



St. John's Lutheran School
School News
2025-2026 School Year
"Make a Joyful Noise"



December 5th, 2025

Upcoming Events:

December 5: Q2 Midterm Report Sent Home
December 5: 4K-4 Grade Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal @ 8:30am (School Gym)
December 6: 4K-4 Grade Christmas Program @ 3:00pm (School Gym/Doors Open at 2:40 pm)
December 12: 5-8 Grade Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal @ 8:30am (St. John's Church)
December 13: 5-8 Grade Christmas Program @ 5:30pm (St. John's Church)
December 15: Holiday Cheer! Wear your Christmas sweaters
December 16: Shine Bright! Wear something shiny or sparkly
December 16: Merry Basket Delivery Day for 7th & 8th Graders
December 17: Candy Cane Red/ Christmas Socks (dress red/ white like a candy cane)
December 18: Grinch (dress in green or a who from Whoville/ Who hair (Fun Christmas hair, Christmas accessories)
December 18: Don Ramon's 8th Grade Fundraiser
December 19: Pajama Day
December 22- January 2: Christmas Break - No School
January 5: School Resumes



Upcoming Athletic Events:

December 5: 🏀 Game @ St. Katherine's Drexel
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Breakfast Menu-

If you plan to join us for breakfast, please be sure to sign up so we can get an accurate headcount and ensure there's enough for everyone and that we do not have waste. Thank you!

Please fill out the form for the number of students taking breakfast for the week of 12/08–12/12.

Breakfast is \$2, unless you qualify for free or reduced lunch—then your breakfast is free or reduced too.

<https://forms.gle/zvheBw2B4n8vnh1x7>

12/08 - Goldfish Cheddar Breakfast Combo, Fruit, Yogurt, Juice & Milk

12/09 - Banana Bread, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice & Milk

12/10 - Egg, Sausage, & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit, Juice & Milk

12/11 - Mini Bagel w/Strawberry Cream Cheese, Fruit, Juice & Milk

12/12 - French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Lunch Menu-

12/08 - Chicken Sandwich, Potato Smiles, Fresh Veggies, Applesauce, Side Kick Cup

12/09 - Subs, Goldfish Crackers, Cucumbers, Baby Carrots, Baked Beans, Fruit

12/10 - Max Sticks, Mixed Veg, Salad, Peaches, Oreo Cookie

12/11 - Mac & Cheese, Soft Pretzel Bites, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit

12/12 - Hamburger, French Fries, Fresh Veg, Apple Slices, Rice Krispy Bar

Message from the Principal -

As we begin the first week of Advent, we enter a season of preparation—a time to quiet our hearts and focus our minds on the true meaning of Christmas. While the world around us rushes into decorations, shopping, and celebrations, Advent invites us to slow down and reflect on the incredible promise God fulfilled through His Son, Jesus Christ. Isaiah 40:3 reminds us, “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” Preparing for Christmas is not just about outward traditions; it is about making room in our hearts for the Savior who brings hope, peace, and salvation.

During this first week of Advent, we often focus on the theme of **hope**—the confident expectation that God keeps His promises. Long before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God’s people waited eagerly for the Messiah. We, too, wait with hope—not for Christ’s birth, which has already come, but for His continued presence in our lives and His promised return. Romans 15:13 encourages us with these words: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.” As families and students at SJLS, we are reminded that our hope is not found in presents or festive activities, but in Jesus alone.

This season also encourages us to prepare our hearts and minds by focusing on the true message of Christmas. It is easy to be distracted, worried, or overwhelmed, but Advent calls us back to what matters most. When Mary learned she would carry the Savior, she responded not with fear, but with faith, saying, “I am the Lord’s servant” (Luke 1:38). Her willingness to trust God reminds us that preparing for Christmas means opening our hearts to His will and His Word—letting His love reshape our thoughts, actions, and priorities.

As we light the first Advent candle and begin this sacred season together, may our families, classrooms, and community be filled with joyful anticipation. Let us prepare with prayer, worship, and acts of kindness that reflect Christ’s love. May this Advent season draw us closer to the

heart of Jesus, so that when Christmas arrives, we celebrate not just a holiday, but the miracle of God becoming man for our salvation. May He fill your home and heart with hope, peace, and joy as we prepare the way of the Lord.

