd-4th grades

4:45 B-girls volleyball at Valley Home Schoolers

5:45 A-girls volleyball at Valley Home Schoolers

Oct 21 -

Make Today a Try Day

5:00pm Jack-o-Lanterns, Jammies and Jiggles

Oct 22 -

All pizza orders and money are due

Oct 23-

End of the 1st quarter

Oct 25-9am

Cherub Choir sings at church

Eat a Variety of Protein Foods

Children do not always eat a variety of protein foods. Offering fish or beans at some meals during the week is one way to add more variety to your family's meals.

Examples of protein foods to look for when shopping:

Animal sources:

- Beef
- Chicken and turkey
- Eggs
- Pork
- Seafood (fish and shellfish)

Plant sources:

- Beans, peas, lentils, and legumes
- Nuts and seeds
- Nut/seed butters
- Tofu
- Tempeh



School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Phil's Friends. This week \$16.00 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$131.87 for the quarter.

SPORTS

Both teams traveled to play New Springs on Monday. Both teams were able to secure a victory. This week-end the A girls are at a tournament in the Wisconsin Dells area and the B girls are playing in a small home tournament. GO BERLIN!!

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

To raise money for their class trip, the 7th and 8th graders are selling frozen pizzas from Joe's in Wautoma. They will be collecting orders from October 5-Oct 23, and the pizzas will arrive on November 5th. See a 7th or 8th grader to order or see Mrs. Schrader in the school office.

PTL NEWS

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!

CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT UPDATE

Krista Kobishop has stepped up to lead this year's Christmas Parade Float, and other generous congregation members have provided a trailer and a place to store it! We are so thankful for these blessings and can't wait to share the joy of Christ's birth with our community.

Now we need your help! If you'd like to help plan or decorate the float, please contact Krista at kristaw89@gmail.com. Every helping hand is welcome.



JAMMIES, JINGLES and JACK-O-LANTERNS



All 3K-4th grade families are invited to Jammies, Jingles and Jack-O-Lanterns on Wednesday, October 21st from 5pm-6pm in the school gym. Bring a pumpkin to carve and your carving tools if you have them. You can wear your jammies, snacks will be provided and the preschools will perform a few songs. We suggest you gut your pumpkin prior to attending to save time.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The St. John Wellness Committee is excited to introduce a new program this year called "Make Today a Try Day!" On Wednesday, October 21, the Wellness Committee will be visiting classrooms and offering a variety of cheeses for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade to sample during their morning break.

The goal of this program is to encourage students to try new foods and discover new favorites. Each quarter, students will have the opportunity to sample a different food as part of our "Make Today a Try Day!" initiative.

We look forward to helping our students explore new tastes throughout the school year!

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas VBS "How the Grouch Found Christmas" will be Saturday, December 5th from 9am to 12:30. You can use this link to sign up your child.
<https://forms.gle/dtVeUgE2LxgQrMy7A>



From the Teachers

3K/4K

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1st Grade

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This week, during hand-writing, we practiced writing our letter Gg's. We are also bringing home a practice sheet for the letter Bb. In math, we talked about using a scale to see what weighs more or less. We are singing the numbers 1-10 and our basic shapes.

In language, we continue to identify syllables. We are also practicing adding and subtracting ending sounds like melt add "ed" becomes melted and gladly take away "ly" becomes glad. We enjoyed sharing our yellow items during show-n-tell. This week, during Jesus' time, we read about Isaac blessing his sons. Families need God's help to get along. Even though we are weak and sinful, God works through us to accomplish His purposes. In art, we created jack-o-lanterns. We also created a make-and-take book about what we want to be for Halloween.

We loved that our stuffed animals could attend school with us. Some of them even slept at school. Check out the photos on our class dojo.

During Jesus time, we learned about Joseph's Coat and Dreams. We talked about how Joseph received a beautiful, colorful coat from his father and how his brothers became jealous of him. We learned that even when others are unkind or things don't go our way, God still loves us and has a special plan for us.

In Language Arts, we finished up with our third Superkid friend, Adam. Since Adam loves adventures, we celebrated by going on our own adventure day! We went camping, went on a scavenger hunt, and made yummy smores! It was a great way to wrap up our time with Adam, and we can't wait to see which Superkid friend we meet next.

In math, we are continuing our numbers and we have finished 29 lessons. We have also been working on ordinal positions (first, second, third, fourth, etc.); this would be a great skill to practice at home. Please remember the weather is cooling down, and we are outside for recess so it is important to have a coat that will keep us warm. Also, parent/teacher conferences are right around the corner. If you have not signed up yet for a time, please do so. If you need the link again, please let me know.

