



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



January 16th, 2026

Upcoming Events:

January 16: End of Quarter 2
January 19: No School - Teacher Inservice
January 21: Q2 Report Cards Sent Home
January 25: 3rd Grade Chapel Message @ 8:15am Service
January 26: Scrapbooking Club for 5-8 @ 3:25pm
February 26: 5-8 Young Author's Night 6:00pm

Upcoming Athletic Events:

January 20: 🏀 Game @ St. Peter's
CG @ 4:30PM, CB @ 5:30PM
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Breakfast Menu-

01/19 - No School
01/20 - Chocolate Chip Muffin, Yogurt, Diced Peaches, Craisins, Milk & Juice
01/21 - Cereal, Yogurt, Oranges, Pear Cup, Milk & Juice
01/22 - Cheese Omelet, Cinnamon Crackers, Oranges, Applesauce, Milk & Juice
01/23 - Long John Donut, String Cheese, Banana, Apple, Milk & Juice

Lunch Menu-

01/19 - No School
01/20 - Chicken Nuggets, Soft Pretzel, Broccoli, Peaches, Pears
01/21 - Hamburger, French Fries, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots, Cucumber Slices
01/22 - Spaghetti, Salad, Green Beans, Breadstick, Applesauce
01/23 - Turkey Bacon Wraps, Tortilla Chips w/Salsa, Orange Slices, Baby Carrots, Rice Krispy Bar

Message from the Principal -

Patience and perseverance are often shaped not in moments of ease, but in seasons of difficulty. Scripture reminds us that struggles are not wasted in God's hands. James writes, "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (James 1:2–3). While hardship is never easy, God uses it to strengthen our faith, refine our character, and draw us closer to Him. Patience does not mean ignoring pain or rushing past it—it means trusting that God is at work even when the outcome is not yet clear.

Perseverance grows when we fix our eyes on Christ rather than our circumstances. Paul encourages us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." When struggles linger, it is tempting to lose heart or feel discouraged. Yet God promises that endurance rooted in faith produces hope. Romans 5:3–4 assures us that "suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Each step forward—no matter how small—is a testimony to God's sustaining grace.

As we walk through challenging seasons, we are reminded that we do not do so alone. The Lord promises, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31). Patience and perseverance are gifts God provides through His Word, His people, and His presence. May we lean on Him daily, trusting that He is faithful to carry us through every struggle, shaping us for His purposes and strengthening us to reflect His love and hope to others.

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. There is a SJLM voter's meeting on Monday, January 12 at 6:30 pm to extend a call to one of two candidates suggested by the call committee. All SJLC members 18+ are welcome to attend and vote on the decision to extend a call.
6. Two containers have been donated by Bill Muche (Thank you so much!). They are currently on the northeast corner of the campus (until the ground is more firm), but they eventually will go behind the west side of the lobby for additional storage and replace our aging sheds.
7. Dr. Todd Stirn (called principal via voter's meeting on 1/12/26), will be visiting our ministry 1/17-1/18 as he deliberates on his call. We are excited to host Todd and his wife Angela. They will be attending the 8:15 am service on 1/18. Stop by and introduce yourself!

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-

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.

School Spirit Week

Eagle Invitational:

As many of you know, our Eagle Invitational basketball tournament is this weekend. This tournament is a great fundraiser for our athletics department, and if you have any time to spare to help out, we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

The link is below if you are able to sign up to help.

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

Dress-up Days:

Monday- No School

Tuesday- Hawaiian day (We are going to pretend we are in Hawaii with warm, sunny weather)

Wednesday- Class colors (8th green, 7th pink, 6th blue, 5th purple, 4th red, 3rd orange, 2nd yellow, 1st neon, K polka dots, 4k rainbow)

Thursday- Spirit day (Wear St. John's gear or St. John's colors) Pep Rally day!

Friday- Jersey day or Mismatch day!

Pep Rally - Thursday @ 2:10, Parents are welcome to join in the fun!

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

January: \$84.62

Timber Rattlers

Our school will be taking part in Fang's Reading Club again this year. Students have made their bases and have mascots to cut out and have signed by a parent to add to their bases. A letter is being sent home with the program information. Students have 8 weeks to hit a Grand Slam with reading! That means they need to get all around the bases, and then they will earn a ticket voucher; and when you are at the ballpark, they get a Grand Slam prize (this year it is a Timber Rattler baseball hat), a soda, and a hot dog. The program starts on Monday!! We'll finish in March before spring break. This year, we have a family day game date of **Sunday, May 3 (1:10 pm)**. If families are unable to attend our family day, they can use the Reading Club Ticket for any April/May 2026 game (excluding Opening Day and weekday day games) at the same value, or they can still use it as a grass seat ticket for the remainder of the season. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Travis! Thanks!

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-

Quarter 2 ends today. Please replenish pencils, erasers, and pens. Check Skyward for missing assignments, and 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. No school on Monday!

