



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

Connected to Christ

02/16/2024

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

School is Dismissed @ 1 p.m.
2/16/2024

NO School
2/19/2024

From the Principal's Pen...

Are you tired of the gloom yet! Growing up in Michigan, I got used to the idea that the month of February was always very gloomy and dreary. Because of the surrounding water and the cold air, it was usually cloudy 25 days during the month. It was so bad that the Detroit newspapers use to have a contest see who could get closest to the total number of hours of sunshine the State would have. The gloom of February seemed to permeate everything.



Sometimes our daily lives seem to be filled with figurative gloom. We look around, especially during this time of year, and all we see is unhappiness, strife, fatigue, and even despair. The darkness of the days and the length of the nights only seem to add to this feeling.

There is hope! Jesus Christ is the light for the gloom of our mood. A simple Easter hymn rings out the fantastic message:

Morning breaks upon the tomb.
Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph thro' the skies
See the glorious Savior rise.

Jesus Christ shatters the gloom and sorrow of this life and brings joy and purpose into a new life for us. The Psalmist writes, "Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God! It is He who made us, and we are His, we are His are His people, the sheep of His pasture." (Psalm 100:2-3) When we keep in mind that our purpose here is to serve the One who loved us and gave His Son to die for us, we can live in the joy He has provided and share that joy with all those around us.

May God give you the grace, wisdom, and peace to share that joy with those around you during this coming week.



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 Easter Dinner! Go here to find out how:

stjohnsportage.com/fundraising

Check out the current featured brands and earn more than usual.

Shop the Guide:

<https://www.raiseright.com/featured-brands>





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!

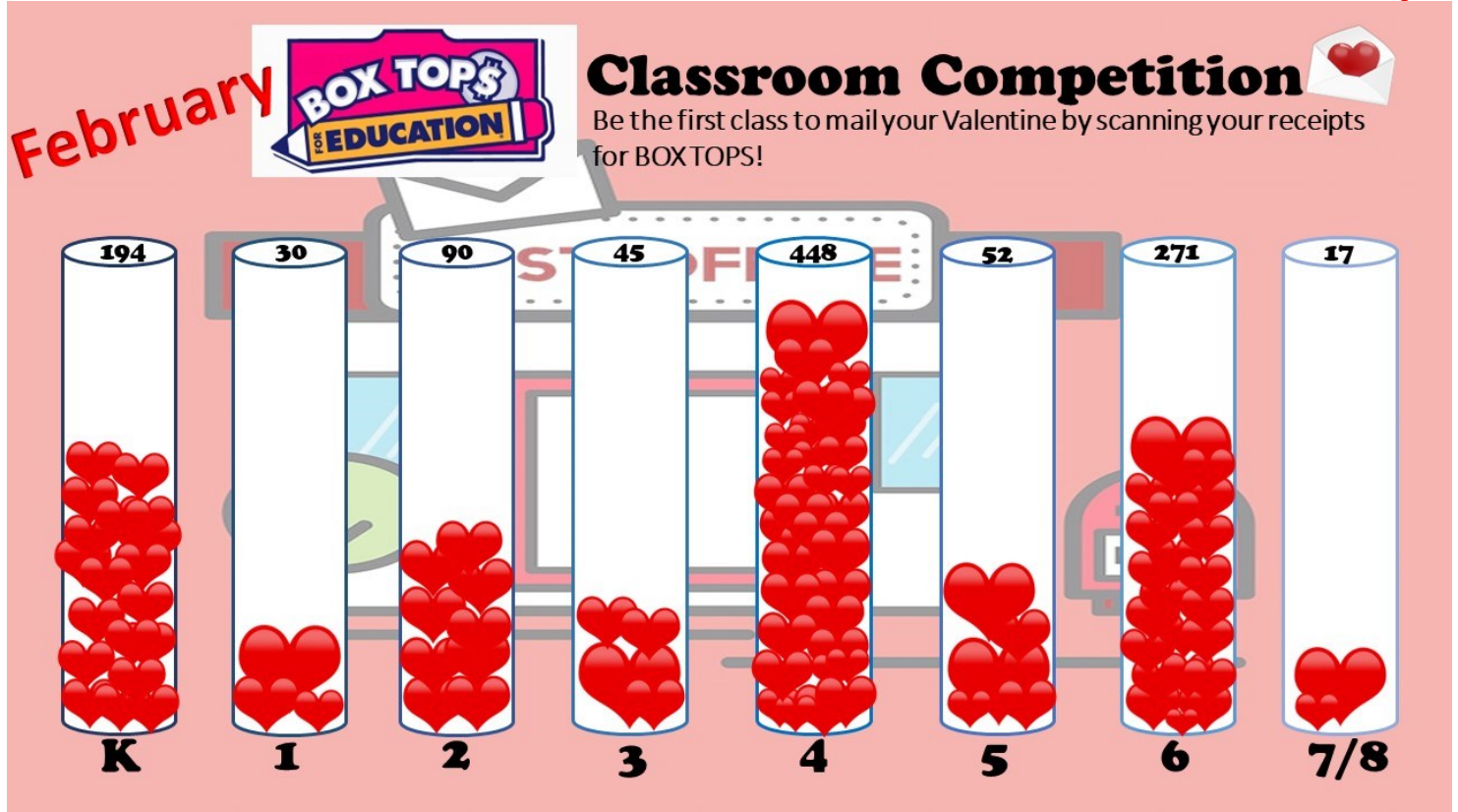
Sell Crusader
Cards at Church



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

♥ Every class is competing in the BOX TOPS Competition! THANKS! ♥



PILLOW DRIVE

Go, Crusaders!

We are 4 weeks into our chapel offering for the River Haven Homeless Shelter. We have collected \$150, collected 22 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!

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!

FUNdraiser!

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

make checks payable to St. John's

ends on 3/4/2024

turn money & order sheets into school office on this date

Delivery on 3/28/2024 @ 3 p.m.

Pick up at school main entrance

Online Store has been set up for St. John's School Students. An email was sent with instructions. An online store may be set up for CDC parents, reach out to school office, 608-742-9000 x 3.

PRIZES FOR TOP SELLERS ARE DAIRY QUEEN GIFT CARDS!



CELEBRATIONS



DECEMBER 2023 BOX TOP WINNERS *

4TH GRADE

THEY WON A BOARD GAME



JANUARY 2024 BOX TOP

WINNERS * KINDERGARTEN

THEY WON A VEGGIE TALE MOVIE

Thank YOU

Thank you to the family of Jane Kaiser for the water!



Lent
Midweek 1
February 21

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

Dinner is served at
5:30 p.m. in the Christian
Life Center, hosted by the
Adult and Handbell
Choirs.



Restraint
(Luke 22:47–57)

Discovering the strength
of restraint in the
midst of trials.



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