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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:

Next Wednesday, November 11th, all students will be taking a bus to All Saints for their Veterans' Day Program. We appreciate them including us in their celebration of Veterans.

Get "caught" by a staff member demonstrating Christian values and positive behavior, and you could be nominated for Student of the Month! Each nominee will also have a chance to win a FREE movie pass. A special thank you to Marcus Theatres for generously donating the movie passes and supporting our students!

NEWS FROM THE PTL

The PTL meet on Monday and here is a brief summary of the meeting: Christmas Float decorating will take place on Saturday, November 14th from 3-6pm at 152 E. Marquette Street. Come and help.

The Christmas cookie orders arrived, Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

All families are asked to make 4-6 dozen cookies or candy for the Cookie Walk Fundraiser on Sunday. December 13th.

Your child should have brought home a fruit sale order form today. Forms and money are due November 30th and fruit will be delivered on December 18th.

Discussion is already underway for the End of the Year party on May 28th.

The Christmas Parade is Thursday, November 19th. We would love for families to walk with our float. We will keep you informed as to the time and where our float will be in the lineup.

Next meeting will be Sunday, January 10th. Hope to see you there.

Thank you to an anonymous person who has been providing money for us to purchase snacks for kids who come to school hungry.

We started Christmas Program practice today. Mark you calendars for our sbow on Friday, December 18th at 6pm. The performance will be in the Berlin High School auditorium. It is FREE and all are welcome.

UPCOMNIG EVENTS

Nov 10–6:00pm
Board of Education meeting

Nov 15– 9am
Seraphim Choir sings at church

Nov 19–6:30
Christmas Parade

Nov 25-27 -
NO School– Thanksgiving Break

Nov 30 -
Fruit order & money due

Dec 4 -
Progress Reports come home

Dec 13 -
Cookie Walk

Dec 18–6pm
Fruit orders arrive
Christmas program at Berlin High School

UPcoming EVENTS

School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to the Berlin Food Pantry. This week $18.50 was received in our collection which brings our total to $37.32 for the quarter.

FRUIT SALE

Fruit Sale fundraiser order forms should be coming home with your child today. We sent one form per family. If you did not receive a form or would like an additional copy, please contact us.
This fundraiser features high-quality fruit that will arrive in time for Christmas gift giving, making it a great option for family, friends, and holiday gifts. Thank you for your support!

BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Practices will be starting soon, watch for an email with more information. Thank you to Mrs. Bays for stepping up to coach Cheerleading!

SERAPHIM CHOIR

The Seraphim Choir (grades 3-8) will sing in church next Sunday, November 15th, at 9am. Please plan to attend. The students can sit in the Choir Loft.



The American Legion is having a Chili Extravaganza next Thursday, November 12 from 4pm -7pm at 420 N. Wisconsin Street. All are welcome.

Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS

INSTEAD of students exchanging gifts in their classrooms for Christmas. We decided to Adopt A Family through the Boys and Girls Club in Berlin.

We have received our information, now we just need families to donate what they are able and the staff will purchase the specified gifts. You can send money with your child with a note saying what it is for and they can give it to their teachers. Ideally we would like money brought in by 11-24 so we can shop the Black Friday sales. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



SCAN TO REGISTER
or call your school to register!

You can use this link to sign up your child.

https://forms.gle/dtVeUgE2LxgQrMy7A

From the Teachers

3K/4K

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Kindergarten

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1st Grade

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This week, during handwriting, we practiced writing our letter Kk's. We are also bringing home a practice sheet for the letter Ee. In math, we have been talking about shapes, specifically squares and triangles. In language, we have started adding and deleting the beginning sounds of a word. For example, start with "ot" add "h" and get hot or start with cat take away "c" and you are left with "at". We enjoyed sharing our rainbow items during show-n-tell. This week, during Jesus' time, we read about Joseph forgiving and God providing. God works to turn evil into good for His people and His purposes. He leads us to repentance and helps us forgive those who have sinned against us.

In art we made fall corn using metallic paint and our handprints as the corn tassels. We read the book, "How to Disguise a Turkey", and brought home our turkeys so that we could disguise them to keep them from being eaten. We look forward to sharing our make-and-take book of turkey disguises.

There is a new snack and mealtime prayer in our classroom. This month's prayer is superman themed. It goes "Thank you God for giving us food, Thank you God for giving us food, For the friends that we meet, and the food that we eat. Thank you God for giving us food. Amen." Ask us to show you the hand motions that go with it.

This week in Jesus time, we learned about Moses and the Ten Plagues. We talked about how Pharoh refused to listen to God and how God showed His power through the plagues. We learned that God cares for His people and wants us to trust and obey Him.

In Superkids this week, we finished up our unit with Tamika! She helped us learn about the letter Tt and the /t/ sound, while also taking our first steps toward reading by blending sounds together to read our very first words! We can't wait to meet out next superkid friend on Monday.

In math, we have completed 42 lessons so far. We are using dot-to-dot pictures to practice following numbers in numerical order to reveal a picture. Practicing following numbers in numerical order at home is a great way to reinforce this skill.

