



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

Connected to Christ

02/09/2024

From the Principal's Pen...

Every day we see cars with bumper stickers. The bumper stickers on a car tell us about the person or family in that car. Perhaps the bumper sticker will have a favorite sports team or school. Another bumper sticker might tell you that they love their pet. There are many Christian messages on stickers. One might see "Honk, if you love Jesus," or "Jesus is my co-pilot." Each and every message on a car helps define the perception of the person who is driving. That perception may be correct, or it may be wrong, but people get all types of ideas about the person in the vehicle by the messages displayed on the bumper.

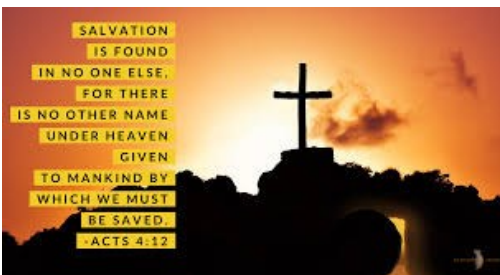


If Jesus had lived in our day, people would have placed all types of bumper stickers on His vehicle. One might have read messages like, "Listen to the guy" or "Elijah has come back," or "Prophet on board." People of Jesus' day had all types of ideas as to who He was. Even His disciples did not really understand who He was.

There is no doubt of this uncertainty as Jesus took His disciples to the top of the mountain. There, before their eyes, our Lord was transfigured. In that one moment of time, the disciples were stunned by the glory of God. It is no wonder that Peter responded with the awkward statement, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here." (Matt. 17:4a) No doubt they were wondering what exactly they were seeing and experiencing.

But God left no room for doubt. While Peter was still speaking, God interrupted and said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matt. 17:5). From that moment on, Peter, James, and John had no doubt as to whom Jesus was. Peter himself stated, "We were eyewitnesses of His majesty. We ourselves heard this very voice, borne from heaven, for we were with him on that holy mountain." (2 Peter 1:16d & 18). This event would stand as a buttress to their belief for all time that the Lord God of heaven was the One who came to this Earth, died for their sins, and was raised from the dead.

We, today, are also buttressed by this event. We have the blessing of His Word inerrantly written so that we might believe. The facts are in place. We need to study His Word so that we might learn of our salvation. As it states in Acts, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Salvation is not a multiple choice. We cannot choose our path to heaven. Only through the redeeming love of Jesus are we made right with God and made heirs of heaven.



So, as you look at the many bumper stickers this week, we, as Christians, should have one that says, "Redeemed by Christ!" That is all anyone really needs to know about us.

Time to enroll at St Johns Lutheran School for the 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 per family. 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.

School Enrollment starts February 1st at 8 a.m. Choice for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

W I S C O N S I N

Your family may qualify for **free tuition** to attend St. John's.

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



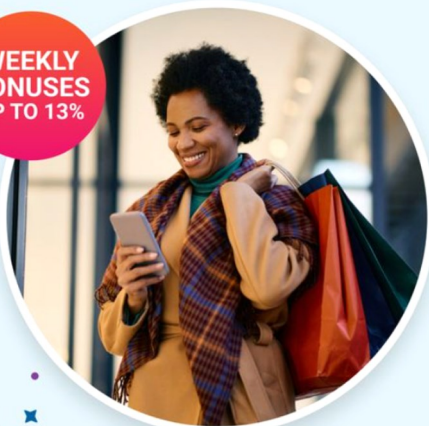
Enroll

<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.

WEEKLY
BONUSES
UP TO 13%



 RaiseRight.

Earn money towards your school tuition using Raise Right. Earn money for school tuition when buying groceries for your Valentine's Dinner! Go here to find out how:

stjohnsportage.com/fundraising

Time is running out to earn extra with your Valentine's Day plans. Shop popular dining and gifting brands on bonus through today only. Shop the Guide: <https://bit.ly/ShopVDay24>

THREE DAYS ONLY: Today is National Pizza Day — celebrate with extra earnings (and extra cheese). Now through Sunday, shop Domino's gift cards to earn 15%, then dig into your favorite slice. Shop all bonuses: <https://bit.ly/RRbonuses>





Parent Teacher League

CANDY LAND SCHOOL DANCE

Saturday, February 24, 2024
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Children of all ages welcome!

