



# 2023 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

## Connected to Christ

11/17/2023

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



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN...

Mr. Wrigley (of gum fame) had an unusual theory of advertising. "Irritate'em!" They will soon forget the irritation, but they will remember the product.

In Psalm 136, we may sometimes be annoyed by its repetition:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

***His steadfast love endures forever.***

Give thanks to the God of gods.

***His steadfast love endures forever.***

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

***His steadfast love endures forever.***

To Him who alone does great wonders,

***His steadfast love endures forever.***

Who by His understanding made the heavens,

***His steadfast love endures forever.***

Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

***His steadfast love endures forever.***

Who made the great light,

***His steadfast love endures forever...***



When I was a child, all twenty-six verses of this Psalm were read in church. From a child's perspective, I almost wanted to scream out and say, "I know, His love endures forever! Let's move on to the next point!" But there is no "next point." God's steadfast love encompasses our relationship with Him from start to finish.

The word which the English Standard version translates as steadfast love is translated in other versions as mercy. Mercy refers to a particular type of love, the love relationship God had promised His people in His covenant with Abraham.

The covenant found its fulfillment in Jesus. He is the One who makes salvation happen. Everything we need, we find in Him and in His cross. Were it not for the cross, none of the mighty acts of God listed in Psalm 136 would matter. But through the cross, we see these blessings as the Lord's down payment that He would keep His best and greatest covenant promise.

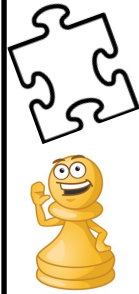
As you prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this coming week, read Psalm 136 and see if you can add any verses. You will find that ***"His steadfast love endures forever."***

# November Happenings

## CLUBS

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

**Puzzle**  
November 20th  
**Chess**  
November 27th



## Early Release

November 17th  
1 p.m.

## School Office Closed

November  
22, 23, 24  
No School



# November Celebrations

On behalf of the PTL, they thank you for making Game Night a huge success! They look forward to doing it again.



## Baptismal Remembrance

Ervin 11/4  
Winston 11/13  
Gage 11/15  
Landon 11/15  
Dean 11/22  
Gabe 11/24



## Birthdays

Gage 11/2  
Liam 11/5  
Miss Bauman 11/13  
Nora 11/24



Cake Roll Top Sellers were awarded with Dairy Queen Gift Cards this week at Cake Roll pick up!  
Thank you to everyone for supporting our playgrounds.  
(Not Shown is Willow and Arcelia)





