



St. John's Lutheran School

School News

2026-2027 School Year

"Rooted in Christ"



August 28th, 2026

Upcoming Events:

September 3 - Mum Flower Orders are DUE
September 4 - No School
September 5 - Brat Fry @ Leroy Meats in Horicon from 10am-2pm
September 7 - No School - Labor Day
September 10 - Picture Day
September 13 - Christian Education Sunday
September 18 - Mum Flower Orders Pick Up
September 24 - Q1 Mid Term
September 26 - 4th Grade Chapel Message @ 5:30pm service @ St. John's Church
September 28 - Q1 Mid Term Report Sent Home
September 28-30 - Outdoor Education for 7th & 8th Grade
October 2 - Parent's Day
October 5 - No School



Lunch Menu -

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Orange Chicken over Rice Broccoli or Mixed Veggies Garlic Toast Pineapple & Blueberries Fortune Cookie	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Potato Smiles Orange Wedges	Chicken Sandwich Sun Chips Baby Carrots or Celery Sticks Cantaloupe Rice Krispy Bar	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Green Beans Romaine Lettuce Salad Chilled Peaches Breadstickl	No School - Labor Day Weekend

Message from the Principal -

As we stand at the beginning of another school year, there is so much ahead of us—new lessons to learn, friendships to strengthen, challenges to overcome, and memories to make. Our theme this year, **"Rooted in Christ,"** comes from Colossians 2:6–7: *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith."* Before we think about how much we will grow this year, we remember where our roots are planted. At St. John's, Christ is not simply one part of what we do—He is our foundation and focal point. His love, forgiveness, and saving grace are at the center of our classrooms, our relationships, our families, and our entire school ministry.

Think about a large, healthy tree. We notice its height, its branches, its leaves, and its fruit, but underneath the ground is a system of roots that makes all of that growth possible. Jesus tells

us, “I am the vine; you are the branches...apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). The same is true for us. We want our students to grow academically, discover their gifts, develop confidence, build relationships, and accomplish great things. But our most important growth comes from being connected to Jesus. When God’s Word strengthens our roots, we are better prepared to face challenges, celebrate successes with humility, show grace when mistakes are made, and remember who we are.

Strong roots also produce good fruit. Galatians 5:22–23 reminds us that the fruit of the Spirit is “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Imagine what our school can look like when those fruits are visible every day! We can show love to someone who feels left out, patience when learning becomes difficult, kindness when someone makes a mistake, self-control when we are frustrated, and joy because we know the hope we have in Christ. Those fruits are not earned through perfect grades, athletic accomplishments, or awards. They grow as the Holy Spirit works through faith in Christ and shapes the way we live and serve one another.

So as students, families, teachers, and staff begin this journey together, may we continually return to our roots. There will be busy days, difficult days, exciting days, and days filled with tremendous growth. Through all of them, our prayer is that Christ remains at the center. May His Word deepen our roots, His grace strengthen our relationships, and His Spirit produce fruit through the way we learn, serve, forgive, encourage, and care for one another. “Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him” (Colossians 2:7). May God bless our students, families, and staff as we begin another wonderful year together—Rooted in Christ.

Mr. Mageski

Volunteer Skill & Interest Sign-Up Form-

We’re excited to introduce a new way for families to get involved at St. John’s! The School Board is creating a “task force” volunteer system for the 2026–2027 school year, allowing families to contribute their unique skills, interests, and expertise on specific projects - without the commitment of full-time board service. Whether you can lend a hand occasionally or more regularly, all time served on these task forces will count toward volunteer hours (if applicable). Your support plays a vital role in strengthening our school, church, and childcare ministry, and we truly value any time you are able to give.

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“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 creating a new “pop-up” merchandise shop that we will roll out occasionally and at different events. Keep an eye out for some fun new items. There will be limited stock with these items, but we can always order more!
2. We will be ordering more yard signs. If anyone is interested in one, please let us know!
3. We are actively taking steps to quote new bleachers in our gym. Our goal is to purchase new bleachers by the end of the 2026-2027 school year and install them over the summer of 2027.

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 Fees - Any fees that were marked on your family card from Open House will be added to your family's TADS account on Monday, August 31st.

Gym Uniforms will be going home next week. We apologize for the delay as there was a delay in shipping.

St. John's Apparel-

Check out our online apparel store!

[St. John's Eagles Apparel Store](#)

Store Closes Thursday, September 3rd at 11:59 PM



Chapel-

**Chapels are typically every Wednesday morning at 8:10am.
You are more than welcome to join us!**

♥ Our Chapel Offerings Are Making a Difference!

This year, our **Chapel Offerings** will support two wonderful organizations:

🌍 Christ's Care for Children: Kenya

Supporting children and families in Kenya while sharing the love of Christ.