Mr. Mageski

Coffee with The Principal-

Please join Mr. Mageski for any questions, concerns, or simply to say hi over a cup of coffee. Either bring your own coffee or we can provide coffee from our office coffee bar. Mr. Mageski would love the opportunity to chat with you and pray with you. Please use the sign up link to ensure you have enough time to chat and enjoy a cup of coffee. We also have hot cocoa and tea available as well. ;)

<https://signup.com/go/XPMQsCz>

“From the Eagle’s Nest”- (Updates from the Principal/School Board)

As part of our commitment to transparency and collaboration, the principal and school board will be sharing weekly/monthly updates with families. These updates will highlight new and upcoming changes, dialogues currently taking place, considerations under review, and any concerns being addressed. Our goal is to bridge communication between school leadership and our families so that we can work together with unity and understanding. By keeping you informed, we hope to build trust, invite healthy dialogue, and ensure that every step forward is guided by our shared mission to nurture students in Christ-centered excellence.

1. We are currently in the process of our 2025-2026 accreditation process. Committees are formed and working hard to achieve NLSA accreditation for our school review in April, 2026. We are excited to share the great things we are doing here at SJLM.
2. We are continuing our search for a full-time/part-time band director for 2025-2026. We are loving our collaboration with Anne Widener from Martin Luther High School, but we have aspirations to house our very own band program/parish of music director for our church and school. If anyone has leads as we get into the school year, feel free to reach out.
3. In our discussion regarding evaluating changes to our fundraising efforts for Outdoor Ed and the 8th grade trip, we have discussed a few changes we are going to be tasked with:
 - a. A fundraiser calendar
 - b. Introductory meeting taking place 6th grade year
 - c. Introductions to major trip dates/costs at open house annually
 - d. Improved system for planning out fundraisers/avoiding oversaturation
4. We have begun the process to explore quotes for new bleachers in the gym. While still in fair condition, the parts necessary to fix them are obsolete and near impossible to find. If something happens to them, we are out of luck! Our amazing team of volunteers that oversee the annual Golf Outing (looking for new volunteers) dedicate those funds to gym improvements. We plan to look at utilizing those funds, grants, and exploring budget measures we can make to plan for such a project.
5. We are currently in the process of initiating a call for an SNSP Co-Director and gym teacher. Deborah Hainer, Nikki Emmer, Angela Karel, and Jessica Roecker will join Mr. Mageski in a committee to search for a candidate with the proper qualifications we have laid out in our previous email posting. We will be looking for someone with special needs education experience and a licensure in “Cross Categorical Special Education”.

6. As announced, we also will be initiating a call for the principal position for 2026-2027. That committee will include Douglas Mageski, Jack Dobbratz, Zach Weninger, Pastor Cutler, Brooke Krueger, and Faye Hazelberg. We will be initiating our search next week with hopes of making first contacts with possible candidates the first week of December. Once recommended candidates are identified, they will be brought to the congregation for consideration and approval.

While we could go on about all the amazing things taking place, we pray these glimpses give an insight into the many major items under consideration or current projects. We are excited to continually make improvements to glorify God and provide the very best for our students, families, and staff.

Mr. Mageski & the SJLS School Board

Messages from the Office-

School Calendar Schedule Change:

Please note: The 4K-4 Christmas Service on 12/06 will now start at 3:00 PM (Doors open at 2:40 pm) instead of 5:30 PM due to the Mayville Christmas Parade.

Calendar Sync- Remember the instructions to sync your phone to calendars we use here at school (parent calendar & sports calendar) and church (churchcal) can also be found on our website, www.stjohnsmayville.com.

Christmas Scrip Gift Giving-

The forms and payment are due today

In keeping with a well-loved tradition, we are offering the Christmas Scrip Gift Giving option for your family to hopefully eliminate some shopping and make your lives a little simpler this holiday season. Here's a chance to give School Staff a Christmas gift they are sure to appreciate ... gift cards of their choice!

