



# 2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

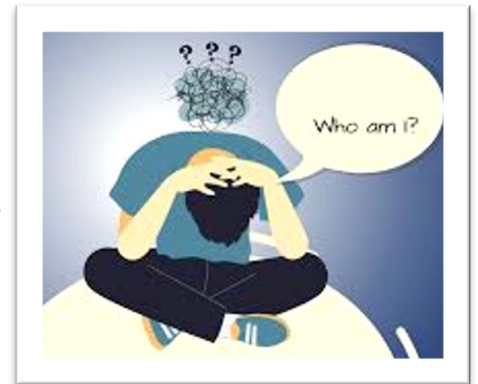
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## Connected to Christ

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

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

We live in a world that spends a great amount of time talking about identity. As one reads or listens to the news the word identity shows up in many ways. We hear about social identities, political identities, and personal identities. When I hear students or their parents speak of their lives, I hear them talk how the things that are important in their lives such as sports, dance, gymnastics, or other groups with which they are involved. Students or even adults who play video games have fake identities that help them in the fantasy world they are experiencing. Other people find identity in the wealth they have accumulated or the social status they have achieved.



The problem with all of these different identities is that they are based on something temporal. All it takes is something to happen in a person's life such as being cut from a team, a layoff, or a financial issue that arises and the identity collapses upon itself. Over the past 4 years, we have watched as things going on around us have challenged our self-made identities or even destroyed them. This has led to a great increase in the amount of depression and even suicide in our communities. What was once important is now gone. Sometimes when this happen, we lose a sense of value because that was tied to our identity as well.

As a Christian we do not have to rely on those types of identities. Our identity and value do not come from ourselves. It comes from the perfect sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins. When man sinned, God could have easily destroyed the rebellious people and started over, but instead He loved us so much that He sent His Son into the world to be our Savior. This established a God made connection to us through His sacrifice. This is the reason that our theme for this month is: **Connected to Christ through His sacrifice**. It is based on Galatians 2:20- "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." When we are going through tough periods in our lives, (and there will be) we know that our value never diminishes. God's love for us never changes and never falters. The writer to the Hebrews says this clearly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (13:8). If Christ is the same, His love for us is the same, our purpose is the same, our identity is the same as it always is. Each school day we are begin our day with the following:

I am loved by God  
I am a child of God  
As a child of God  
I forgive  
I respect  
I do my best  
I learn from my mistakes.



This is our certain and forever lasting identity.

Even when we fail at these know that God's love never fails us. We can be confident of this, and we can live in the confidence knowing as a child of God I no longer live for myself, but Christ lives within me. That is an absolute and solid identity.

# 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.



### Lutheran Schools Night, Saturday, April 27

Join us for a night of family fun as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Yankees, 6:10 PM.

You can select seats from the Lodge Outfield Box (where our group has been in past years) or from an outfield box, an infield box or the terrace infield seats. Tickets range from \$15-\$59. You can also purchase a parking pass in advance. For groups of 10+, please contact Teddy Sibilski, Milwaukee Brewers. If you are ordering tickets for a group, you can forward tickets via text or email to Individuals Ballpark App.



SCAN ME

Purchase your tickets online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools24> or scan the QR code by April 12. Questions? Contact Robin, SWD, [mueller@swd.lcms.org](mailto:mueller@swd.lcms.org). Go Brewers!

**Check out the new school year calendar!** As we move further into the school year, we wanted to take a moment to remind you about the importance of regularly checking Sycamore for upcoming events and important dates. By logging in and staying informed, you can ensure that you and your child don't miss out. If you need any assistance accessing the portal or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office staff. Thank you for your attention.