# December Happenings



## *Advent*

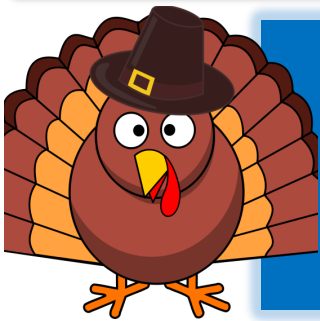
Join us for worship

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

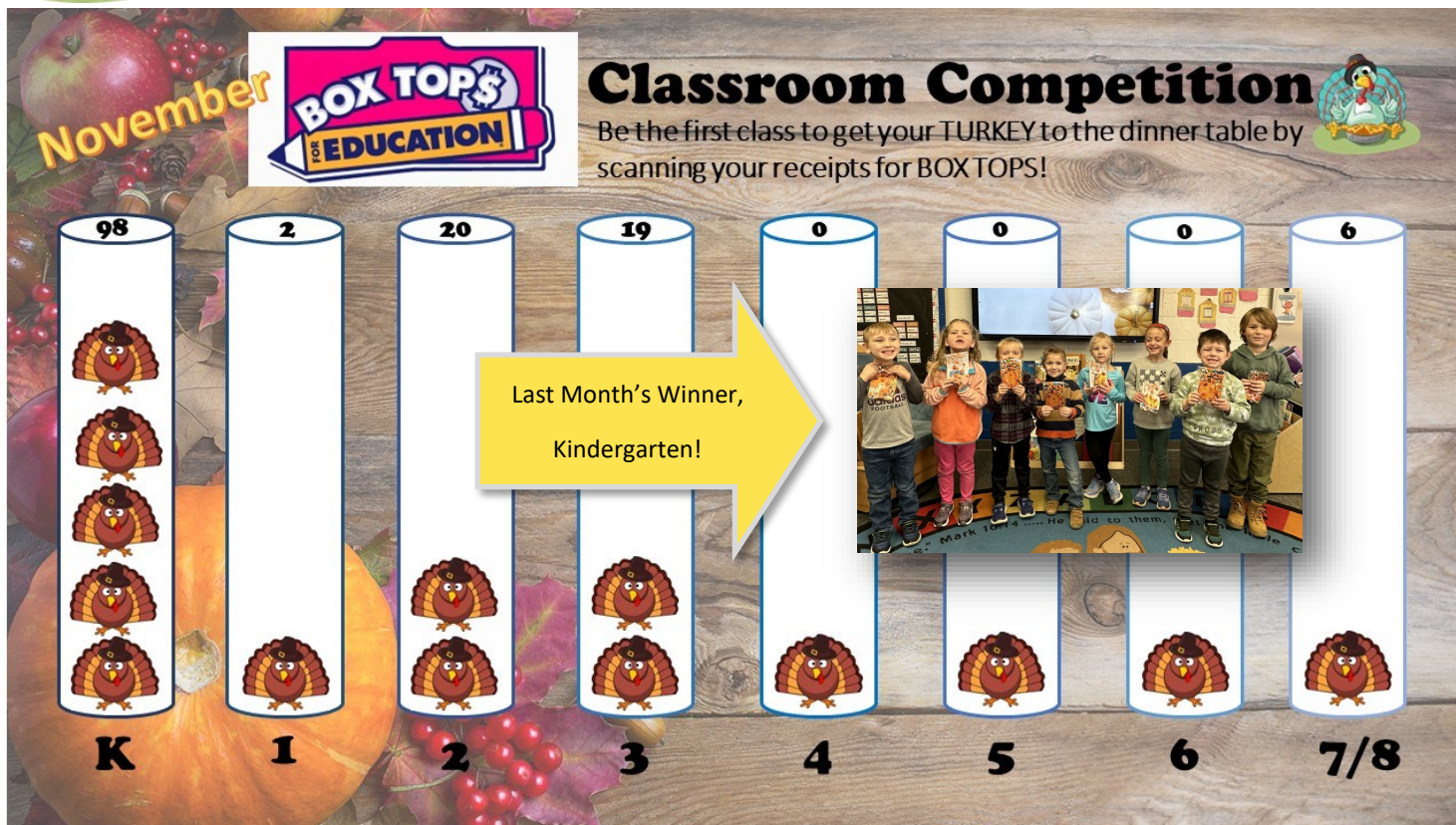


Please be sure to have your students memorize  
their parts by December 11th.



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?

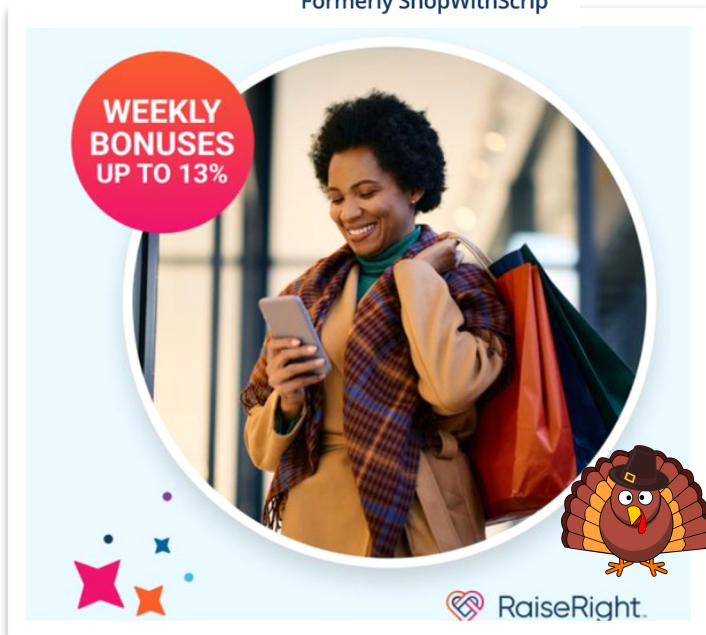
Anyone can participate. Download the BOX TOPS for Education app to your phone now and start scanning receipts to ST JOHNS LUTHERAN SCHOOL and choose a classroom to help them compete.



# RaiseRight

Formerly ShopWithScrip

No Raise Right orders will be made this week due to Thanksgiving.



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>





Our school is hosting a Boy's B Team Basketball tournament on

**Saturday, December 2nd, 2022**

We need the support of our entire school to make this happen!

Suggested donations are below, but feel free to contribute as you are able!

If you have more than one student at our school, please pick one classroom to participate with.

**Kindergarten – Bottled Water**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Gatorade – 12 oz bottles. Boys bring blue; girls bring orange**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Large Individual Candy Bars**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 12 oz cans of soda (Boys bring Mug Root Beer; Girls bring Sierra Mist)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Boys bring plastic cutlery and Girls bring paper plates**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Individual bags of chips (Doritos, Lay's, etc) OR Fruit/Veggies**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12 oz cans of soda (Boys bring Mt Dew or Pepsi & Girls bring Diet Mt Dew or Diet Pepsi)**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Gatorade - 12 oz bottles. Boys bring red; Girls bring purple or yellow**

**Donations are needed by Wednesday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup>!**

We hope you can join us for this fun event!

We have 4 other schools participating and will have a

Free Throw, Around the World and 3-point shooting contest!

A complete schedule will be posted on Sycamore as it gets closer.

We also need volunteers to work the concession stand, score table and help with set up and clean up. If you are available to help in any way on December 2<sup>nd</sup> please sign up using Sign-Up Genius!



Basketball parents and anyone interested in helping us plan this event, *please join us in the school cafeteria at 6pm on November 21st for a brief meeting!*

All proceeds from the tournament go directly to the Athletics Department for the School.



# 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:

**Tuesday, November 21st**

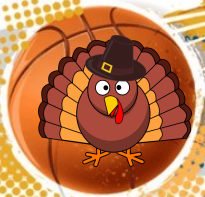
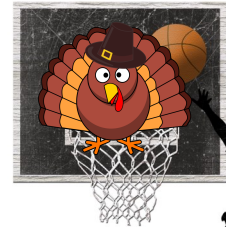
**Thursday, November 30th**

**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

### Hey Parents!

If you read this week's Crusader Chronicle, you may have noticed this turkey. Count how many there are and send your student to the school office with the total number of turkeys for a sticker.

Offer good until 11/21/23.



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