



2023 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

11/03/2023

Connected to Christ

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

From the Principal's Pen...

During the last several weeks as I drive home, I pass many farm fields. These fields have been there all summer. I have watched as they grew slowly in the early months of summer due to the drought but suddenly burst into growth in the later part of the season as rain became more prevalent. Having grown up in the big city, farms are always amazing to me. The natural cycle of planting, growth, and harvest occur every year. Right now, I see semi-trucks parked in the fields as they download the crop from the combines and take the corn or soybeans to market. Even in the less productive years, thousands of bushels are produced.



We live in a country where there is more than enough food produced to feed our population. While other parts of the world lack the food to feed their people, this is not the case in the United States. Even those who are in need have access to help to provide for their families.

These goods are not just limited to food but also possessions. The wealth of our time in communities dwarfs all other times. What we call a necessity, our ancestors would have considered luxuries. When was the last time you walked into a dark room and turned on your light switch. We never think about how we take this for granted.

This a gift of God! David wrote of this when he said, "Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy" (Psalm 68:9-10). God showers His blessings on all— even those who do not believe.

More importantly, His blessing also reaches us in our spiritual life as well. After man's fall into sin, God could have just deserted His creation and destroyed all mankind. But God reached into this world and through His Son poured undeserved grace and forgiveness upon all. This was not motivated by a desire to get something back, but it was motivated by His love for all. St. Paul wrote of this when he said, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Roman 5: 6-8).



**YOUR STORMS ARE ONLY
TEMPORARY, BUT THE
BLESSINGS OF GOD LAST
FOREVER. AMEN!**

God is in constant connection with us and all the world. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, He works to bring us into His family. He does not give up on anyone. By His presence in the world, He connects with us. Paul says, "For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse." (Romans 1:20).

God desires all to be saved. Paul writes, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4). His grace is ever flowing.

During the month of November, we will focus on Connected to Christ through His blessing. As we approach Thanksgiving later this month, let us give thanks to God for the wonderful blessings He gives us every day and for the salvation we have through Jesus Christ our Savior.



Hey Parents!

If you read this week's Crusader Chronicle, you may have noticed this leaf. Count how many there are and send your student to the school office with the total number of leaves for a free prize. Offer good until 11/09/23.

The 2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook is available.

Log into Sycamore and go to News tab. Please take time to read news article for instructions. All families need to acknowledge this handbook was read.

Don't forget to get
your Grandparent's
Day Photos!

URL address for
Walgreens Photos:
<https://rb.gy/yzmsl>

OR use this QR
Code.