## St. John's Lutheran School | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

August 2024				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

September 2024				
M	T	W	TH	F
NS	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	ER
23	24	25	26	27
30				

October 2024				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	ER
21	22	23	24	ER
28	29	30	31	

November 2024				
M	T	W	TH	F
				NS
NS	NS	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	ER
25	26	NS	NS	NS

December 2024				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	ER
16	17	18	19	20
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
NS	NS			

January 2025				
M	T	W	TH	F
		NS	NS	NS
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	NS
27	28	29	30	31

February 2025				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	ER
NS	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

March 2025				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
24	25	26	27	28
31				

April 2025				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	NS
NS	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

May 2025				
M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	ER
19	20	21	22	23
NS	27	28	29	30

June 2025				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13



### Calendar Summary

August 12—Teachers Start  
 August 28—School Starts  
 January 6—School Resumes  
 June 6—School Ends (If **NO** Inclement Weather)  
 June 9-13 —Inclement Weather Make-Up Days (*If school is called off due to weather, 7th & 8th grade will do Remote Learning Days in the 24-25 School Year.*)

### No School Days

September 2—No School Labor Day  
 November 1—No School Parent Teacher Conferences  
 November 4-5—No School—Wisconsin Lutheran Teacher Conference  
 November 27-29—No School Thanksgiving  
 December 23-31—No School Christmas  
 January 1-3—No School Christmas  
 January 24—No School Teacher Inservice  
 February 17—No School  
 March 17-21—No School Spring Break  
 April 18-21—No School Easter  
 May 26—No School Memorial Day

### Early Release Days/Inservice—Dismissal @ 1 p.m.

September 20  
 October 18  
 November 22  
 December 13  
 February 14  
 May 16

### Early Release Days - Dismissal @ Noon

October 25—Grandparents Day—No Bus  
 June 5—Last Day of School

### End of Quarters

First Quarter—October 23 (40)  
 Second Quarter—January 17 (46)  
 Third Quarter—March 28 (43)  
 Fourth Quarter—June 5(46)

### No Bus Days

August 28—30  
 September 3  
 October 24—25

**\* Please Note:** The last day of school is subject to change based on inclement weather days. If needed, we will add school days on from June 6th to the 13th.





## Crusader Card Contest Winner!

St. John's Crusaders have raised \$3505.00 as of 3/1/2024.

### Super Job Everyone!

This will conclude our first Crusader Card selling contest.

### Our One Hour Photo Session with Sassha Coullard Photography Winner is **Hannah Winkelmann!**

Hannah went door to door in her neighborhood and met all her neighbors when selling her Crusader Cards. She had a blast telling them about her school and meeting some who went to St. John's Lutheran School.

Way to be a St. John's Crusader, Hannah!

### Our 30-minute Photo Session with EmilyMarie Photography Winner is **Callen & Gage McConnell!**

Callen & Gage had a journey of their own. They signed up to sell Crusader Cards at St. John's Lutheran Church. They ran out! They sold 18 cards in a matter of minutes that morning! This is amazing boys! Great job, Crusaders!

***The Parent Teacher League would like to thank the Photographers for their generosity in providing these prizes. Our winners are excited to work with you!***

### Stay tuned for the next Crusader Card Contest!

Remember the money raised from this fundraiser goes to the PTL to help enrich our St. John's student education in and outside of the classroom.

This year, the Parent Teacher League has hosted the Back to School Social Hour, Ice Cream at the Back to School Open House, a Family Game Night, the Candy Land School Dance, the Dinosaur Assembly, a Teacher Appreciation lunch, and BOX TOP for Education Contest prizes.

Future support includes the Last Day of School Picnic, assisting with the cost of the 8th grade class trip, and Teacher Appreciation Days.

Help sell these amazingly affordable Crusader Cards.

Remind buyers they pay for themselves in a couple of uses.

We have many Crusader Cards left to sell!

Come and get them!



