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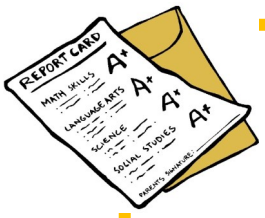
January 28, 2022



2nd Quarter Report Cards are complete!

- Log into Sycamore to see.
- Under Information (right side of screen)
- My Student
- Click on Student Picture
- Click on documents
- Click on "2021-2022 Grade Card Q2"

From the Principal's pen…

We have all watched geese in the fall as they begin to fly south for the winter. We stand there in awe as they form V-shaped patterns in the sky. This pattern, which is instinctive, helps the entire flock make the long and arduous journey more effectively. The front bird absorbs the brunt of the air resistance and creates the air flow pattern which lessens as one moves back farther in the flock. As the front bird tires, it falls back, and another bird moves forward to take on the strain. They are together which make the entire flight possible.

We, as a Christian school, are much like this flock of geese. In Hebrews 11, the writer goes through an entire listing of the many famous biblical people who "by faith" set the path before. After this extensive listing, the writer says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). This cloud does not only include the faithful who have died, but it is the entire flock of Christians who are with us now.

Unlike the flock of geese, there is only one leader who is always in the forefront. Our Lord Jesus stepped into history and took our place on the cross for our sins. Once and for all, He took our sins and replaced them with His righteousness. He is always leading us and always carrying us. The writer continues, "Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). He has traveled the path before us, and now we are called to surround each other with Christian compassion and care.

This past week we celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week. God has called each and every one of us through our baptism to be part of the great flock. We are to reach out to each other in love and kindness. We are to carry one another's burdens. We are to reach out to those who are struggling. As one of many Lutheran schools across the country, we have many opportunities to do this both internally and externally.

As we conclude the month of January, it is very easy in the middle of winter to forget to be loving and kind to each other. What better thing could be said of us than they love and care for each other? I pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us to witness to each other and to the rest of the world, not only this week, but in the many weeks to come.

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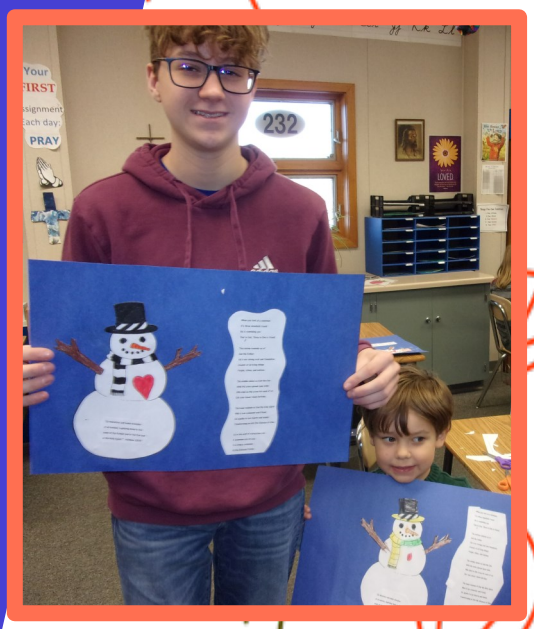

2022-2023

Enrollment is OPEN!

Reasons to Enroll:

- **Loving Atmosphere**
- **Faith—based Curriculum**
- **Christ—Centered Creative Teachers**

Check us out on stjohnsportage.com/school

Go to https://sycamore.school/login?schoolid=3226

Or Use this QR Code with smart phone camera.

Enter School ID: 3226

Click on "Register" below the Log In Box
& follow the instructions to enroll.

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ENROLL February 1 until April 15th

for tuition assistance from the

Wisconsin Private School Choice Programs

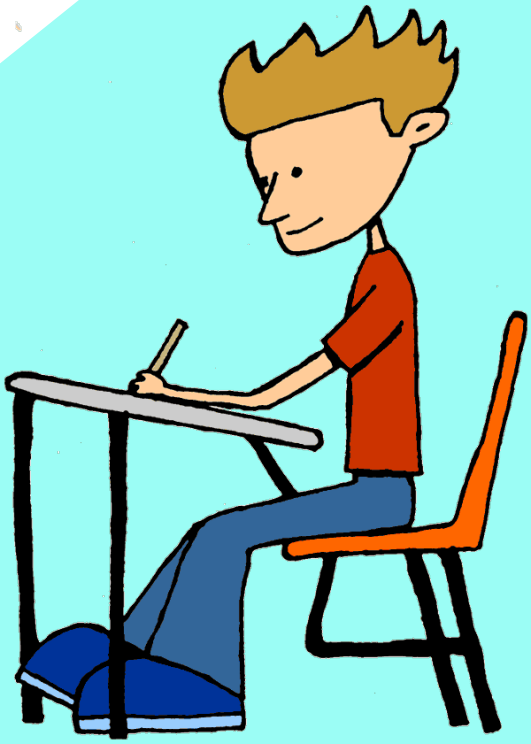
Who is eligible? Incoming Kindergarten, all 1st graders new and current, and all new students to St. John's.

Information

https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs

Enroll

https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/



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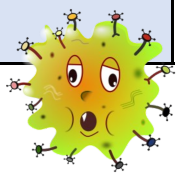
COVID-19 Quarantine Protocol @ St. John's Lutheran School

Per CDC recommendations released, Monday, December 27, 2021.

