



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

03/08/2024

Connected to Christ

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

From The Principal's Pen...

Where will you be ten years from now? Most of you have tried to answer this question. It has been asked in job interviews, friendly get-togethers, and internally. Forty-two years ago, a young teacher graduated from college and eagerly awaited his first teaching assignment. His first call was to New Orleans. This was to be a brand-new adventure.

His life at least in his mind was well planned. He would spend a few years teaching before beginning a master's program in history. The plan was that soon he would be teaching in a college. It seemed well ordered and well thought out.

How God's plans are different! Instead of history the graduate program moved into educational administration. Instead of teaching college classes, he is principal of a Lutheran school in Portage. How awesome is God's plan fulfilled.

The results could not be farther from what was initially planned. Yet in all of it, God directed the results. Obstacles were put in place to prevent certain things from happening, yet doors were opened to new and wonderful opportunities. What would seem like a total failure has been turned into a wonderful ministry.



The writer of Proverbs says, "Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." (Proverbs 19:21) How wonderful it is that God directs our lives. In Exodus 33, the Lord passed by but would not let Moses see His face. He was only allowed to see His back after He passed by. How often in our life we see the Lord after He passes by. The work of God's hand is evident in everything that we do.

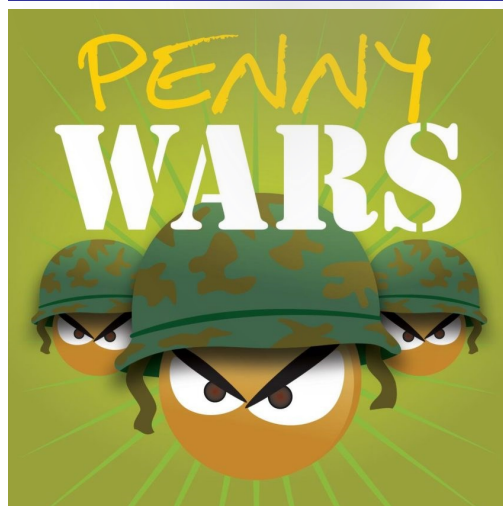
As you work through the many obstacles, challenges, and joys in your life, remember that God's plan is prevailing. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, He has made us heirs. What a wonderful plan! What great results!



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



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Check out the new 24-25 school year calendar in Sycamore under documents and at stjohnsportage.com/enrollment! 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.

March

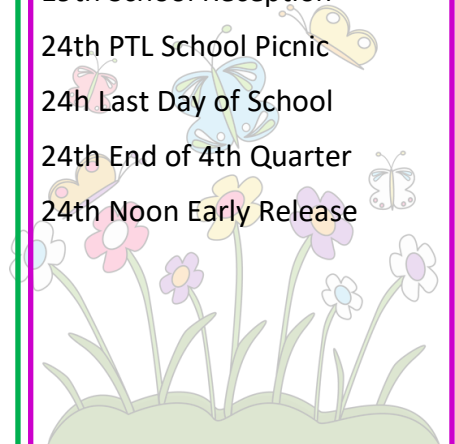
4th Butter Braid Sales End
8th 1 p.m. Early Release
11th – 15th Spirit Week -See Flier
11th LEGO Club
14th School Play
15th End of 3rd Quarter
18th -22nd No School
25th Chess Club
28th Butter Braid Pick Up
28th Maundy Thursday
29th No School Good Friday
31rd Easter, Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

April

1st No School
2nd PTL Meeting
5th No Bus Service
6th School Choir Sings (2nd-4th grade)
6th Chili Madness
8th LEGO Club
15th Puzzle Club
16th Lower Grades Field Trip
18th Choice Open Enrollment Closes
19th 1 p.m. Early Release
22nd Chess Club
29th MAP Testing Starts

May

1st—10th Still MAP Testing
5th Confirmation Sunday
17th PTL Book Swap
19th ALL School Choir Sings
19th School Reception
24th PTL School Picnic
24h Last Day of School
24th End of 4th Quarter
24th Noon Early Release



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Emme 3/10

Lucy 3/17

Jayden 3/26



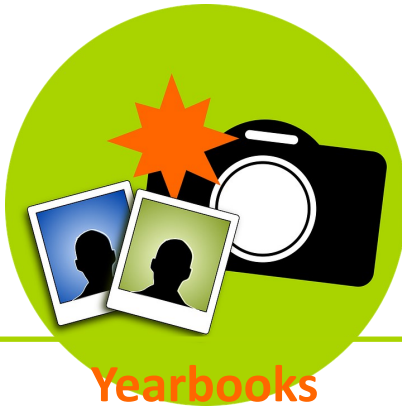
Chess Club

Come to Chess Club in March to be added to the Crusader Chess Club in chesskid.com. It is safe, fun, and teaches you to be a better chess player.

 **ChessKid**

Bring this page of the Crusader Chronicle with you to the school office on Monday and get a free poster.





Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale! Order forms were sent home with students. Don't miss out on the memories of the 2023-2024 school year. Get your copy for \$10. Orders must be placed by April 4th.



Butter Braid Sales are Done!

If you haven't turned in your sales, do it now. Get your orders to the school office.

**Delivery will be on 3/28/2024
@ 3 p.m.**

Pick up at school main entrance

**Read the newsletter next week for
our top sellers!**



AS OF MARCH 6TH

School Year Top Sellers

Kindergarten 1285 Box Tops
4th Grade 1171 Box Tops
6th Grade 378 Box Tops
2nd Grade 282 Box Tops
3rd Grade 248 Box Tops
1st Grade 182 Box Tops
5th Grade 170 Box Tops
7th Grade 154 Box Tops
8th Grade 13 Box Tops

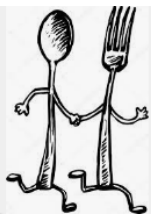
February Top Seller

4th Grade

March Top Seller

6th Grade with 9 Box Tops
We are six days into March. Will 6th grade be the first class to fill the Easter basket and win an Easter surprise? Keep scanning your Box Tops Receipts! We have the whole month to go!

Keep selling Crusaders!



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!



Attention St. John's Lutheran School community! We are excited to share that our third-quarter chapel offering for the River Haven Homeless Shelter is doing great! We have already **collected \$196, received 29 pillows, and gathered 12 packages of pillowcases.** Your generosity and compassion are truly making a difference! Keep them coming!

River Haven will be picking up pillows on **Thursday, March 14, 2024!** Get your school spirit on and bring your pillows in this week. Can we hit the goal of 100 pillows? We can do it!



Vote VBS Time



Scan to Vote

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. Go Brewers!

**Lent
Midweek 5
March 13**

**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 Athletics.**



**Truth
(John 18:33–40)**

*Pilate questioned Jesus
about truth.*



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