



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

Connected to Christ

02/02/2024

From the Principal's Pen...

The other week, I was talking with some upper grade students and one of them said, "I just love the weekend!" Not that there is something wrong about this statement, but it made me think about the use of the word "love" in this statement. Knowing that I was about to write the lead-off article for the month of February, it made me stop and think about this tiny little word and how it is abused so much in our vocabulary today.

In the original language of the Greek used by the people of the New Testament era there are four words that can be translated into love in the English language.

1. Philio-Brotherly love;
2. Storge-familial love;
3. Eros-romantic love;
4. Agape is unconditional love.



Of these only philio and agape appear in the New Testament. The most important is agape because this is the type of love God shows to us. It is poured out to us without any hesitation from our God who was and is willing to sacrifice all for us.

This month we continue our yearly theme Connected to Christ with the phrase **Connected to Christ through His love**. It is based on 1Johns 4:7-8, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because "God is love." Notice it doesn't say God shows love, but God **is** love. Love is the absolute essence of what God is and His love for us flows from that. St. Paul describes the power and purpose of God's love when he writes, "but God shows his love us in that while were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). His love for us is unconditional. His love lives in us.

But love doesn't stop there. Notice the verse says, let us love one another. How many problems in our society and in our school could be solved by showing the love that lives in us through Christ our Savior. It will never be perfect this side of heaven because of our sinful condition, but God through the work of the Holy Spirit, can give us the power to demonstrate God's love.

During this month as we go through Valentines Day and the start of the Lent season, let us never forget that our God has showered His love on us. We should strive to show love to one another. Living in this love, we should praise Him for it.



Time to Enroll for 24 25 School Year

School Enrollment

Go to: <https://bit.ly/3GU6BYF> or use this QR Code with your smart phone camera to register.

Enter School ID:3226

Click on Register below the login box and follow the instructions to enroll.



Once completed, a non-refundable \$100 Registration Fee is due to the school office. If registration fee is received on or before 4/18/2024, it will be deducted from your family tuition. If unable to make the registration fee before the above date contact Mr. Krupski.



All families are invited to our
Open House
Thursday, February 1, 2024
From 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

School Choice Enrollment starts February 1st at 8 a.m.
for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program
W I S C O N S I N

Who is Eligible?

Incoming Kindergarten,
All New & Current 1st Graders,
All New Students to St. John's, and
Student's Already part of the
Choice Program



Enroll

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

Use above web address or your smartphone camera to scan QR code to enroll & re-enroll your Choice Student .

St. John's Lutheran Ministry admits children of any race, color, national and ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to children of the Ministry. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic, or other administered programs.

100th Day of School!

February 1, 2024



Updates!

Recent updates have been made to our Student/Parent Handbook found on our webpage and Sycamore. Refer to page 22 regarding National School Lunch Program processes, Bad Debt, and USDA Civil

Rights Complaint process.

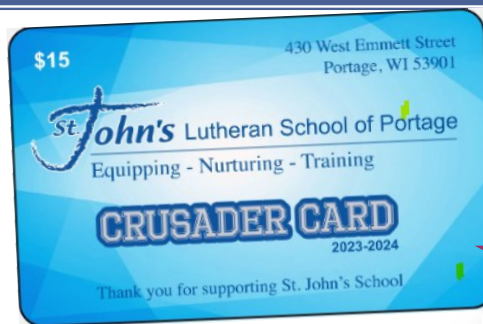
CANDY LAND SCHOOL DANCE

As we prepare for the February 24th School Dance the Parent Teacher League has a wish list to make the event spectacular. If you wanted to help but had no time, this is the perfect way to help out. Check out their wish list at <https://shorturl.at/eHOW8> or scan this QR code.

Thank you for helping!



Thank you for selling the Crusader Cards!



Sign Up
Here to
Sell
Crusader
Cards at
Church!

GO CRUSADERS!

Make sure to turn money into school office & pick up more cards to sell!



Red Apple Restaurant 10% off Purchase	The Ball Room 10% off Purchase Excludes Alcohol	It's Poppin 10% off Purchase
Canape Sandwiches 15% off Purchase	Craig's Popcorn Corner 10% off Purchase	Dino's 10% off Parties 10 or Less Excludes Alcohol and Holidays
Edgewater Green House 10% off Purchase Excludes wine orders and Sales Items	J&J Fireball Lanes Buy 1 Get One Game of Bowling	Pizza Ranch 10% off Purchase
Portage Country Club 1 Round of Golf with Cart for \$35. Weekdays Only	Dairy Queen 25% off Purchase	Thal Acres Golf-Westfield 2 for 1 on 9 holes of Golf
Oyster Cracker Buy 1 Sandwich and Soup and Get 50% off Second Sandwich and Soup Limit 1 offer per visit.		La Tolteca 10% off Purchase Excludes Alcohol

Not Valid with other Specials or discounts. Offer subject to change. 1 use per visit per day. St. John's is not responsible for closure of any business on card. Local stores only unless specified. EXPIRES DECEMBER 2024



YIKES! 6 out of our 8 classes participated in BOX TOPS this month!!!! Super Job, Crusaders! It looks like the school is ready to give Kindergarten competition!



January BOX TOPS:
 Kindergarten 522
 Fourth Grade 457
 Fifth Grade 72
 Sixth Grade 52
 Second Grade 51
 Third Grade 34



Congrats!

**We are proud of our
 Regional Spelling Bee
 Students!
 Way to go, Emma &
 Nora Lynn!**



PILLOW DRIVE

Go, Crusaders!

**We are three weeks
 into our chapel
 offering for the River
 Haven Homeless
 Shelter. We have col-
 lected \$94, collected
 14 pillows, and 7
 packages of pillow
 cases!**

**We are doing a great
 job! Help us get to 100
 pillows by bringing
 pillows to school any
 day.**

Thank you!

River Haven
 Homeless Shelter

**Help us meet
 our goal of
 100 pillows.**

**When residents arrive at
 River Haven they are given
 a new pillow to use and
 take with them.**

**WHAT WE NEED:
New standard size pillows**

3rd Quarter Chapel Offering!

**St. John's Lutheran School
 wants to help them. Students
 may bring pillows or money
 for Chapel Offering.**

Pillow Cases are also needed!

Chapel Schedule

**Families are invited to join us at
 Chapel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in
 the church. See you there.**

February 7, 2024

Chapel with 1st, 3rd, & 4th grade.



Contact us: (608) 742-9000

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