



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

02/23/2024

Connected to Christ

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN...

There comes a time in each person's life when he/she must step out from the security of some protection and venture into the world. This is no better illustrated than when a parent leaves a child at our school for the very first time. For many children, this is the first time they have seen their parents walk away from them outside of the security of their home. They may have had baby-sitters before, but now they are in a strange setting with new adults and many new peers around them. At that point, the child ventures out into the great unknown with great fear and doubt.



In Mark chapter 8 the disciples reached a point where they felt Jesus was pushing them into the world. Up to this point in their relationship with Jesus, their life had been a virtual kindergarten. They had joyfully followed this man believing that He was the Messiah. They had listened at His feet as Jesus boldly proclaimed the coming of the kingdom of God. Now the message changed. In verse thirty-one it says, "and He (Jesus) began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the scribes and be killed." The lovely, gracious, powerful Christ, who was well on His way toward becoming Israel's king, was now predicting His own execution.

Not only was He talking of His own demise, but our Lord was also calling on them for commitment and sacrifice. "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (vs. 34) They too would be called on to sacrifice.

As we move through the coming weeks, we will once again be reminded that our Lord calls us to deny ourselves and call on Him. The season of Lent is a time to remember that our existence here on this earth is only temporary and all that we have will turn to nothing.

This would be a horribly depressing message if it were not for the cross standing majestically over our lives. Through Jesus Christ we claim the forgiveness purchased on that cross and sealed through His resurrection from the dead. As St. Paul says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, danger, or sword? No in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:35,37) Through Christ's sacrifice we become heirs of eternal life.



As Christ calls on us to deny ourselves, He offers the sure confidence of His eternal presence, protection, and love. We can boldly look at the world and say, "nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39). This is the joy that we have as Christians. This is the message we must share with those around us. The cross of Jesus stands over the wrecks of time. It is our one and certain hope.

May God bless you and your family as you meditate during this Lenten season on the great love our Savior displayed for 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 Choice Enrollment ends April 18th 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.

TAX TIME

As you are preparing your taxes this spring be sure to claim your school tuition. These statements were sent home with your student(s). If they have been misplaced, no worries. They can be printed again. Contact the school office at 608-742-9000 option 3 or email schooloffice@stjohnsportage.com for your 2023 Tuition Payments.





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!



Thank you PTL! It was a fun day!



5th to 8th Grade Choir Sings
2/24/24 @ 5:30 p.m. Worship



GO CRUSADERS!

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

Sell Crusader
Cards at Church



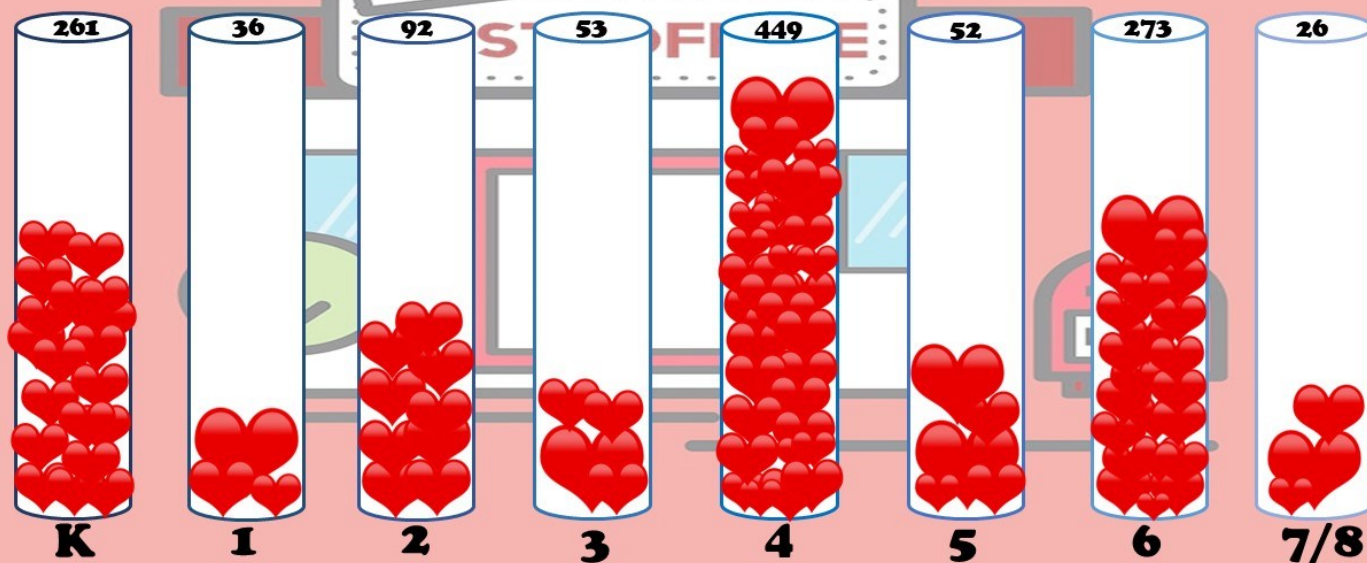
♥ Every class is competing in the BOX TOPS Competition! THANKS! ♥

February



Classroom Competition

Be the first class to mail your Valentine by scanning your receipts for BOX TOPS!



PILLOW DRIVE

River Haven
Homeless Shelter

Go, Crusaders!

We are 5 weeks into our chapel offering for the River Haven Homeless Shelter. We have collected \$173, collected 24 pillows, and 10 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!



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!



St Johns Lutheran School SPIRIT WEEK

March 11—15, 2024

MONDAY	Dream Vacation (dress up as your dream vacation) Special Lunch: Mini Cinnies, Sausage, Grapes, Baby Carrots, and Milk. Chapel Buddies Get Together
TUESDAY	Dream Team (dress up as your favorite team) Special Lunch: Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Carrots, Strawberries, and Milk. American Heart Association—Heart Activity Stations in the Gym
WEDNESDAY	Dream Your Best (dress up in your best) Special Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fruit Slushie, and Milk. Lenten Service @ 10 a.m. & Rock Paper Scissors Competition.
THURSDAY	Dream The Three Trees (dress in play shirts/upper grades school apparel or colors) Special Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Salad Bar, Strawberries, Pears, and Milk. School Play 1pm & 6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Dream Movie (dress up as your favorite movie character) Special Lunch: Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Cucumbers, Mandarin Oranges, Strawberry Shortcake, and Milk. Portage Movie Theatre for Kung Fu Panda 4



**"THE TALE OF
THE THREE TREES"**
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN- PORTAGE



**Lent
Midweek 2**

February 28

**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
Evangelism.**



**Testimony
(Matthew 26:57–75)**

*Hear about Peter's
testimony and
eventual restoration.*



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