5th Grade Literature/ELA - Reading calendars for January are due February 2nd. We are reading Don Quixote, which is about a man who reads about knighthood and thinks that he is a knight. We are writing an essay on soil in WI. We are also starting a 5-8 grade project, which is writing our own children's books. February 26th is our young author night, and we will be presenting our books. Please mark this date on your calendars. These books will be handwritten and illustrated in class. They are an in-school project. They may plan parts at home, but the bulk of the work will be done in class. We are learning different literary techniques and the different parts of a story.

5th Grade Math- Math calendars are due January 30th. We are now learning about fractions and how to find the common denominator, as well as improper fractions and mixed numbers. There will be a math test over fractions the week after next.

5th Grade Science - We have been busy classifying matter. Next week, we'll learn about changes of states of matter and then we'll learn about mixtures and solutions. Students will enjoy our Tasty Solution Lab. They brought home a fun experiment to try over the 3-day weekend.

5th Grade Geography - We have moved on to the Continent of Africa and are learning about animals, diseases, and climates in Africa.

6th Grade News

6th Grade Homeroom - As we begin the second semester, students may need to replenish school supplies like red pens, pencils, and erasers. We will be working on our I-Ready tests next week. It is important to get a good night's sleep, drink enough water, eat a good breakfast, and have a healthy snack. The tests help the teachers plan and implement lessons.

6th Grade ELA - We have begun our Children's Book unit which will culminate in a Young Author's Night on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM. It is important that all students are in attendance for this event. We have been working on analyzing children's books, recognizing figurative language, and using imagery. Next week we will be working on plot lines and begin our brainstorming. January Reading Calendars are due Feb 2.

6th Grade Math - Students will be taking their iReady winter diagnostic this week! We continue to work on skills each day to brush up on them so we are ready for the test. We also set goals based on our last scores.

6th Grade Science - We are wrapping up our chemistry unit early this next week. We will be moving onto motion and machines. We'll begin by learning about basic push and pull forces and vectors.

6th Grade Social Studies - 6th grade has been looking at Hinduism and Buddhism this week. They have analyzed the similarities and differences between the two and how they were important in Ancient India.

7th Grade News

7th Grade Homeroom - Let's start the second half of the year off on the right foot! Please replenish any pencils, red pens, etc. that your student may have used up the first half of the year. Next week, we'll be taking the iReady diagnostic in reading and math so make sure students get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and are ready to rock and roll! Here we go - bring on the second semester!

7th Grade ELA - We have begun our Children's Book unit which will culminate in a Young Author's Night on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM. It is important that all students are in attendance for this event. We have been working on analyzing children's books, recognizing figurative language, and using imagery. Next week we will be working on plot lines and begin our brainstorming. January Reading Calendars are due Feb 2.

7th Grade Math - We are currently working to wrap up chapter 4 on simplifying expressions. Early next week we will be finishing up and then starting our i-Ready tests. Please encourage your kiddos to work hard on these and do their best. We will set goals for i-Ready and look for gains in the spring test.

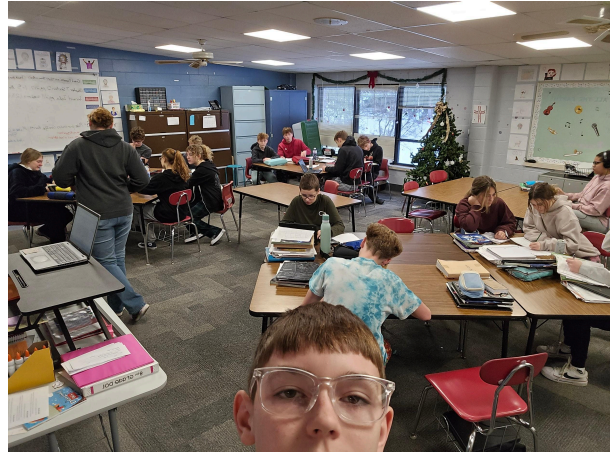
7th Grade Life Science - We have wrapped up our unit on classification. We are now moving onto the kingdoms of bacteria and archaeobacteria!! We'll also throw viruses into this unit. We'll begin with some bacteria basics. Students will be making Intagerms (play on Instagrams) for their bacteria of choice.

7th Grade Social Studies- This week 7th grade has been wrapping up the constitutional convention. We have also been exploring the three branches of government and the roles they play in the American government. Their test on the chapter will be next week Thursday!

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 as well as any order forms! They are getting a bit full... No school Monday! Here is our busy getting work done selfie:

8th Grade ELA - We have begun our Children's Book unit which will culminate in a Young Author's Night on Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 PM. It is important that all students are in attendance for this event. We have been working on analyzing children's books, recognizing figurative language, and using imagery. Next week we will be working on plot lines and begin our brainstorming. January Reading Calendars are due Feb 2.



8th Grade Math - We are currently wrapping up chapter 8 and should be done early/mid-next week. We will then be finishing up and then starting our i-Ready tests. Please encourage your kiddos to work hard on these and do their best. We will set goals for i-Ready and look for gains in the spring test.

