



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



November 25th, 2025

Upcoming Events:

November 26-28: No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 3: Q2 Midterm
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)
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 18: Don Ramon's 8th Grade Fundraiser
December 22- January 2: Christmas Break - No School
January 5: School Resumes



Upcoming Athletic Events:

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BG @ 4:30PM, BB @ 5:30PM, AG @ 6:30PM, AB @ 7:30

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 12/01–12/05.

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

<https://forms.gle/UiWgpao1aBVccWHs7>

12/01 - Apple Frudel, Choice of Fruit, Juice & Milk

12/02 - Choice of Cereal, Yogurt Cup, Choice of Fruit, Juice & Milk

12/03 - Frosted Donut, Choice of Fruit, Juice & Milk

12/04 - Confetti Pancakes, String Cheese, Choice of Fruit, Milk & Juice

12/05 - Choc. Chip Muffin, Choice of Fruit, Milk & Juice

Lunch Menu-

12/01 - Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Biscuit, Corn, & Fruit

12/02 - Stuffed Crust Pizza, Steamed Broccoli or Carrots, Bananas, Pears, Brownie

12/03 - Hard or Soft Shell Beef Tacos, Corn, Refried Beans, Peaches

12/04 - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Hashbrown, String Cheese, Baby Carrots, Apple Sauce, OJ

12/05 - Hot Dog, Sun Chips, Fresh Veggies, Baked Beans, Grapes, Scooby Doo Grahams

Message from the Principal -

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is easy to celebrate gratitude when life feels calm and blessings are visible. Yet Scripture reminds us that true thankfulness is not rooted in circumstances but in the unchanging character of our God. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.” These words were written not during a peaceful time, but in seasons of hardship, persecution, and uncertainty. As Christians—and as a school community at SJLS—we cling to this truth: our joy is not fragile, and our thankfulness is not conditional. It is anchored in Christ, who holds us steady.

We know that the world around us feels heavy. Political division strains relationships, economic pressures weigh on families, and fear of religious persecution shapes the lives of our students and staff. Yet Jesus reminds us in John 16:33, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Our Savior never promised a life free from difficulty, but He did promise His presence in every storm. Even in trying seasons, we can be thankful—not because the challenges themselves are good, but because God is good in the midst of them. He uses hardship to strengthen faith, deepen compassion, and draw us closer to His promises.

In our school theme, *Make a Joyful Noise*, we are reminded that joy is not silence or denial of pain. Rather, joy is the song of a heart that knows its Redeemer. When David wrote, “The Lord is my strength and my shield...my heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him” (Psalm 28:7), he was facing adversity. His joyful noise came from trust, not comfort. At SJLS, we have the privilege of teaching our students this same truth—that gratitude is possible in every chapter of life because God’s love never changes. Our songs, prayers, and worship resound from hearts shaped by the Gospel, not the conditions of the world.

As we navigate the complexities of today’s society, may our gratitude become a witness to others. Let us model for our students and families what it means to give thanks even in difficulty—trusting that God is working, redeeming, and sustaining us each day. This Thanksgiving season and beyond, may we lift our voices in joyful praise, confident that Christ

reigns, Christ overcomes, and Christ remains our hope. In Him, we truly can make a joyful noise in every season.

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. There have been a few concerns about security needs on campus and we wanted to share we have approved and/or we are discussing the following improvements:
 - a. Main doors locked at chapel time
 - b. Police patrolling presence before school, after school, and around chapel times (as they can accommodate)
 - c. Possible walkway/stairs between church parking lot and black top by school
 - d. Alternate relocation site for emergencies (Senior Center)
 - e. Shatter resistant window film for lower windows and lobbies
 - f. Improved communication for mass emails, texts, notifications
 - g. Improved/new key fob systems on lobbies and cameras in gym, lobbies, and outside perimeter of school building
3. 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.
4. 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

5. 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.
6. 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".
7. 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 instead of 5:30 PM due to the Mayville Christmas Parade.

Help Needed-

We have a trailer and now we need as much muscle as we can to move stage pieces from MEC to the school gym for the Christmas program in the gym. If you are willing to help, reach out to Mr. Mageski or the school office. We are wanting to get the risers on November 30th. We are going to be moving stage pieces to school from MEC at 5:30 pm on November 30. Please join us as we will need all the muscle we can get. We will meet on Horicon St. at the southeast corner of MEC just off the road to load up the pieces and bring them to the school gym.

Parking At Basketball Games-

Just a reminder to please NOT park on the grass when parking below (on the blacktop) for sporting events or other activities hosted in the school/gym.

Lately we have had a fair share of cars parked near the sign for the playground, on the grass, and all the way into the back field for various games and events. Please help us keep our campus in good condition and avoiding any problems with cars getting stuck. Thanks!

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-

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!

Please see the attached letter for more information. If you are interested in doing this please return the form and payment to the school office by Friday, December 5th.

Merry Baskets-

We are starting to prepare for our long time Merry Basket tradition! All hands on deck here at St. John's! 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: \$141.74

Don Ramon's 8th Gr Fundraiser



Student Council

Cookie Sale Fundraiser

The cookies will be in on December first! So the student council will be packaging them up after school to have them all ready and organized for pick up!

