

Mission Statement: "St. John Lutheran School is dedicated to promoting the Gospel through exemplary educational instruction, opportunity for witness and worship, and experiences in Christian living."



News from the school

Celebrating God's Blessings: If you are a St. John member and have not filled out your 2019 commitment form yet, please do so today. Place the form in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Have you picked up your new 2019 envelopes? They are in the school hallway, in alphabetical order. Please do not use these until 2019. All 2018 contributions MUST be in by Dec., 31, 2018 for credit on your 2018 church contribution statement.

Children's Christmas Service: You, your friends, and family are cordially invited to attend the student-let Christmas Service, "The Wonder" on Fri., Dec. 21 at 7 pm. Students in Young Fives through 8th grade are involved. Individuals interested in taking pictures are invited to the dress rehearsal that will be held on Friday morning from 8:30-9:30 am. (All preschool classes will be singing at the beginning of the dress rehearsal and then proceed to their activities.) This is a great way to avoid the crowds. In the evening, the Church doors will be opened by Mr. Waltz at 6 pm. Seating fills up early. Band and choir members need to arrive early for warm-up. Teachers will open their classrooms at 6:30 for child participants. Upon the completion of the evening service, students in K-4 can be picked up in their classrooms.

Christmas Break: There will be a half-day session of school on Fri., Dec. 21 with dismissal at 11:30 am. Children will be sharing gift exchanges and having classroom parties from 9:45-11:30. Classes resume on Mon., Jan 7. There will not be any Wing editions the next 2 weeks. The next Wings will be Jan., 2019.

Interested in a family Christmas project? The "Love Bags" food collection will be taking place through December to assist in the efforts of Lighthouse Outreach Center as they help the needy in our community. Suggestions for contents: cans/boxes of soup, dry cereal, pork & beans, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, large can of juice, crackers, canned meat and one paper item. Place your "Love Bag" under the stairway in the narthex by the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Calendar

Sun 12/9	8:00	Church-
	9:30	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00	Church-
Mon 12/10	2:55	Choristers
	7:00	Church
Tues 12/11	7:40	Bagels
Weds 12/12	10:00	Advent Service-Singing Saints
	2:55	Choristers
	7:00	Church
Thurs 12/13	2:55	Eagle Ringers
Fri 12/14	8:00-2	Christmas Shop
	2:00	Choristers caroling at Oakland Mall
Sat 12/15	12:00	Boys Varsity Ball Practice

St. John Homepage

www.stjohnfraser.org

Parent Communication/financial statements/links:

www.fastdir.com/stjohnfraser

smile.amazon.com

smile.amazon.com Tell your family and friends so St. John can benefit from our amazon holiday shopping. Such an easy way to help our school. Register at smile and shop away!!

Advent Services: Just a reminder that you may attend the 10 am Advent service with the students the next 2 weeks. The student chapel service is held at the same time.

New SACC Fees: At the last Voters' Meeting, the new 2019 budget was approved. The State of Michigan is increasing the minimum wage effective Jan. 1, 2019. This affects our care givers and teacher aides. Effective January 1, SACC fees will increase accordingly:

Family with 1 child 2 ½ to Kind. = \$6.10

Family with 1 child Grs. 1-8 = \$5.25

2nd child = \$4.75

3rd child = \$4.75

Drop-in \$6.40

Please take notice of this rate adjustment.

Hot Lunch Notice: Your income level may qualify you for free or reduced hot lunch meals. Applications may be found in the information racks outside the school office. If you have a question, speak to Mr. Waltz. The Hot Lunch Program is part of the federal United States Department of Agriculture. "In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in the or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA". Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Building the Habit of Good School Attendance: Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school--and themselves.

Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, everyday is important. Attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school. Missing 10% (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read. Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks. Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help absent children catch up.

Here's what you can do to make your child successful in regular attendance:

1. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- 2) Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- 3) Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick.
Keep in mind complaints of stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
4. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to the teacher for advice on how to make him/her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
5. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up.
6. Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Branching Out:

Auction news: Please note that the Branching Out auction has been moved to Friday, March 8th, 2019. Stay tuned for details on how YOU can help make our 2nd auction a success! Donation sheets went home last week. Please consider how you can help or who you know that may be able to donate to it. Also, start inviting friends and family to attend the auction! It will be a night of fun and fellowship and the more people we have attending the more money Branching out will make for the addition.

The large crane putting the steel beams for the roof.



Every class has a tree decorated with the ornaments made by each year by every student in the class. By 8th grade they are quite the sight to see! ☺



STAR ATHLETES



FROM THE HIGH SCHOOLS

LHNW

The Bands of Lutheran High Northwest invite you to a concert of festive Christmas music on Saturday, December 15, at 7PM! This free concert will be held at the high school at 1000 Bagley in Rochester Hills. Check out our website at www.lutherannorthwest.com/events/ for more information or call 248-852-6677.

Interested in registering your child to attend Lutheran Northwest next year? You can now apply on-line at www.lutherannorthwest.com/register/! Have friends and family members who are making high school decisions as well? Share our website with them and encourage them to investigate Lutheran Northwest! We provide a well-rounded education: acclaimed academics plus amazing fine arts, awesome athletics, active student life and leadership – all within a caring, Christ-centered family environment, where God's Word is taught and God's love is shared each and every day!

LHN

Learn to Paint at Lutheran North! Adult painting class will be held on Wednesday nights from 7-9pm beginning Jan. 9th and running through Feb. 13th. The class covers acrylic painting on canvas boards for beginner and independent painters. Emphasis will be on individual and personal development. The class will start from basics for beginners and guidance toward development and strengthening creative compositions and techniques for advanced students. Using your own reference materials as well as extensive examples provided by the instructor. Demos and discussion weekly and individual help with your own painting. Taught by Gary Faszholz. Have fun and learn to paint! Limit of 20 students - first 20 reserved. Contact gfaszholz@lhasa.com to reserve your spot today! Supplied: paints, brushes, classroom. Cost \$75.00. For more information please visit our website <https://www.lutherannorth.com/events/2018/12/4/learn-to-paint>

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm
10:45 pm
Christmas Day 10:00 am

SCHOOL RESUMES: Mon, Jan 7

PTL

Christmas Shop for the students is next Friday, the 14th. It's very helpful to have parent volunteers there to assist the younger children when shopping and managing their money. If you can help, please contact a PTL member or sign up on the board across from the office.

PATS

Looking for a convenient way to give to members of the Staff for Christmas? PATS collects money for the teachers to give them gift cards for Christmas. They combine everyone's contributions and purchase gift cards for that staff member. Sheets went home last week for parents to fill out and return with money if interested in participating. The due date to turn in the money and sheets is Wednesday, Dec 12. You can turn it in the school office.

8th Grade

8th grade would like to thank everyone that came to the Spaghetti dinner on Sunday. They appreciate you continued support of them and hope you enjoyed the meal they serviced you. Bagel sales will continue on Tues and Thurs mornings before school.

Jingle Journey: On Sunday, Dec. 9, from 1-4 pm, enjoy the "Jingle Journey" in Mt. Clemens with a visit to the Anton Art Center Crocker House Museum, Michigan Transit Museum, and Gratiot Valley Railroad! Free shuttle transportation and parking allows you to park at any location and ride to the others at no cost. "Take your own" photos with Santa, hear Elf on the Shelf's Christmas story, or make strap-art cookies while carols are played on the old pump organ at the Crocker House Museum. Get your "magical ticket" punched and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies at the Michigan Transit Museum, and make-and take crafts at the Anton Art Center.