Positive For COVID-19 (Isolate)	
Everyone in the household, regardless of vaccination status.	Isolate at home for 5 days. If they have no symptoms or their symptoms are resolving after 5 days, they can leave the house. Must wear a well-fitted mask around others for 5 additional days (days 6-10). If the above cannot be met, default to 10 days isolation at home. Exposed household members, test on day 5, if possible. *If anyone in the household has a fever, continue to stay home until the fever resolves. If they become symptomatic, isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms.*
Close Contacts (Quarantine):	
Close Contacts (vaccinated recently): Have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot **OR** Completed the primary series or Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR** Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months **OR** Had a confirmed or antigen probable case of COVID-19 test within the past 90 days	Wear a mask around others for 10 days. Test on day 5, if possible. *If close contacts develop symptoms, they should get a test and stay home until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributed to COVID-19.*
Close Contacts (NOT vaccinated): Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted **OR** Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted **OR** Are unvaccinated or partially-vaccinated **OR** Had COVID-19 more than 90 days ago	Stay home for 5 days. Test on day 5, if possible. Must wear a well-fitted mask around others for 5 additional days (days 6-10). If the above cannot be met, default to 10 days isolation at home. *If they have a fever, continue to stay home until the fever resolves. If they become symptomatic, isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms.*

Other important details:



- Please contact school office with all positive COVID-19 test or close contacts.
- All homework will be delivered by school staff during isolation. Please log into Sycamore daily for attendance requirements. If you do not log into Sycamore for attendance your student will be marked absent. Make arrangements with homeroom teacher for completed homework.
- Upon returning to school from isolation, a mask will be mandated for the remaining days and if possible a negative test result when available.
- **If vaccinated, please provide the school office the official vaccination card or Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) record. All immunizations in the state of Wisconsin are recorded in the WIR. For help to find the WIR, log into Sycamore, go to documents, and find "Looking for my child's WIR record.**
- *All of the above information will be kept private!*

Opportunities to Give

Valentines, another opportunity to let someone know you are thinking about them. The school has generated a list of church member's addresses called **Homebound List 2022**. This list can be found in Sycamore under the Documents tab. Find time to make someone smile!

LAST Chapel for 2nd Quarter Offering to the Lutheran Bible Translators!

We have raised over $300 thus far. Help us get to $400. We have 2 weeks left for this offering.

Parents feel free to join us for Chapel, Wednesday January 26th at 10 a.m.

Easy Fundraising

ShopWithScrip®

St. John's Lutheran Ministries have received $4028.27 from January 1st to December 31st in Scrip dollars. This is appreciated! Thank you to those using Scrip.

Join us in raising money for your child's tuition and our ministry at St. John's. Let us join together and double this amount for 2022!

Download the app, "RaiseRight by ShopwithScrip " and get started raising money while you shop.

When buying your groceries, do not forget to scan your receipts for "St Johns Lutheran School" and help us raise money for our curriculum. This is a super-easy way to raise money for your school and it doesn't cost you a thing. Use the "Box Tops for Education" app. Download the app today and start scanning your receipts!

Information @ http://www.stjohnsportage.com/fundraising

Butter Braid Fundraiser

February 14—28

Order can be placed with the CDC children, the students, or the ministries offices.

Proceeds benefit the Ministry Playgrounds

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

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St. John's Lutheran School will follow the Portage Community School District regarding

SNOW DAYs!

Prayer Request

Please keep these people in prayer:

- **Our healthcare workers,**
- **Those sick,**
- **& those grieving loss .**

St. John's Lutheran School Mission

Equipping God's Children, Nurturing Faith, & Training for Life

Did you know that St. John's Lutheran School has a closed Facebook page? We reserve the page for our close friends and family. We use it to enrich your faith, share what your child did during the day, reminders of important events, and to share **Scrip and Box Tops deals**! We hope you can join us on our page.

Look for : "St. John's Lutheran Ministries Schools—Official."

Important Dates to Remember:

February 14th—Butter braid Fundraising Starts

February 21st—No School

February 26th– All students sing at Church

February 26th—School Dance

Community Events

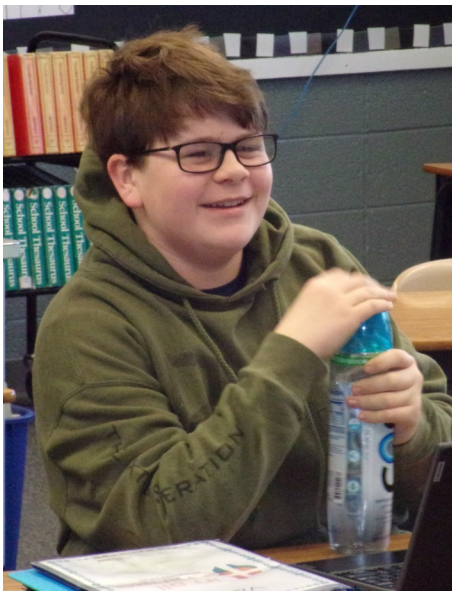
Check out these website calendars for details of many events:

https://www.portagelibrary.us/calendar/month

https://business.portagewi.com/events/calendar/

https://portage.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=4365

Getting to know Ms. Reynolds!

Hi! My name is Stephanie Reynolds. I live in Endeavor with my two daughters. We live on a farmette where I get to enjoy my other passion which is riding and training horses. I am currently finishing up my Masters of Science in Elementary Education through Concordia University. I am excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the St. John's school community. I have been a member of the church since I moved here from Madison five years ago, and now I am looking forward to getting to know the students and their families outside of church.

Favorites:
Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy (or any Marvel movie)
Disney Princess: Merida from Brave
Book: Sideways Stories From Wayside School
Color: Blue
Drink: Coffee
Season: Summer
Subject: Math
Dessert: Anything chocolate
Instrument: I play oboe, guitar and bass guitar