



# 2023 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

11/10/2023

## 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 week, I was sitting on the corner of Cook and Wisconsin waiting for a light to change. It was evening time and things were just crawling along. When the light finally changed, the car in front of me just sat there. The driver was either distracted or was doing something else. Three or four seconds went by, and she continued to not move. Suddenly, a cacophony of horns began to blow. I had thought about hitting the horn on my car, but several other people beat me to it.

We live in a world that is high paced and not willing to wait. The frantic pace at which we live causes us to not only lose patience with the short-term problems, like my traffic incident, but also at times when life is just proceeding at its normal rate. The advent of email, texting, Facebook, and many other modern communication systems causes us to expect immediate satisfaction to any need or request.



Many times, we also treat our God with the same impatience. We use prayer as a tool to make demands and expect immediate results. We see our Lord as a great ATM machine in which we just must input the right words or attitude into the formula and then expect a fountain of blessings to pour our way. There are many current Christian writers out there who talk of prosperity living and chastise those who are struggling to just pray correctly and get their life focused.

God, however, does not promise this. He promises to hear all our prayers and His answers are determined by His love for us. St. Paul wrestled with this when he was struggling with a personal malady. God responded to him, "'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" (2 Corinthians 12:9) Clearly, God had a reason for Paul's suffering just as he has a purpose for the struggles that we go through. He did not explain it to Paul, and we may not know the reasons for our struggles. We know; however, the comfort of God's promise is always there: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8 :28) When we have struggles, our Lord wants to hear from us. We need to seize the patience and answer as Paul, "Therefore I will boast more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. "(2 Cor. 12:9b)

As we move through the following holiday months and the time pressures begin to swell, we need to ask that God would bless us with patience. Let us pray together and with our families for an extra measure of this blessing. It will bring calm and peace to our lives and a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior.

# Quarter One Awards

## Academic Awards

We strive to recognize the achievements of all students. After the end of each quarter, students in 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade will be recognized for their academic achievement at the conclusion of a chapel service. These awards will be given in the following categories on 4-point scale: High Honor Roll 3.5-4.0 and Honor Roll 3.0-3.49. In addition to these recognitions Church attendance (missed no more than one week per quarter), Perfect School attendance with no tardiness (except for medical appointments) and other awards will be given after the closing chapel on the last day of school.

### High Honor Roll

Ervin  
Anthony  
NoraLynn



### Honor Roll

Gabe  
Jesse  
Cullen  
Lucas  
Zoe  
Molly  
Landon



### Outstanding

#### School Attendance

Greta  
Lucy  
Gage  
Madelyn  
Easton  
Alice  
Cora  
McKenna  
Evelyn  
Hunter  
Vivian  
Emma

Adalynn  
Mark  
AnnaLee  
Amelia  
Callen  
Elijah  
Hoytt  
Liam  
Zoe  
Molly  
Casey  
NoraLynn



### Outstanding Church Attendance

Hannah  
AnnaLee  
Leon  
Cayson  
Jesse  
Cullen  
Molly  
Casey  
Kloe  
NoraLynn



# November Happenings



## 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.

**No School Bus  
Transportation  
November 10th**

**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!



**Volleyball Party**

**Monday, Nov. 13th**

5 p.m.

School Lunch Room



### CLUBS

Mondays

3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**LEGO**

November 13th

**Puzzle**

November 20th

**Chess**

November 27th

**Early Release**

November 17th  
1 p.m.

**School Office Closed**

November  
22, 23, 24  
No School



# November Celebrations

**Baptismal  
Remembrance**

Ervin 11/4

Winston 11/13

Gage 11/15

Landon 11/15

Dean 11/22

Gabe 11/24

Cora 11/28



**Birthdays**

Gage 11/2

Liam 11/5

Miss Bauman 11/13

Nora 11/24



# December Happenings



## *Advent*

Join us for worship

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Starting on November 29



## HOLIDAY LIGHTED PARADE

November 24 at 5:00 p.m.



**Boy's B Basketball  
Tournament  
Saturday  
12/2/23  
Save the Date!**

# PTL

**12/5 Meeting  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
School Cafeteria**



JOIN PARISH LIFE FOR



**CHRISTMAS TREE  
DECORATING**

Sunday, November 26 at 11:30 a.m.  
in the Church Sanctuary

## CONNECTED TO THE PROMISE

School Christmas Program  
Wednesday  
**December 20th**  
10 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church

