



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



December 12th, 2025

Upcoming Events:

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:

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Breakfast Menu-

- 12/15 - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice & Milk
- 12/16 - Donut Holes, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice & Milk
- 12/17 - Cinni-Minis, Fruit, Juice & Milk
- 12/18 - Bacon, Egg, Cheese Croissant, Fruit, Juice & Milk
- 12/19 - Mini Cinnamon Donuts, String Cheese, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Lunch Menu-

- 12/15 - Chicken Nuggets, Snowman Soft Pretzel, Broccoli, Peaches
- 12 /16 - Orange Chicken, Rice, Garlic Toast, Mixed Veg, Mandarin Oranges, Fortune Cookie
- 12/17 - Egg, Sausage, & Cheese English Muffin, Hashbrown, Carrots, Applesauce, Juice
- 12/18 - Nacho Grande, Refried Beans, Corn, Pineapple, Churro
- 🍕 12/19 - Pizza Day - Cardinal Lanes Pizza Take Out

 **PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM FOR YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH ON 12/19**
<https://forms.gle/JeEijJGqX4dUpUpZ7>

Message from the Principal -

As we enter the second week of Advent, our hearts turn toward the beautiful theme of **peace**—a peace that the world cannot give, but one that Christ freely offers to all who trust in Him. During this season, we often feel hurried, overwhelmed, or distracted by preparations and expectations. Yet Advent invites us to pause and remember that true peace is found not in having everything under control, but in resting in the One who *is* in control. Jesus tells us in John 14:27, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”* This promise is at the center of our Advent hope.

Peace in Scripture is not simply the absence of conflict; it is the presence of Christ. The prophet Isaiah foretold that the coming Savior would be called the *“Prince of Peace”* (Isaiah 9:6), reminding us that Jesus Himself brings wholeness, comfort, and reconciliation to our lives. At SJLS, we have the privilege of teaching and sharing that peace in our classrooms, hallways, and daily conversations. When we forgive others, encourage one another, or take time to pray, we reflect the peace of Christ to our students, families, and community.

The second week of Advent challenges us to prepare our hearts not only to celebrate Jesus’ birth, but also to welcome His peace into every part of our lives. The world around us offers temporary calm—quiet moments, cozy gatherings, cheerful celebrations—but the peace of Jesus remains even when life becomes uncertain or difficult. Philippians 4:7 reminds us of this gift: *“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* This is the peace that keeps us steady, hopeful, and joyful, no matter what circumstances we face.

As candles continue to brighten our Advent wreath, may the peace of Christ brighten our hearts and homes as well. This week, let us slow down, breathe deeply, pray intentionally, and seek ways to bring Christ’s peace to others. Through our words, actions, and worship, may we point our students and families to the One who calms every storm. May the Prince of Peace bless your home, your family, and our school community as we journey together toward Christmas. Amen.

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-

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.

Chapel Buddy Gifts-

Chapel Buddy gift giving is all about spreading joy and connection, without the pressure to spend a lot. The focus is on thoughtful, small gestures rather than expensive presents. There's no obligation to give a gift to your child's chapel buddy—it's entirely up to you! If you do decide to participate, the maximum gift limit is \$5, ensuring that everyone can take part without financial stress. It's the thought that counts, not the price tag!

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)

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Friday (19th) - Pajama Day

Merry Baskets-

Thank you for all the donations so far for us to make these baskets merry & bright!

If you would still like to donate, we are needing fruit, (apples, oranges, bananas, grapefruit), fruit cups, applesauce cups and hard candy. We will need these brought in by December 15th.

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



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-

Our Advent program will be at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 13th, at the church. Band students should meet at 5:10. 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 - Unit 15 test next week, Friday. The 5-paragraph essay final copy is due next Tuesday. We are still working on the Renaissance!

5th Grade Math- Keep practicing long division steps at home and multiplication facts. We are working on division with decimals.

5th Grade Science - Next week, we'll be doing some activities measuring matter by learning about 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 are working on a Christmas Around the World packet and learning how other countries celebrate the season.

6th Grade News

6th Grade Homeroom - All students did receive an informational sheet that their Secret Santa completed. Additional information on gift exchange was sent home in an email. 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. Band students should check-in in the basement at 5:10 and all other students should be in the basement by 5:15pm. Please remember to sign the digital permission slip for Friday's trip to the TAG.