Holiday Dress-up Days Dec 15-19

Monday (15th) - Holiday Cheer! Wear your Christmas sweaters

Tuesday (16th) - Shine Bright! Wear something shiny or sparkly

Wednesday (17th) - Candy Cane Red/ Christmas Socks (dress red/ white like a candy cane)

Thursday (18th) - Grinch (dress in green or a who from Whoville/ Who hair (Fun Christmas hair, Christmas accessories)

Friday (19th) - Pajama Day

Merry Baskets-

We are preparing for our longtime Merry Basket tradition! All hands on deck here at St. John's! **We REALLY need the ingredients for the Chex mix: rice Chex, Corn Chex, wheat Chex, pretzels, nuts and garlic chips.** The lower grade students help sprinkle the freshly baked sugar cookies. All students make a craft/card during a Chapel Family Activity. The 5th grade students package the Chex Mix. The 6th grade students make the chex mix here in the school kitchen and the 7th and 8th graders prep, package and deliver them to our congregation

members! Please see the attachment and a sheet that was sent home with them today for more information.

If you are interested in being a driver for Merry Baskets, reach out to Mrs. Travis/Miss Parker. We will be delivering the Merry Baskets on Tuesday, December 16th.

Chapel-

Chapel Offerings this year will go to **StreetLife Communities & The Craig Yabuki Mental Health Center.**

Chapel Offerings:

August: \$93.10

September: \$104.35

October: \$220.31

November: \$204.39

Don Ramon's 8th Gr Fundraiser



Student Council

Next Student Council meeting- December 11th @ 7:15am

School Board News-

Your 2025-2026 School Board consists of the following members:

Zachary Wenninger - Chair

Brandon Britton - Vice-chair

Jessica Roecker - Secretary

Nicole Emmer

Andrew Komurka

Rachel Rodriguez

Jessica Toellner

We have a page on our website to link to the school board minutes. If you have any questions or comments for them, please email them at schoolboard@stjohnsmayville.com
Please continue to pray for all those serving on the school board and on these committees as well as on all our boards. Thank you for your prayers and support.

-Middle School News-

5th Grade News

5th Grade Homeroom-

Parts for the Christmas service should be memorized. No scripts will be used next week. Our Advent program dress rehearsal is at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, December 12th, and the program will be at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 13th, both are at the church. Check Skyward for missing assignments your child's planner to keep track of homework. Spelling and handwriting are always due on Fridays unless there is no school. Memory is always on Tuesday and Thursday.

5th Grade Literature/ELA - No spelling test until next week! We had our Unit 14 spelling test today. Unit 15 will be next Friday. We are still working on The Renaissance and are writing a 5-paragraph essay. The rough draft was due today, and we will revise it on Monday.

5th Grade Math- Math test next week, Wednesday! Keep practicing long division steps at home and multiplication facts. We still have to finish up our tests on Monday!

5th Grade Science - Next week, we'll be doing some activities measuring matter, volume, and density! We'll learn all about Archimedes, one of my favorite scientists. We'll also have some fun making density towers.

5th Grade Geography - We did a very short unit on Antarctica and are creating slideshows about it, which are due on Monday.

6th Grade News

6th Grade Homeroom - Today we talked about our Christmas and doing a classroom party. Students chose a Secret Santa type gift exchange. I am sending an email today with extra information. All students did receive an informational sheet that their Secret Santa completed. Remember that our Advent program dress rehearsal is at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, December 12th, and the program will be at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 13th, and both are up at the church.

6th Grade ELA - We will be doing the play *The Odyssey* next week. It is part of our Greek mythology unit. Each student chose a Greek figure to research and do a poster project on. They will wrap it up with a speech. The final Greek character posters are due Dec. 8. We are

working hard on picking out the different parts of speech in our writing. December Reading Calendars are due 1/5.

6th Grade Math - We will be wrapping up numerical expressions and will move onto algebraic expressions!

6th Grade Science - We continue to make notecards about an element each day. Students are making the atomic Bohr model projects at home. They are due Monday, 12/8! Students are also turning an element of their choice into a superhero or supervillain, so that is kinda fun! This next week, we will be counting atoms and elements in formulas and then will learn how to balance chemical equations. We'll also learn how ionic and covalent bonding work.