In science, we have been learning about animal communication. We have been learning about different sounds animal make and how they use those sounds to communicate with each other.

Please remember as the weather cools down, we are outside for recess, and it would be a good idea to keep light jackets, hats, and mittens in our backpacks

Last Thursday afternoon, first grade celebrated God's blessings in this season with a fall party. Thank you to Tiffany, Sandy, and Julia for planning the party and providing supplies. The first graders had fun playing games, enjoying delicious treats, and painting pumpkins!

In religion, we learned how God instructed the Israelites to build the tabernacle and studied the story of the "Snake on the Pole." Through these lessons, we learned about God's love and His promise to be with us and save us through Jesus.

In math, we continued learning about adding doubles and practiced adding one to a number.

This week in reading, our Superkids went camping. During a walk, they spotted several animals in nature. Through our stories, we learned how context can help us understand unfamiliar words. We also began writing sentences to describe pictures of activities we have done at school.

As we continue learning about how life today is different from life long ago, we began comparing ways of traveling. Next week, we'll explore more types of transportation and decide whether each one is from today or long ago.

Have a blessed weekend!

From the Teachers

2nd/3rd Grade
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Another week is complete. We had a review of our first unit for grammar and spelling, and we practiced all the things we have learned since the beginning of the year. We have been learning how to show and not just tell things in our writing and using juicy words that are more interesting. In reading, we finished our first reading groups and have been learning about story elements.
In religion, we read about the story of Joseph's coat and dreams. We had our third test in math this week, and we learned to read and write numbers through 999,999.
We also started practicing the songs for our Christmas Program this week to start getting ready for it in December. Fruit order forms are coming home today with the youngest child in the family too. We are also collecting money for the Adopt-a-Family Program. Our class is collecting money to buy gifts for a young boy this year.
Also, just a reminder that the weather is finally cooling off, so make sure your child has their coat, hats and mittens to keep them warm when we go outside for recess.
Have a great weekend!

4th Grade
Mrs. Berry
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We started learning the 50 states this week. We will break the country down into different regions and slowly learn each state in that region.

Please keep practicing the times tables with your child each night. They are pretty good at the 0s, 1s, 2s, 5s, and 9s.

Our Reading story this week was called "Me and Uncle Romie". It was about family and making each member feel comfortable in a new place.

Our lesson in Wisconsin History taught us about the French Explorers that helped to settle our state.

In Religion class we saw how Moses lifted up the Bronze Snake to help remind the Israelites of God's power. This reminds us of how Jesus was lifted up on the cross to save us from our sins!

A new Spelling list, #9, and Memory schedule for November has been sent home today.

We started practicing for the Christmas musical today!

Have a great weekend.
Mrs. Berry

5th/6th Grade
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Salutations!

Religion: This week, the 5th and 6th graders read chapters in First Samuel. They read about the faithfulness of Hanna, the mother of the prophet Samuel. They learned about Samuel's birth and faith in God. They also read about God and Samuel anointing the first king in Israel.

In Science, the 5th and 6th graders made their own models of particles in three states of matter.

In English 5th grade has studied adjectives and other noun modifiers. The 6th graders studied linking verbs and irregular verb forms.

The 5th and 6th graders started spelling this week and took their first test today. They are reading, "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe," in Reading class.

In history, students explored the regions where Indigenous peoples lived, including the Arctic, Subarctic, Eastern Woodlands, Southeast, and Southwest. They will have a test on this unit next week, so please encourage your child to review at home. In math, both grades completed Lessons 27-30 and took a test on Friday.

To serve,

Mrs. Heise

7th/8th Grade
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We had another great week of learning!
In religion, students studied the Ninth Commandment and tackled the question, "Why do we even need religion? Hasn't science proven everything?"
In English, 7th graders studied linking verbs, predicate nominatives, and direct objects, while 8th graders worked on helping verbs and verb tenses. We also started reading *The Giver*, and students are already making predictions about what will happen!
In science, students learned methods for identifying fossil records.
In math, both grades completed Lessons 27-30 and took their third test of the year. In history, we continued following the colonists' path toward independence from Britain, including the formation of the Continental Army, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Siege of Boston.

This week, the class also chose our ornament for the school's tree in the park, and the plan right now is a wood-burned ornament! If any parent is willing to let us borrow a wood burning tool next week, please let me know.
Have a great weekend!

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Nov. 9

Pizza, rice pilaf, carrots-celery, chilled pineapple ring, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Tacos (soft or hard shell), lettuce-cheese-salsa, sour cream, carrots-celery, chilled pears, applesauce, dessert, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Chicken strips, wgr bread, French fries, carrots-celery chilled peaches, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Nov. 12

Sloppy Joes on wgr bun, cheese slices, baked beans, potato smiles, carrots-celery, chilled mixed fruit, applesauce, milk

Friday, Nov. 13

Chicken nuggets, wgr bread, tator tots, carrots-celery, chilled pears, applesauce, milk

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