8th Grade Earth Science - I think the students have really been enjoying the Alien Projects where teams have to make technologies to survive on these other places in our solar system. We will present them on Tuesday and then take our essay test over the Solar System on Wednesday. After that, we will begin our next unit on Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe. We'll begin by learning about the constellations and how to read sky map.

8th Grade Social Studies- 8th grade has been learning about the Great Depression and FDR's New Deal. They have been taking notes and were able to watch a documentary on people's stories from the Great Depression.

Physical Education

This week Middle School has started a gymnastics unit and were able to practice some basic skills for tumbling. Remember to have your gym uniform (preferably washed) and proper gym shoes to be able to participate!

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:

1/14 - 3:30 - 5:00
1/19 - 3:30- 5:00
1/21 - 3:30 - 5:0
1/19 - 3:30-5:00
1/21 - 3:30-5:00

B Boys:

1/19 - 3:30-5:00
1/21 - 3:30-5:00
1/28 - 3:30-5:00

C Boys

2/2 - 5:00 - 6:30
2/6 - 3:15 - 5-00

A Girls

1/20 - 3:30 - 5:00
1/29 - 3:30 - 5:00
2/3- 3:30 - 5:00
2/5 - 3:30- 5:00
2/10 - 3:30- 5:00
2/12 - 3:30- 5:00

B Girls

1/19: 5:00 - 6:30-updated
1/20: 5:00 - 6:30
1/29 - 5:00 - 6:30
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2/10- 5:00- 6:30
2/12 - 5:00-6:30

C Girls

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Spirit Squad:

Spirit Squad Practice:

1/20 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room

1/22 - 3:20-4:20pm in the art room

Spirit Squad Games:

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

There is officially one month left of home basketball games where you can get your volunteer hours in! Avoid that \$200 Non-Volunteer Fee! We have an abundance of volunteer spots we need filled for the Eagle Invitational on 1/22-1/24. Please take a look and sign up as you are able-we need everyone to pitch in to make it work!! Thank you for supporting our Eagles Athletics!

Here's the sign up link:

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

EAGLE INVITATIONAL JANUARY 22-24

We will be hosting our basketball tournament **January 22-24**, and we will need everyone's help to make this event a success! This is a great opportunity to fulfill any remaining **athletic volunteer hours** and avoid the participation fee.

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

Please be sure to use the **sign-up link above** to volunteer. This tournament is an important fundraiser that helps us continue improving and supporting our athletic department.

We truly appreciate your support and look forward to seeing everyone there!

~ **Kelly Brummond**

Athletic Director

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

Community Happenings -

Taking It ToThe Streets 2026-

The Radical Discipleship Bible Class was moved to create a series of outreach activities serving our neighbors using Matthew 25:40 as our guide. *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"*
Check out the many opportunities to serve!

Tie Quilts with the Quilters

Service: Have you been wondering what our quilting ladies do each week? Take advantage of this opportunity to help them tie quilts and learn about their ministry! No experience needed. We will get training from our "professionals"! Quilts go to Lutheran World Relief

When: Thursday, January 22nd, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's Church Fellowship Hall

Contact Person: Kathy - 920-382-2816

Sing Along at Hope in Lomira

Service: Show up at event location. Sing Winter and Love Songs with and for the residents.

When: Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Hope Senior Living - 475 Grove St., Lomira

Contact Marie to let her know you're coming or if you want to car pool. Interested in fellowship after?

Contact Person: Marie - 920-960-4347

All Of February - Love Your Neighbors!

Service: Work with the entire congregation and school to show kindness and love to those around us throughout the month of February w/simple acts: open doors, pay for a coffee, visit a shut-in, send a card..etc. Check out the LOVE Your Neighbor Wall at St. John's Church for ideas! Fill our Wall Heart with the acts of kindness you were able to do!

Create Thank You Packets

Service: Assemble Heartfelt Service Thank You's to those serving in and around our community!

When: Monday, February 2nd, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's Church Fellowship Hall

Contact Person: Barb - 920-387-3568

Sing Along at Prairie Ridge

Service: Show up at event location. Sing Sunday School Favorites and 50s songs with and for the residents.

When: Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Prairie Ridge - 1175 Breckenridge Rd., Mayville

Contact Person: Kathy - 920-382-2816

McDonald's Smiles At Rummage Sale

Service: Hand out \$5 Scrip cards with a small encouraging note to those leaving the rummage sale.

When: Saturday, March 21st, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's School

Contact Person: Jack Dobbratz - 920-296-0116

Loaves & Fishes Help

Service: Car pool or meet at church in Beaver Dam. Help fill meal orders in an assembly line and hand out meals to those who drive up for pick up.

When: Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Where: First Lutheran Church - 311 W. Mackie St., Beaver Dam

Contact Person: Marie - 920-960-4347

Scrapbook Club- See the attached flyer