6th Grade Social Studies - This week 6th grade has learned about the Great Pyramids of Egypt. They learned about burials, how the pyramids may have been built, and what the insides of the pyramids look like. We also played a game where they had to pretend to be a Tomb Raider to steal the treasure in the Pyramid after learning about how often the graves were stolen from.

7th Grade News

7th Grade Homeroom - Our Advent program dress rehearsal is at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, December 12th, and the program will be at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 13th, both are up at the church. The Merry Basket email was sent out, so be sure to check it out.

7th Grade ELA -

Red Scarf Girl is a challenging book because it is a historical fiction book that takes place during the Chinese Cultural Revolution which is a newer topic for the class. We are working hard on prepositional phrases and their importance in our writing. December Reading Calendars are due 1/5.

7th Grade Math - We just finished up our chapter 3 test. We are going to work ahead and begin our chapter on surface area and volume of three-dimensional figures. Please remember Math calendars are still due each Friday.

7th Grade Life Science - We wrapped up mitosis, and students are making mitosis flipbooks. We will be doing an activity with sweet and sour chromosomes, learning about haploid and diploid numbers, and then doing a pigeon project. We'll finish up next week, learning about karyotyping and doing two activities matching up chromosomes.

7th Grade Social Studies- 7th grade has begun writing an opinion paper on the Revolutionary War to wrap up the unit. The paper is due next Friday!

8th Grade News

8th Grade Homeroom - Reminder to sign and return Friday Folders! Also, make sure your student is checking their mailbox so that you can see their graded assignments! Merry Baskets are coming up! If you are interested in being a driver for Merry Baskets we could really use the help! No selfie this week but enjoy this picture of the 8th grade girls watching Bubble Guppies while they waited for the boys to come back from their errand to continue with class!



8th Grade ELA - We are enjoying our Shakespeare unit and reader's theater of a few of The Bard's most famous plays. We will be doing Hamlet next week.. We are working hard on prepositional phrases and their importance in our writing. December Reading Calendars are due 1/5.

8th Grade Math -This week we have begun our chapter on solving for surface area and volume of 3D figures. We will also be incorporating aspects of intro to algebra as we do so. Remember that Math calendars are still due each Friday.

8th Grade Earth Science - This next week we'll be learning about solar and lunar eclipses and about spring and neap tides. We'll be doing a review and will take a test next Friday.

8th Grade Social Studies- 8th grade is now exploring the Roaring 20s and what happened immediately after WWI. They have been learning about prohibition, flappers, automobiles, the radio, and more!

Physical Education

This week Middle School had to be flexible with the smaller amount of space we had in the gym! All of middle school did Yoga, Just Dance, create your own interpretive dance, and a game called Earth Matt! Remember to have your gym uniform (preferably washed) and shoes for next week!

Athletics-

Reminder:

On home game days, students may not remain in the building immediately after school unless accompanied by a parent or with their coach. The gymnasium doors will open **30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time**. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Basketball:

Basketball Practice:

A Boys:

12/17- 3:30-5:00
12/22 - 3:30-5:00
12/29 - 3:30-5:00
1/12 - 3:30-5:00
1/14 - 3:30-5:00
1/19 - 3:30-5:00
1/21 - 3:30-5:00

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12/17- 3:30-5:00
12/22 - 3:30-5:00
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1/21 - 3:30-5:00
1/28 - 3:30-5:00

C Boys

12/15 - 3:15- 4:15
1/2 - 3:15- 4:00 Open Gym style
1/5 - 3:15 - 4:00
1/9 - 3:15 - 5:00
1/12 - 5:00 - 6:30

A Girls

12/18 - 3:30-5:00
1/6 - 3:30-5:00
1/8 - 3:30- 5:00
1/15- 3:30 - 5:00
1/20 - 3:30- 5:00

B Girls

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C Girls

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Basketball Games:

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Spirit Squad:

Spirit Squad Practice:

12/9 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
12/12 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
1/6 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
1/8 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
1/12 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
1/20 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
1/22 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room

Spirit Squad Games:

12/16 - @ home 5:30PM; arrive at 5PM
12/19 - @ home 5:30PM; arrive at 5PM
1/5 - @ home 5:30PM; arrive at 5PM
1/13 - @ home 6:30PM; arrive at 6PM
1/26 - @ home 4:45PM; arrive at 4:15PM
1/27 - @ home 6:30PM; arrive at 6PM
2/3 - @ home 5:00PM; arrive at 4:30PM

Athletic Volunteer Hours

We still have a need for concessions stand volunteers, specifically for the late shift. I will add an additional hour to completed volunteer hours for anyone willing to work the closing shift of concessions! If we do not have enough volunteers, we will be unable to open concessions for the games.

Here's the sign up link:

<https://signup.com/go/nPgARqZ>

Hey St. John's Basketball Families and Fans!

We are **SO excited** to invite you to an end-of-the-year Family Fun Night on **March 7th, 2026** at the Oshkosh Arena @ **7PM** for the **Wisconsin Herd game!** Many of you went last year and had an absolute blast, so we knew we had to bring it back as a way to celebrate an amazing season together.

Check out the attached flyer and the ticket link below to grab your seats. **Everyone is welcome, bring the whole crew!** Let's fill the stands with **St. John's pride**, cheer loud, and enjoy an unforgettable night as one big basketball family.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/SJL>

We can't wait to see you all there! ❤️🏀❤️

In Christ,
Kelly Brummond
Athletic Director

St. John's Youth-



**YOUTH
OUTREACH**

**YOUTH CENTER
DECEMBER 7TH
2:30P-5:00P**

**WE ARE PARTNERING WITH
STREETLIFE COMMUNITY TO COOK
& PREP FOR THOSE IN NEED.**

- **FOR 5TH GRADE AND UP**
- **PARENTS WELCOME**
- **UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE
YOUNGER SIBLINGS OR INFANTS**

Community Happenings -

Scrip Giveaway-

All scrip customers purchasing November 3rd-December 7th will be entered into a Wreath Giveaway. Two winners each week!

You may turn in your Scrip order to the school office and Mrs. Krueger will get it filled and returned to you on Thursdays. For more information you may contact Mrs. Krueger or the Church Office.

St. John's Church 26th Annual Cookie Exchange-

Tonight!

When: Friday, December 5th @ 6:00pm

Bring 4 dozen of one kind of your favorite cookie and get a 4 dozen variety in return. All cookies must be in the church kitchen by 6:00pm.

Contact Barb Haessly for more information - barb.haessly@stjohnsmayville.com

Mayville Community Event-

"It's a Wonderful Life" on Main

December 6th
Christmas Parade 5:00 pm
Mayville High School Band on Allen Street

9-3 Mayville Legion Craft Fair
1-3 pm Pictures with
Lilian the Elf at Posie

12-3 pm Scotti's Dog House Pictures with
Santa! (Pets Only) no charge
1-3 pm Letters to Santa at
The Open-Door Coffee House
2-4 pm Get your picture taken
with Santa at Mayville Savings Bank
3-4:30 Wings over WI
Make a pipe cleaner bird feeder

3-6 pm Richie's Up Ur Alley's Boozy Hot
Chocolate

6:00 Holiday Lights Bus – Buchanan Street
Sponsored by St. Johns (call 920-387-3568)
Mayville Golf Course – Free Child's meal
with the donation of a toy.

9-3 pm Ted & Grace Memorial Library
Christmas Crafts, Movies, games & Activities

Register your Entry for the Parade by Email
at
manager@mainstreetmayville.org
Or visit 10 S Main Street



Childcare and Youth Center Dedication & Open House

This Sunday, December 7th at 12:00pm-2:00pm

Dedication & Open House



**St. John's
Childcare & Youth Center
407 Dayton St., Mayville**



Sunday, December 7

Dedication at Noon

Open House Noon-2 p.m.



Thank You To The Community For Your Support

- **Planting Seeds** ~ Offering a Christ-centered childcare facility to care for the young.
- **Cultivating Faith** ~ Providing a dedicated space to hold youth ministry activities.
- **Growing Community** ~ Serving our neighbors with childcare, school, youth & church activities.