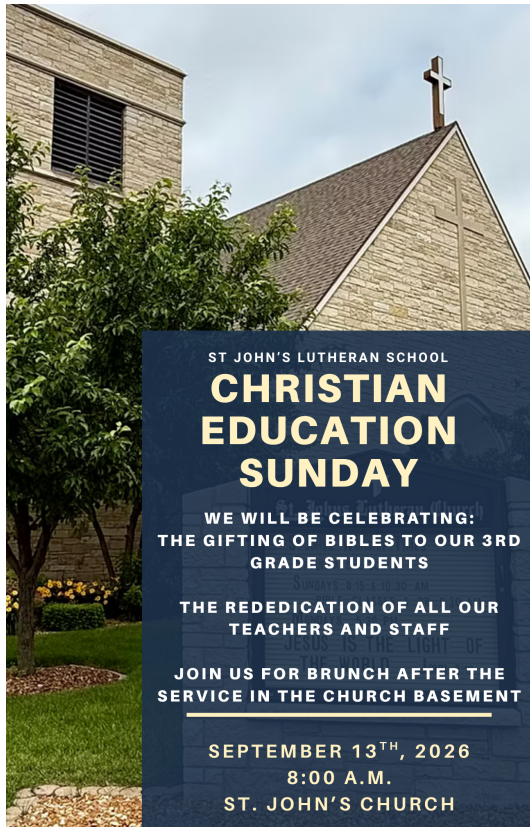
★ Gold Star Trail

Supporting a meaningful local effort that honors and remembers our fallen heroes while bringing our community together.

We are excited to have our students participate in giving back and supporting these two great causes throughout the school year.

Thank you for your generous hearts and continued support of our Chapel Offerings! ♥

Christian Education Sunday-



🔍 Brunch Fellowship following the 8am Service ☕

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

📍 **Church Basement**

Please join us for a morning of **food, fellowship, and time together!**

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.



Want to bring a dish to share?

We would love it! Please sign up when you RSVP and let us know what you plan to bring.

We are looking forward to having you join us for a wonderful morning of fellowship!

RSVP using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/qS9RyUWbAFnGWo3e9>

School Board News-

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

Zachary Wenninger - Chair

Jessica Roecker

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- This has been a great 1st week of school! I have enjoyed getting to know your children and starting our year. In religion, we are learning about creation and Adam and Eve. In reading, we will be focusing on personal narratives as our 1st unit. In math, we took a 5th grade readiness test and started learning about place value. In Geography, we started our book, which focuses on the Native Americans, and we also filled out a world map with some of the important places and geographic features.

Many of your children brought home student council forms. Those are due back by September 10. Student council meets for the first time on that date at 7:15 AM. Gym class starts on Monday! If you still need to bring in gym shoes or shorts, please do that ASAP. Unit 1 spelling test is next Thursday. Reading calendars for August are due Tuesday, September 1.

5th Grade Science- This last week, we started out with a mystery container experiment. We also started to learn about our super scientists and got an idea of all of what these cool scientists do. Next week, we will learn about our lab safety, science equipment, science worldviews, observations and inferences, and finish putting it all together with a marble ramp challenge.

6th Grade News

6th Grade Homeroom - We have had a wonderful 1st week of school! We are figuring out our new schedule and realizing that the A Week and A / B days are not so confusing. We did teamwork activities, talked about thinking for ourselves and making our own decisions as well as how to show kindness and be a good classroom citizen. It is going to be an amazing year!

6th Grade ELA - We talked about logic, critical thinking, inductive reasoning and deductive reasoning and using them in reading and writing. We started setting up our Interactive Notebooks and began our Word of the Day today.

6th Grade Science - This past week, we did a little polar bear dice challenge to get our science brains going after summer break. We did a few virtual labs in Google Classroom to review our science skills. We also got our safety lesson in and started to learn about metrics by beginning

a metrics scavenger hunt. Next week will be all about understanding, using, and converting metric measurements!

6th Grade Math - This last week, we dove into 6th grade math with Mathmagicland! We also did a 100s activity and learned about what a “math person” is. This next week, we will start our math routine with our warm-up, skills review, independent practice, and math lesson in the book. We will begin right at Topic 1: Use Positive Rational Numbers.

7th Grade News

7th Grade Homeroom - Yay! We made it through our first week of 7th grade! Everything went very well, and I can tell we are off to a great start to a great school year. :) Students will be bringing home their Friday Folder today, so please check that out, sign it, and record church attendance. That is much appreciated! Have a great weekend!

7th Grade ELA - We talked about logic, critical thinking, inductive reasoning and deductive reasoning and using them in reading and writing. We started setting up our Interactive Notebooks and began our Word of the Day today.