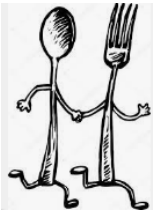
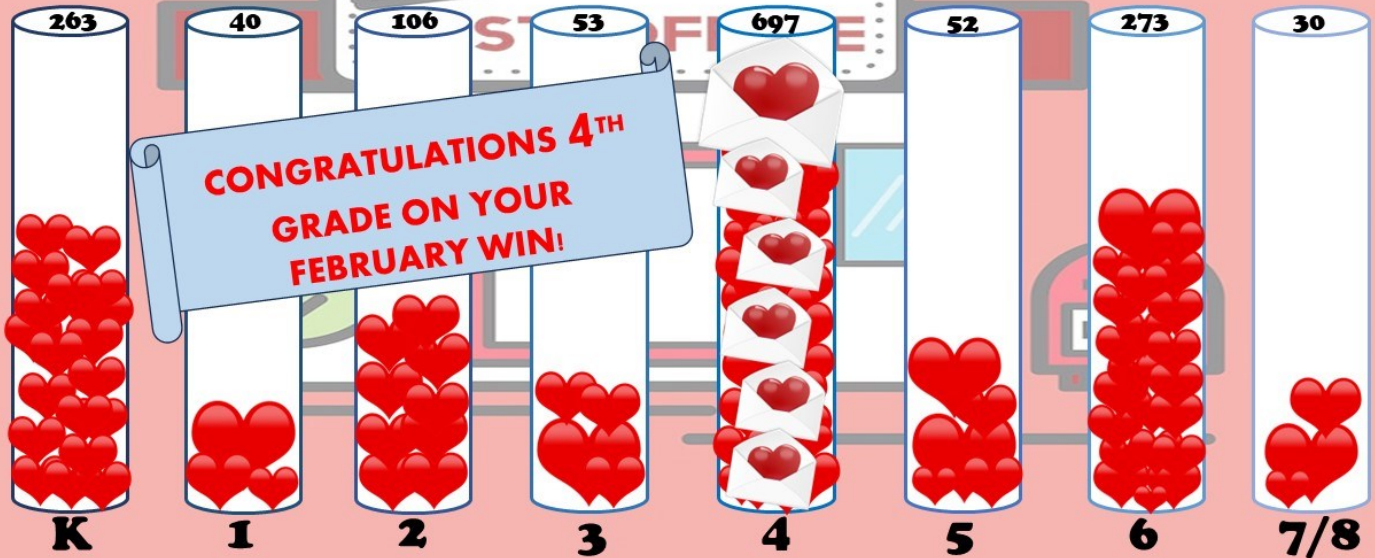
♥ Every class competed in the BOX TOPS Competition! SWEET! ♥

February



## Classroom Competition

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



### PLEASE HELP!

Silverware are disappearing from the cafeteria. At the beginning of the school year, we had enough silverware for more than two days. There are days we don't have enough for one day. Monetary donations are welcomed to replace those disappearing into the great unknown. Thank you!

*River Haven*  
Homeless Shelter



## LAST CALL!

LAST WEEKEND for  
our Butter Braid Sale!

It ends on 3/4/2024.

Turn money & order sheets into school office on Monday.

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

Pick up at school main entrance

PRIZES FOR TOP SELLERS



### Go, Crusaders!

We are 6 weeks into our 3rd qtr. chapel offering for the River Haven Homeless Shelter. We have collected \$196, collected 29 pillows, and 12 packages of pillow cases!

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

Thank you!