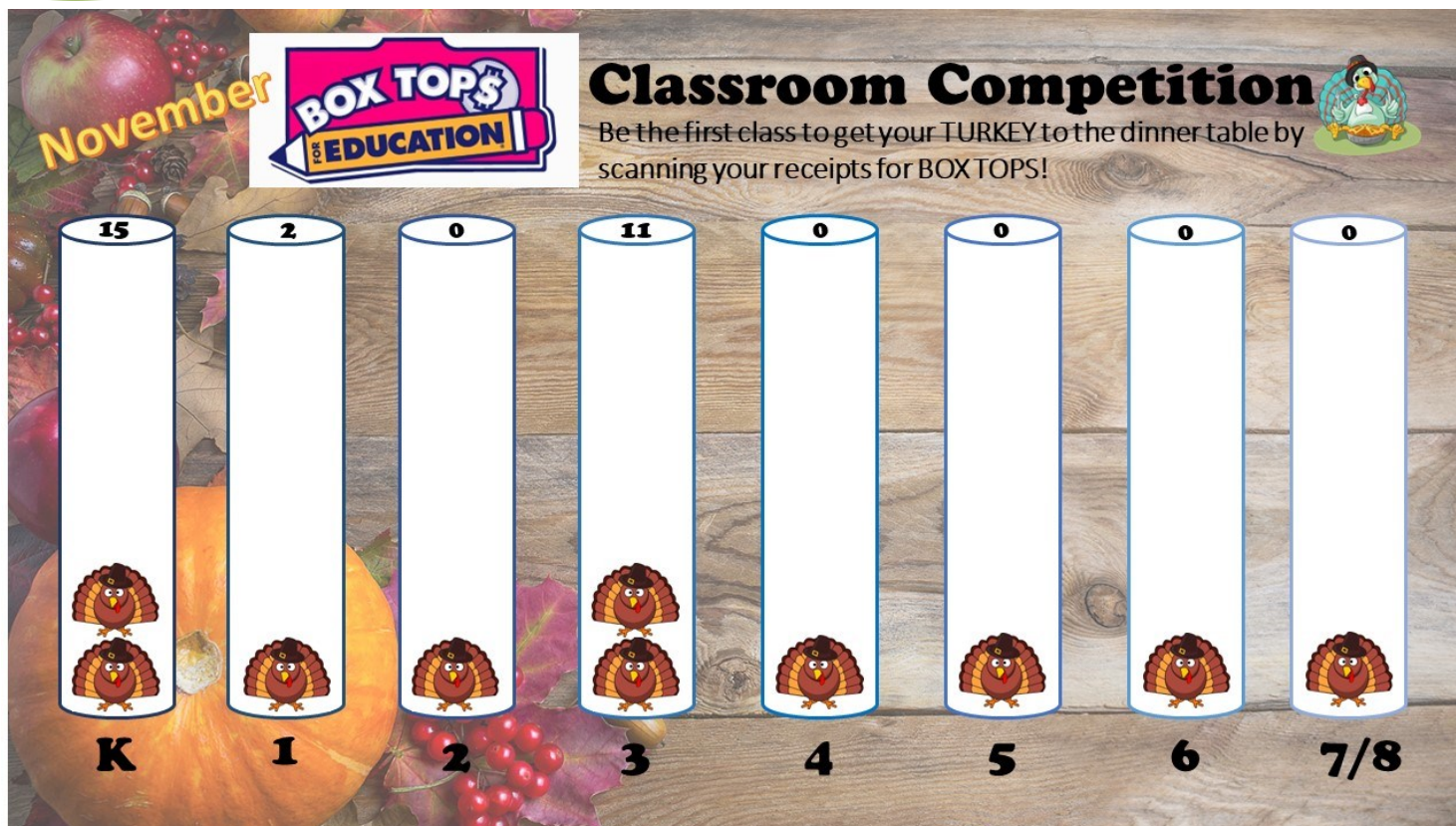


Please be sure to have your students memorize  
their parts by December 11th.



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. 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.



**RaiseRight**

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Earn money towards your school tuition using Raise Right. Earn money for school tuition when buying groceries for Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping!

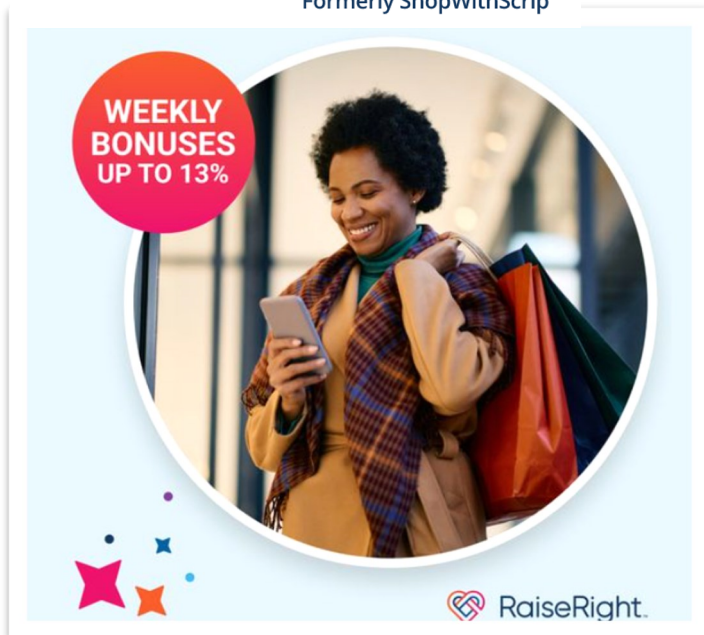
Go here to find out how: [stjohnsportage.com/fundraising](https://stjohnsportage.com/fundraising)

The 2023 Holiday Gift Guide is now available! Shop by category and use the gifting list for extra inspiration. Earn for your organization with every purchase.

Shop the Guide: <https://bit.ly/HolidayGGShare>

Tis the season to start making your list, checking it twice, and earning extra for your organization. Get perfect gifts for everyone with bonuses from Journeys, Home Chef, Yankee Candle, and more.

Shop all bonuses: <https://bit.ly/RRbonuses>



# CRUSADERS ATHLETICS



## Basketball Team Pictures

Tuesday, November 28th

5 p.m.

School Gym

Bring your uniform for picture day!

## Basketball Season is upon us!

Go to [stjohnsportage.com/athletics](http://stjohnsportage.com/athletics) for the  
basketball calendars.

### Home Game Schedule:

**Thursday, November 9th**

**Tuesday, November 21st**

**Thursday, November 30th**

**Tuesday, December 12th**

**Thursday, December 14th**

**Save the Dates and Help Fill the GYM!**  
**All Games start at 5 p.m.**



## BASKETBALL



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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# Thank YOU!

Thank you to  
Vicki Matula  
Owen Daily  
Melissa Kiefer  
Donald Soppe  
Hattie Zieroth &  
Jeremy Zieroth  
for being the first to sign up.



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Option 4  
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