In first grade, we began our next religion unit, "God Blesses a Nation." We will learn that God saves His people from destruction and, through the blood of Jesus, gives us life and salvation. This week's Bible lessons were "Moses and Pharaoh" and "The Exodus and Crossing the Red Sea."

In math, we learned how to write addition sentences and continued working on story problems. To help us memorize addition doubles, we learned a "Doubles Song" to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell." We also reviewed shapes using pattern blocks.

This week, the Superkids learned about different kinds of bugs and discovered that Fall likes bugs—even though they run off! Patrick showed kindness to a friend by drawing him a picture of bugs. We also learned that a complete sentence needs both a naming part and an action part.

We ended the week by talking about our families' holiday traditions and creating some traditions of our own. As we continue our social studies history unit, we will learn how life today is different from life long ago.

Have a blessed weekend!

From the Teachers

2nd/3rd Grade

Mrs. Pick

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The week started out like summer, but it is definitely fall weather now.

We kept busy in the classroom learning about pronouns and practicing long vowels.

We also started our first masterpiece story in writing and learned what a lead is in a story and how to write one. We worked on character traits with a graphic organizer for our characters we are reading about in our small group books in third grade. We also worked on words with the -nk and -ng sounds in second grade.

In math we added a decimal point to writing our money numbers and how to add them that way this week.

We made maps of the world in social studies and labeled the different parts that we have learned like the equator, prime meridian, continents and oceans. We were able to end the week with a nice afternoon at Petal and Plows enjoying God's creation.

Remember that the Seraphim choir sings on Sunday at 9:00am, and we will be going on our field trip to the Fish Hatchery on Tuesday morning and leaving at 7:55, but we will be back for lunch.

We also have MAP testing to complete next week, so make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast to help them do their best.

Have a wonderful weekend!

4th Grade

Mrs. Berry

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We had a great day with beautiful weather at the cranberry marsh on Tuesday. Thank you to Mr. Pounce for driving!

Today the whole school will be taking a trip to Petals and Plows.

In Reading, the students all wrote a Tall Tale of their own. They're so creative!

We started reviewing the multiplication tables in Math on Thursday. We learned that the symbol "X" means "groups of" and "each".

We reviewed Moses and the 10 Plagues in class this week. We learned about the fore shadowing of Jesus Christ. Baby Moses's birth, life, plagues, and the Passover, all point to how Jesus has saved us!!

Next week, grades 2-4 will be visiting the Wild Rose fish hatchery. Please make sure you have signed and returned the permission slip for the field trip.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Berry

5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Heise

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Salutations!

Religion: This week the 5th and 6th graders studied about God saving His chosen people from hunger and thirst. He corrected His children when they complained against Him. God sent detailed instructions for people to build and decorate His exclusive meeting place, His Tabernacle.

Science: 5th and 6th graders have observed physical changes of mixtures. They also observed bread rising and baking as chemical changes of matter.

English: Our 5th graders studied compound subjects and compound verbs. They also learned more details about pronouns.

The 6th graders are studying paragraph structures. They specifically examined and wrote topic sentences.

In math, both grades completed Lessons 18-20 and took a test. Fifth graders worked with missing factors, explored how multiplication and division are related, and learned three ways to show division.

Sixth graders learned about line graphs, prime numbers, and finding the greatest common factor.

In history, students learned about the Inca civilization, including their religion, class structure, farming practices, technology, and government.

To serve,
Mrs. Heise

7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Schrader

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We had another wonderful week of learning! In English, students reviewed punctuation and began learning about verbs. In science, they used deductive reasoning to identify fossils.

In math, both grades completed Lessons 18-20 and took a test. Seventh graders studied polygons, similar and congruent figures, perimeter, exponents, area, and square roots, and eighth graders studied lines and angles, polygons, and triangles.

In history, students explored daily life in the 13 original colonies, comparing city and farm life and learning about colonists' rights, the rights of African Americans, and education in the colonies. In religion, we learned about the Sixth Commandment and discussed how the universe didn't just happen by chance.

In art, some students started a project for an art competition, while others chose to practice their typing skills.

Have a blessed weekend! Mrs. Schrader

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Oct. 19

Pizza, rice pilaf, carrots-vegs, chilled pineapple, applesauce, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Popcorn chicken, wgr bread, potato smiles, rrots-vegs, chilled mixed fruit, applesauce, milk

Friday, Oct. 23

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

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Spaghetti & meatballs, breadstick or garlic bread, green beans, carrot-vegs, chilled peaches, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Oct. 22

Chicken fajita on soft shell, lettuce-cheese-salsa, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, applesauce, milk



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The Book Fair is going online this year!
 The Online Book Fair will run from October 26 to November 2.
 Be sure to watch your email on October 26 for more details
 and a link to explore all the great books available.