**GO CRUSADERS!**



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

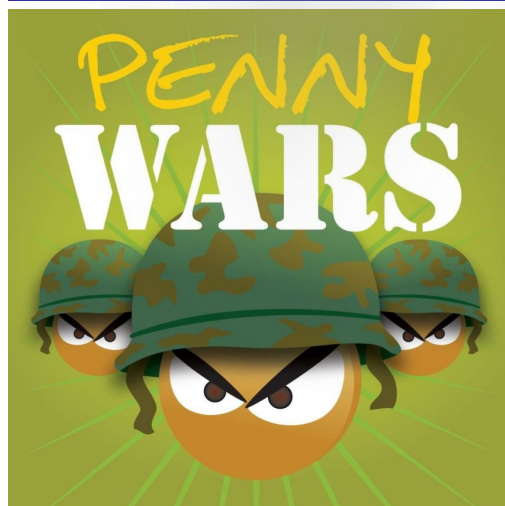




# St Johns Lutheran School SPIRIT WEEK

March 11—15, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Dream Vacation</b> (dress up as your dream vacation) Special Lunch: Mini Cinnies, Sausage, Grapes, Baby Carrots, and Milk. Chapel Buddies Get Together
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Dream Team</b> (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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Dream Your Best</b> (dress up in your best) Special Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fruit Slushie, and Milk. Lenten Service @ 10 a.m. & Rock Paper Scissors Competition.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Dream The Three Trees</b> (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
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Dream Movie</b> (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**



# Crusader Penny War

March 11 to  
the 15th!



Put your spare change toward a great cause.

All proceeds from our penny war fundraiser go to support the River Haven Homeless Shelter.

Pennies are “positive.” Here’s how it works:

- Containers are located in the school office.
- Each penny counts as one positive point for YOUR classroom.
- Each silver coin counts as negative points for OTHER classrooms. In other words, dropping a quarter in another classroom’s bucket takes 25 points from their total.
- After 9a .m. on the final day, the change will be taken to the bank to determine winner of competition.
- The winning Penny War class will win an ice cream treat party.
- The Penny War will be used as a tie breaker for the Dress-Up competition.
- The class with the highest percentage of dress-up days will win an extra recess.

*Start saving your change—it can make a big difference! Thank you for helping others!*

## Penny War Rules



Points:

**Adding (+)**

1 penny = 1 point



**Subtracting (-)**

1 nickel = 5 points

1 dime = 10 points

1 quarter = 25 points





## Walking School Field Trip Notification

<b>Trip</b>	Portage Theaters—Kung Fu Panda 4 Movie
<b>Location of Trip</b>	322 W. Wisconsin St., Portage WI
<b>Date of Trip</b>	March 15, 2024
<b>Time</b>	12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
<b>Transportation</b>	Walking
<b>Leader of Group</b>	All Faculty and Staff

**IF NOT ATTENDING cut off bottom portion of permission slip & return to your student's teacher by 3/11/24**

All school rules apply as stated in the school handbook and any other rules for this trip.

- Parents **will not be** able to attend this event due to the seat availability. St. John's puts the movie theater room at capacity.
- We also ask parents refrain from sending money with their student. The students will have lunch at school. The Portage Theaters will be providing popcorn and beverage for each student.
- **All students will return to school after the event and be picked up in the school** gymnasium at our normal dismissal time for the safety of all our students and staff.



### REVERSE PERMISSION SLIP

I give **DO NOT** give permission for my student, \_\_\_\_\_, to attend this walking event in Portage, WI. I understand I must pick them up by noon on the above date from the school's main entrance to sign them out in the school office.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Children in Church



To the parents of our church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of His church that lives on and never dies. Please bring your children and we will welcome you with a smile of encouragement when you do.

St. John's Lutheran Church invites you to join us in worship  
at any of the following times:

Saturdays 5:30 p.m. — *Abbreviated service*  
Sundays 8:00 a.m. — *Communion at the rail*  
Sundays 10:30 a.m. — *With Praise Band*

## VBS Time of Day Vote



St. John's Lutheran Ministries—Youth Group will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. We have a date picked but are stuck on what time to host. Many of the youth have summer jobs and sports too so we are hoping to gain insight from our potential attendees. Thank you for taking your time to share your opinion.

What time would you like to see St. John's Lutheran Church VBS be available this summer, June 10th - 14th? (select all times that work for your family)

First Time— 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Second time—1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Third time— 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Fourth time— 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (would have light supper)

Go to this website by copying and pasting this URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XDJWF58>

or use your camera phone to scan the QR code to vote on this matter. Thanks you!



**Lent  
Midweek 4  
March 6**

**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  
St. John's School Staff.**



**Misconceptions  
(Luke 23:1–12)**

*Unraveling  
misconceptions and  
understanding the truth.*



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