Pick up will be **December 3rd & 4th from 3:30- 4:30pm in the gym!** Please make sure that you pick up your orders in the window allotted!

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-

Happy Thanksgiving! Make sure you are checking Skyward for missing assignments and using the planner to keep track of your homework. Spelling and handwriting is 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 have started our unit on The Renaissance and are learning about Leonardo da Vinci and others that worked with him and why the Renaissance is so important.

5th Grade Math- Math test next week Wednesday! Keep practicing long division steps at home and multiplication facts. We are doing real life word problems in class this week and played a multiplication game with 2×2 digit numbers.

5th Grade Science - After Thanksgiving, we will be moving onto our unit on matter. We will be doing a week-long lab conducting all sorts of scientific tests (chromatography, Litmus, chemical reactions) to solve the mystery, Who Stole Mrs. Claus's Cookies!

5th Grade Geography - Unfortunately, we did not have time to fit in our test this week! It will be Monday after Thanksgiving break! The kids have notecards so they can practice. This is from the last unit we studied with the Amazon Rain Forest.

6th Grade News

6th Grade Homeroom - The students did a great job presenting their message at chapel and again at the evening church service. I was very proud of them for all their efforts and great attitude. It was exciting to hear the positive comments from the congregation. On Thursday, we enjoyed donuts to celebrate.

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. All due dates should be in their planners. All students are participating in the Doodle for Google contest. Final copies are due by Dec. 3. We are working hard on picking out the different parts of speech in our writing. November Reading Calendars are due 12/1.

6th Grade Math - We will be working on numerical expressions all of next week. The order of operations is very important in this topic, and the math gets a little more involved. :)

6th Grade Science - We continue to make notecards about an element each day. Students now have the directions for the atomic Bohr model projects. They are due Monday, 12/8 (plenty of time, some weekends in there, trying to respect hunting and Thanksgiving family time too). We'll be working on the differences between elements, compounds, and molecules. We'll learn about how to draw and write the structure of compounds. We'll also do a PhET simulation on building molecules.

6th Grade Social Studies - 6th grade has finished up their Sarcophagus project and has now moved onto notes about art, architecture, and writing in Egypt.

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. And most importantly, have a happy Thanksgiving!!

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. All students are participating in the Doodle for Google contest. Final copies are due by Dec. 3. We have begun this and the beginnings are looking great! We are working hard on prepositional phrases and their importance in our writing. November Reading Calendars are due 12/1.

7th Grade Math - We will be wrapping up chapter 3 before Thanksgiving and then reviewing material when we return. After we get back, we will be taking our chapter 3 test and skipping ahead to our unit on Geometry.. There is NO math calendar this next week.

7th Grade Life Science - We will be learning about mutations and mitosis this next week.

7th Grade Social Studies- 7th grade has finished up the Revolutionary War and had their test this Tuesday. They were also able to watch their "Tik Tok" posts about the Treaty of Paris so I would recommend asking to see their project :)

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 for the week :(But have a great Thanksgiving!

8th Grade ELA - We will be doing the play *Romeo and Juliet* and then branch out into other tragedies as well as comedy and historical. All students are participating in the Doodle for Google contest. Final copies are due by Dec. 3. We are working hard on prepositional phrases and their importance in our writing. November Reading Calendars are due 12/1.

8th Grade Math -This week we finished our chapter 3 test on Monday and Tuesday. Make sure all Fat-Lil notebooks are done and ready to hand in. We do NOT have math calendars this next week. When we return we are going to start our unit on surface area and volume.

8th Grade Earth Science - Students need to keep observing the moon so we get a full lunar cycle in. Thursday, Dec. 4th, is the next full moon and we'll be done with our observations. Students absolutely ROCKED the pet rock projects - it was so fun to see what they came up with! Next week, we'll be learning all about the lunar phases, doing a survival on the moon activity, and then we'll learn about rotation and revolution with a Days & Nights graphing activity, and about Sun Cycles on how seasons work.

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 a bit of a filler week with $\frac{7}{8}$ playing Army dodgeball and $\frac{5}{8}$ playing Yoshi. 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
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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
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Spirit Squad:**Spirit Squad Practice:**

- 12/2 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
- 12/4 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
- 12/9 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
- 12/12 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room
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- 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! Our next home games are on Tuesday-let's fill those open slots!

Here's the sign up link:

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

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.

Christmas Caroling-

The caroling group will once again be sharing joy through song on Tuesday, December 4th. Meet at church at 3:40pm to carpool or go directly to Prairie Ridge to begin caroling at 4:00pm. We will make rounds to the various locations.

Please RSVP to Marie Feucht at 920-960-4347 or feuchtmarie1@gmail.com

All are welcome to attend, wear your Christmas colors!

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

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

Christmas Bus-

Pastor Cutler will once again be driving the Christmas Bus on Saturday, December 6th in Mayville's It's a Wonderful Life Parade and will again be taking the bus around town to view the decorated houses and Christmas lights!

If you are interested in riding the bus to view the lights please call the church office at 920-387-3568 or email barb.haessly@stjohnsmayville.com with your family name and number of people.

Please reserve your spot by Thursday, December 4th by 3:30pm.

Childcare and Youth Center Dedication & Open House

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

This is open to the community! Come join us and bring a friend!

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.