



2023 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

10/13/2023

Connected to Christ

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. John 15:1 ESV

From the Principal's Pen...

The other day, I was standing in the gym as the students were being dismissed at the end of the day. Some of them looked very tired as they had just finished a long day, but there was a young man who saw his grandmother sitting there and he sprang across the gym into her arms. He was so delighted to see her that he could not contain his joy.

It is rare that true joy stands by itself. Many times, joy follows a time when a certain stress has come into one's life and then is relieved by some action of another person or event. We have all witnessed the utter relief that takes place when a person who has lost their job or had other personal loss suddenly finds relief. David writes about this when he says, "For his anger last only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but joy **comes in the morning**. (Psalm 30:4-5).



Jesus experienced this, and the writer to the Hebrews also expressed, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2). Jesus knew what was about to happen as he approached His suffering and death, but he could approach it with joy because he also knew of the great joy that would come because of his resurrection from the dead and his ascension into heaven.

In the same way we can approach the things that happen in our life with joy. We can have that **joy that only comes through faith in Christ Jesus. We can stand with confidence with St. Paul as he says,** "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39).

That joy is ours eternally! Live in that joy and share it with others.

Important Dates



Last Home Volleyball Game
Thursday, October 16th
5 p.m.



Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, October 25th
9 a.m. and Noon
School Gymnasium



Grandparents Day
Friday, October 27th
Noon Dismissal



Friday, October 20th
NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-Service



Sunday, October 29th



9 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by
2nd– 4th Grades

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with
2nd—4th grade School Choir Singing

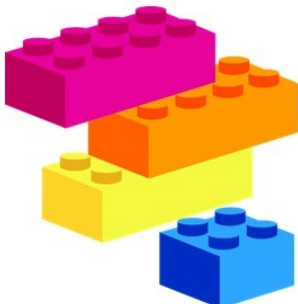
11:30 a.m. Reformation Day Pot Luck

2 p.m. Trunk or Treat

All at St. John's Lutheran Ministries

LEGO CLUB

Second Monday of the Month
St. John's Lutheran School
Room 244
With Ms. Winkelmann
From 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.
For ALL Students



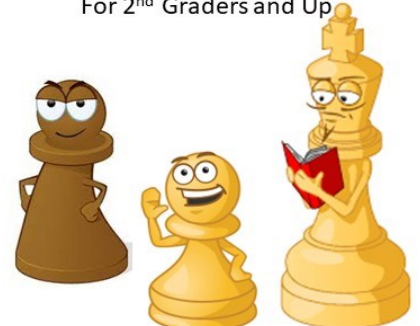
PUZZLE CLUB

Third Monday of the Month
St. John's Lutheran School
Room 245
With Mrs. Winkelmann
From 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.
For ALL Students



CHESS CLUB

Fourth Monday of the Month
St. John's Lutheran School
Room 244
With Mrs. Tessendorf &
Mrs. Kohn
From 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.
For 2nd Graders and Up





Cake Roll Fundraising is ready!

Start Selling Today!

Order Forms are due October 23rd.



Use this QR Code to share our online store. Customers can order and pay online using this site and still give credit to your family. The online website is set up with families' last names. ALL orders will be delivered to school on November 15th for sellers to pick up and deliver to their customers.

All proceeds benefit the up keep to our school playgrounds.

Thank you for selling to support your schools!



October 23rd to 26th

7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

October 27th

7:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

St. John's School Room 225

Prepare for the Book Fair and visit our webpage to set up an eWallet, a safe cash-free way for your child to shop the fair.



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REFORMATION DAY POTLUCK

Sunday, October 29, 2023

11:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran School—Gym

Join us for lunch, games, fellowship & the Packer Viking football game.

Doors open at 9 a.m. to bring dish



This potluck is fun! Bring a dish to pass!

[Click here to go to Potluck Sign-Up Genius](#) OR use your camera phone to scan



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN MINISTRIES' PARKING LOT

18 FAMILIES ARE
NOW SIGNED UP!
Keep signing up!

Our first ever Trunk or Treat at St. John's Lutheran Ministries! In order for this to be successful, **we need trunks**. Please sign up & participate.

[Click here to go to Sign-Up Genius](#) for Trunk or Treat OR scan this QR code



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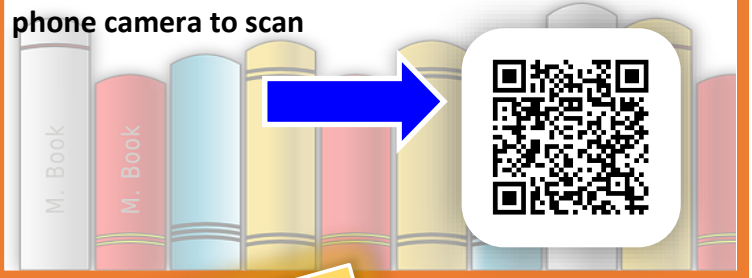
Grandparent's Day is a special day for the students and their guest. Parents are not allowed to accompany their student but can be present by helping. Check out the needs for this important day. Help us make it one to remember.

[Click here to go to Grandparent's Day Sign-up Genius](#) OR use phone camera to scan



Book Fair—HELP IS NEEDED. Future Book Fairs will be cancelled due to lack of help. Cashiers and helping hands are needed at the fall bookfair. Check out the link below to help last week of October.

[Click here to go to Book Fair Sign-up Genius](#) or use phone camera to scan



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, November 2nd from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, November 3rd from 8 a.m. to Noon

Sycamore Sign up will open on
Monday, October 23rd.



PTL



PTL Communication

The PTL understands not all parents can make it to the meetings.

In the past, meeting minutes were attached to the Crusader Chronicle, put in Sycamore News, and found on stjohnsportage.com/information. We will continue to do this but it still didn't provide a way for all parents to have a voice in PTL and for each committee to have continuous communication.

PTL would like to introduce, Discussions!

Discussions can be found in Sycamore under Comm Center. There are currently 8 PTL discussions started. Check them out and share your thoughts and ideas with the rest of the Parent Teacher League (PTL).

Now all parents can join PTL!

Next Meeting is on Tuesday, December 5th.



Scan your shopping receipts for BOX TOPS using the app. **3rd Grade is in the lead for October!**

St. John's School Memories

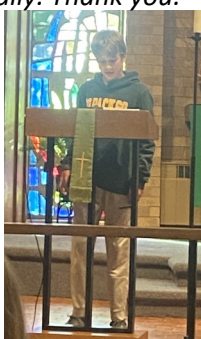


Chapel

VOLLEYBALL

Photo Credit to Hattie Zieroth. Thank you.

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Church:

Option 4

Office Hours

M-Th 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com

Child Development Center:

Option 2

Office Hours

M-F 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

cdcoffice@stjohnsportage.com

School:

Option 3

Office Hours

M-Th 7:30 a.m.—3:15 p.m.

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