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. 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 are learning all of the terms and rules involved with algebraic expressions!

6th Grade Science - We continue to make notecards about an element each day. In our short week before Christmas break, we will continue to learn how ionic and covalent bonding works.

6th Grade Social Studies - This week 6th grade has been learning about Nubia and it's relations with Ancient Egypt in regards to trade and culture.

7th Grade News

7th Grade Homeroom - Our Advent program is Saturday, December 13th, up at the church. Band students need to be there at 5:10 P.M. and the rest of the students at 5:15 P.M. Make sure to dress in your Christmas best! Merry Basket delivery will be on Tuesday!

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 commonly confused words and using them correctly in our writing. December Reading Calendars are due 1/5.

7th Grade Math - We are in the middle of chapter 4 and working on simplifying equivalent expressions. When we return from break, we are going to do a thorough review of the chapter and wrap up chapter 4.

7th Grade Life Science - Before break, we'll be finishing up our unit on information in the cell and will test next Thursday, so we can put a nice bow on it before Christmas!

7th Grade Social Studies- 7th grade has been writing an opinion paper on the Revolutionary War to wrap up the unit. The paper is due this Friday! We have also started our next unit on Creating the Constitution.

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! Any donation in regards to Merry Baskets are always appreciated! Our middle school Christmas Program is this Saturday at the 5:30 service as well. Here is our weekly selfie:



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 finishing with *King Lear* next week. We are working hard on using commonly confused words correctly in our writing. December Reading Calendars are due 1/5.

8th Grade Math -We will be doing our review early next week and taking our chapter test on chapter 8. When we return from break, we will be working on our chapter on statistics and probability.

8th Grade Earth Science - We'll be doing a review and will take a test next week to wrap up this unit before Christmas break.

8th Grade Social Studies- 8th grade is winding down on learning about the Roaring 20s and what happened immediately after WWI. They will be having a test next Monday to finish out the section.

Physical Education

This week Middle School has not had too many chances to get in the gym for some PE since we are so busy with Christmas Program Practices and a snow day! However, $\frac{7}{8}$ did get in once this week and they played a game called 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
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

B Boys:

12/17- 3:30-5:00
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12/29 - 3:30-5:00
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A Girls

12/14 - 3:30 - 5:00
12/18 - 3:30-5:00
1/6 - 3:30-5:00
1/8 - 3:30- 5:00
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1/20 - 3:30- 5:00

B Girls

12/12 - 3:30- 5:00 - NEW!!
12/16 - 6:30 - 8:00 - NEW!!
12/18 - 5:00 - 6:30
12/22 - 5:00-6:30
12/29 - 5:00 - 6:30
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1/15 - 5:00 - 6:30

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1/28 - 3:30-5:00

1/20 - 5:00- 6:30
1/21 - 5:00 - 6:30
1/29 - 5:00 - 6:30

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

C Girls

12/18 - 5:00 - 6:30
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Spirit Squad:

Spirit Squad Practice:

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 have a need for concessions volunteers for the games on Tuesday and Friday. If we do not get more volunteers on Friday specifically, concessions will be extremely limited and only available for a short time. Please sign up if you are available!

Here's the sign up link:

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

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 -

Bingo-

When: Tuesday, December 16th

Time: 4pm - 4:45pm

Where: St. John's Church Fellowship Hall

Cost: Food Pantry Donation -

This month's Food Pantry theme is...

"Baby, it's cold outside!" Baby Products, food, diapers, wipes, formula, cereals.



St. John's Church Services-

December 13th: 5th - 8th Grade Christmas Program @ 5:30pm

December 14th: Third Sunday in Advent Worship Service @ 8:15am & 10:30am

December 15th: Monday Evening Service @ 5:30pm

December 17th: Advent Wednesday Service @ 1pm & 6:30pm

December 20th: Praise & Worship Service @ 5:30pm

December 21st: Sunday Worship @ 8:15am

Bible Believers Sunday School Christmas Program @ 10:30am

December 24th: Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 3:00pm

Family/Children Christmas Eve Worship Service in the School Gym @ 5pm

Christmas Eve Worship @ 7:00pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 11:00pm

December 25th: Christmas Day Worship Service

December 28th: Sunday Worship Service @ 8:15am

December 31st: New Year's Eve Worship Service @ 4:30pm