CONNECTED TO THE PROMISE

School Christmas Program

Wednesday

December 20th

10 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church



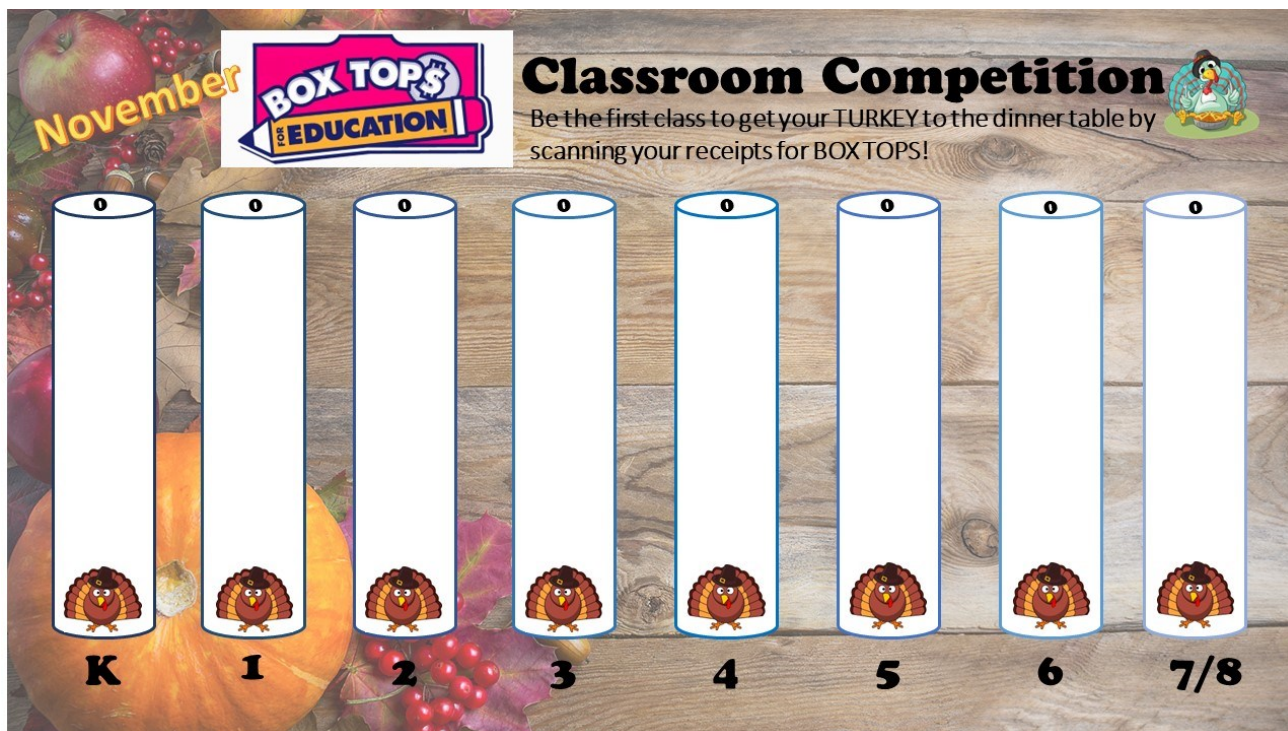
Please be sure to have your students
memorize their parts by December 11th.

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Kindergarten remains in the lead overall in the BOX TOPS competition BUT people are joining in and catching up! Thank you to our new BOX TOPpers! Keep it up. Who will be the class to invite the turkey to dinner in November?

Anyone can participate, even grandparents. Download the BOX TOPS for Education app to your phone now and start scanning receipts to ST JOHNS LUTHERAN SCHOOL and choose a classroom to help them compete.



Important Dates

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

Friday, November 3rd
(No School on 11/3/23)
from 8 a.m. to Noon

Sign Up on Sycamore



Kindergarten & First Grade Choir



are singing at

5:30 p.m. Worship Service
Saturday, November 11th
St. John's Lutheran Church

Cake Roll Delivery

Cake Rolls will arrive
11/15/2023.

Thank you for selling to support
your schools!



Family Game Night

Saturday, November 11, 2023

6:30p.m.

St. John's Lutheran School Cafeteria

Bring a game, snack, beverage and your family
for good old-fashioned game night with your
St. John's family.



Thank You!!
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St. John's Lutheran School would like to thank all the volunteer grandparents! The students loved the company. We would like to thank the parents who helped prepare food, take pictures, and help in the book fair. Your help was needed and appreciated. And thank you to our upper grade students for setting up the gym. It is not always the most fun job but you made the day beautiful!
Thank you!



GRANDPARENT'S DAY!

Thank you to all 99 grandparents who attended St. John's Lutheran School Grandparent's Day!
It was a glorious day!



WE LOVE OUR
GRANDPARENTS



CRUSADERS ATHLETICS

Basketball Season is upon us!

Go to stjohnsportage.com/athletics for the
basketball calendars.

First home basketball game is

Tuesday, November 7th at 5 p.m.

Save the Date and Help Fill the GYM!



BASKETBALL



Scan this QR Code
using your
smartphone camera
to sign up.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volleyball Party

Monday, November 13th

5 p.m.

School Lunch Room



Volleyball Uniforms

It is time to wash
your uniforms
and return them
to the school office.

Looking for Cheer Squad Leader!

You must be an adult able to
hold practice once or twice a
week to perform cheers at the
Boy's Basketball home games.

Contact School Office.

Contact us: (608) 742-9000

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Option 4
Office Hours
M-Th 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
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