7th Grade Science - This last week, we reviewed the scientific method with a turtle and snake experiment and the cabbage lab. We got our safety contracts signed. We also learned about Latin roots and made a crazy science word. Next week, we will wrap up our Latin root study, then get into data and learn about independent and dependent variables. We'll also dive into our life science book and learn about the characteristics of life!

7th Grade Math - This week we discussed expectations for Math for the school year. We discussed elements such as required note-taking in our fat-lil notebooks (graded each unit; samples in the classroom to reference), Math Calendars (handed out each Friday and due the following Friday), requests to retest, and daily work. Students should now have access to Google Classroom for additional resources; including Khan Academy.

8th Grade News

8th Grade Homeroom - This week has been a wonderful first week. Friendly reminder to keep encouraging your students to be leaders at school. They are the 8th graders now so the rest of the school looks up to them (especially the littles!) Additionally, we have started our weekly tradition of taking a selfie at the end of the week! Here it is:

8th Grade ELA - We talked about logic, critical thinking, inductive reasoning and deductive reasoning and using them in reading and writing.



We started setting up our Interactive Notebooks and began our Word of the Day today. We handed out our first class novel, The Outsiders and started with characterization.

8th Grade Science - Last week we started out with a 3-hole bottle experiment and a bottle flipping lab. It was a great review and a fun way to get going. We also got our safety contracts signed. This next week, we will be learning all about the world of Earth science and seeing what we know. We'll also brush up on our longitude and latitude map reading skills to do our Amazing Map Race project.

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8th Grade Social Studies- This week 8th grade partnered up and worked on a historical figure project that they learned about last year. We also have been reviewing material leading up to the Civil War before we start our Unit on it!

Band - Parents whose students have signed up for band should receive an email shortly detailing the band schedule. If there are any conflicts, please let me know as soon as possible so I can move students around. If you have already requested a rental instrument, it is here at the school. If you still need to request a rental instrument, please reach out so I can send you the appropriate information. Thanks!

Athletics-

 Spirit Squad signups will be sent out next week in your email, please be on the lookout to sign up!

 Volleyball practice starts next week, all communication is done through the TEAMREACH App.



8/31 - Game @ St. Luke's Oakfield @ 4:00PM



9/1 - Game @ St. Peter's Fond du Lac @ 4:30PM



9/9 - Game against St. Matthew's Iron Ridge @ Ribbens Field 4:00PM



9/14 - Game @ St. John's Lomira @ 4:30PM



9/16 Game against St. Stephen's @ Ribbens Field 4:00PM



9/21 - Game @ Faith Lutheran @ 4:30PM



9/22- Game against Grace Lutheran @ Ribbens Field @ 4:30PM

**** All practice communication is done through the TEAM REACH App****

Church Happenings-

Bible Believers Sunday School Begins September 13th!

Bible Believers Sunday School is back beginning **Sunday, September 13th!**

Bible Believers is open to children **age 3 through 6th grade**. An **Adult Bible Class** is also offered and coincides with the students' lessons, making this a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to grow in God's Word together!

Leaders are still needed and greatly appreciated! If you are interested in helping, please contact **Jennifer at 920-517-8312**.

We would love to have you join us! ❤️



Bible Class Opportunities for You!

Looking for an opportunity to grow in God's Word, connect with others, and strengthen your faith? We have several Bible study opportunities available throughout the week.

Sundays

9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Believers begins **September 13 at 9:30 AM** and coincides with the children's Bible Believers Sunday School lessons.

Mondays

7:30 AM | "Learn to Pray"

Begins **September 14** in the **Choir Room** with Pastor Behnke.

9:30–11:30 AM | In-Home Bible Class with Joann Cutler

Begins **September 14**

Contact Joann at **406-212-7375** for more information.

Tuesdays

9:30 AM | Scripture Seekers Ladies Bible Class

Begins **September 8** in the **Church Office Conference Room**.

W.W.W. - The Word, Women & Wine

Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 PM

Our hope is to meet at **Fireman's Field in the sheltered area up from the pavilion/playground**, weather permitting.

Interested in attending? Please **text 920-382-8748** so you can be notified of any last-minute location changes.

Wednesdays

6:00 AM | PAP – People at Prayer

📍 Choir Room

10:00 AM | Gospel of Mark

📍 Fellowship Hall

✚ What Appeals to You?

Maybe one of these classes is just what you're looking for—or perhaps you'd like to **lead a Bible study of your own!**

The **parsonage living room** is available for Bible study groups, and we also have a variety of studies and resources available.

Contact the **church office 920-387-3568** if you're interested in starting a class or would like more information.

Come grow in God's Word and fellowship with us. All are welcome!

Community Happenings-

WLA Junior Vikings Cheer Program - Check out the information that is attached.

See link below if you wish to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OX3M9GBcUkv8AHezytxIS4DW70V_N30T-EcwhEvMoPI/edit?usp=sharing