Children under 5 must be accompanied
by an adult. Those being dropped off
MUST be signed in and out by an adult.

St. John's Lutheran School Gymnasium
Amstrong Street Entrance

Hosted by St. John's PTL

As we prepare for the February 24th School
Dance the Parent Teacher League has a list of
ways to help make this event spectacular.

Check out the helping list on Sign-Up Genius:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/5080A4FAEA72CA5FC1-47722783-candy](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4FAEA72CA5FC1-47722783-candy)

If donating food, it can be dropped off on
Friday, February 23rd in the lower level
hallway on the pew and in kitchen cooler.

Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you for
to the families who helped with the decoration
wishes!

St. John's PTL Welcomes

Dinosaur Dimensions

Presented by Strutz Entertainment

The students of St. John's School & St. John's CDC
will get to experience a 45 min. fact filled show
with realistic animatronic dinosaur puppets!

Students will learn fossil facts
about each of the dino's specific physical traits,
regions they lived in and foods they ate!
The assembly will be followed up by
individual classroom visits!

February 22nd 2024

Greetings ISLAND

Dinosaur Day Schedule:

9 a.m.	CDC with 4K, Green, and Blue Rooms.
10 a.m.	School Gymnasium with entire school & guests
11 a.m.	5th/6th grade classroom
11:30 a.m.	7th/8th grade classroom
12:30 p.m.	4K & K classroom together
1 p.m.	1st grade classroom
1:30 p.m.	2nd grade classroom
2 p.m.	3rd/4th grade classroom

GO CRUSADERS!

Pick up more cards to sell! Keep
Selling, Crusaders! Way to Go!

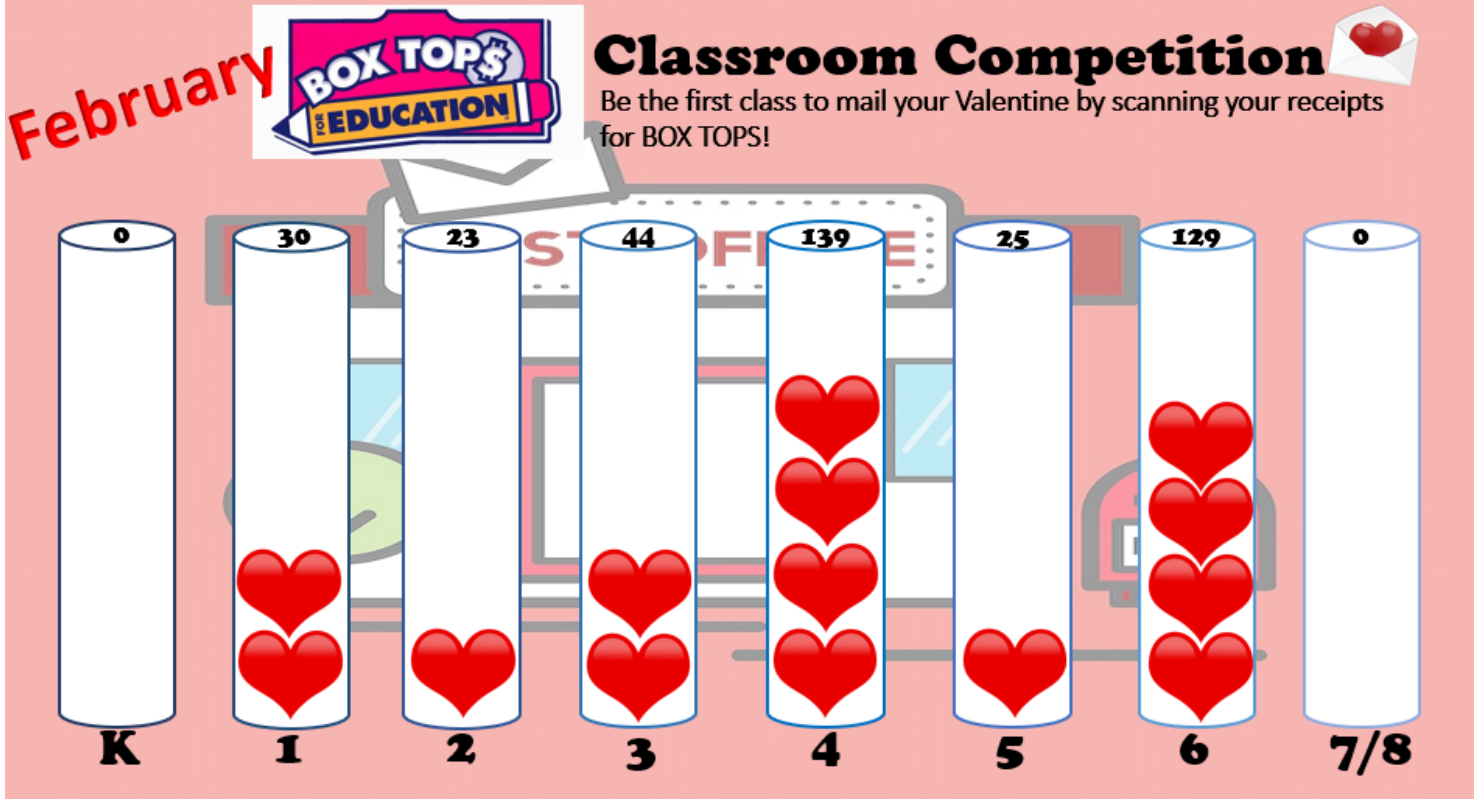
Sell Crusader
Cards at Church



Red Apple Restaurant 10% off Purchase	The Ball Room 10% off Purchase Excluding 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 Tortuca 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

The BOX TOPS Competition is getting serious! Look at them go!



PILLOW DRIVE

River Haven
Homeless Shelter

FUNdraiser!

Go, Crusaders!

We are 4 weeks into our chapel offering for the River Haven Homeless Shelter. We have collected \$121, collected 18 pillows, and 8 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!

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!

Time for our Butter Braid Sale to help maintain our playgrounds! We are saving to put shade in our play!

Butter Braid Sales start 2/16/2024 & ends on 3/4/2024.

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.

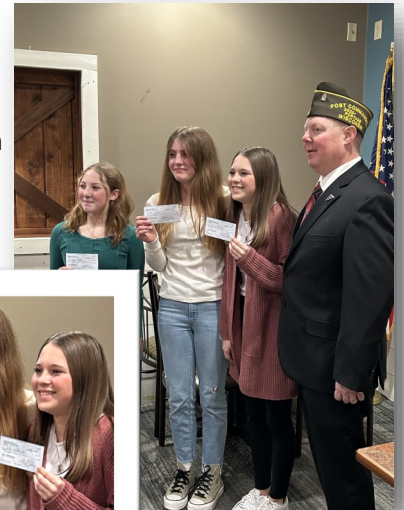


CELEBRATIONS

This year for **Patriots Pen, Post 1707** received 11 submissions from Wayne Bartels Middle School and St. John's Lutheran School. A panel of four selects the top three submittals. For every 15 entries received Post 1707 is able to send one to the District for further competition. Below you will find the top three entrants, listed behind them is the award that they received. A banquet was held in January for these young ladies. Congratulations!

The top three entrants are:

1. Kathryn Thiele; Wayne Bartels Middle School; Sent to District; \$75.00
2. Kloe Bielke; St. John's Lutheran School; \$50.00
3. Julia Witkowski; St. John's Lutheran Church; \$25.00



2024 Quarter 2 Awards



Birthdays

Madelyn 2/3
 Evelyn W 2/3
 Winston 2/13
 Abraham 2/14
 Bearah 2/14
 Jaxson M 2/19



High Honor Roll



Honor Roll



Baptisms

Miss Bauman 2/10
 Alice 2/14
 AnnaLee 2/15



Perfect School Attendance

Outstanding Church Attendance —>



Lent 2024

Worship Times:

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Dinner is served at
5:30 p.m. in the Christian
Life Center.

Imposition of Ashes
9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

The Lord's Supper
will be offered on
Ash Wednesday,
February 14.



February 14

Ash Wednesday

Accusations

(Job 40:1,2; 42:1-6)

February 21

Restraint

(Luke 22:47-53)

February 28

Testimony

(Matthew 26:57-75)

March 6

Misconceptions

(Luke 23:1-12)

March 13

Truth

(John 18:33-40)

March 20

Sympathy

(Luke 23:26-34)



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