



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



January 9th, 2026

Upcoming Events:

January 12: Scrapbooking Club Gr 5-8 3:25-4:45
January 16: End of Quarter 2
: Pajama Day & Chapel Family Movie Day (end of day)
January 19: No School - Teacher Inservice
January 21: Q2 Report Cards Sent Home
January 25: 3rd Grade Chapel Message @ 8:15am Service



Upcoming Athletic Events:

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Breakfast Menu-

01/12 - Breakfast Pizza, Strawberries or Apple, Milk & Juice
01/13 - Cinnamon Breakfast Snack, Banana, Peaches, Yogurt, Milk & Juice
01/14 - Confetti Pancakes, String Cheese, Fruit, Milk & Juice
01/15 - Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese, Oranges or Banana, Milk & Juice
01/16 - Emoji Waffles, Sausage Links, Mixed Fruit or Applesauce, Milk & Juice

Lunch Menu-

01/12 - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Hashbrown, String Cheese, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices

01/13 - Chicken Sandwich, Sun Chips, Broccoli, Carrots, Clementines
01/14 - Flatbread Pizza, Salad, Green Beans, Banana, Pears
01/15 - Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Carrots, Apple Sauce, Peaches, Cinnamon Goldfish
01/16 - Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit

Message from the Principal -

As we enter a new year, we are reminded of God's promise to renew, restore, and guide His people in every season. A new year is more than a change of the calendar—it is an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness in the past and trust in His promise for the future. Scripture assures us in Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" At SJLS, we celebrate this truth knowing that God continues to work in the hearts of our students, staff, and families. His mercies are new every morning, and this new year gives us space to rejoice in the plans He has for us.

Our school theme, Make a Joyful Noise, calls us to live with gratitude, hope, and praise—no matter what the year may bring. As we step into 2026, we do so with confidence that God walks with us into every classroom, every decision, and every challenge. Psalm 98:4 invites us, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" This joyful noise is more than music; it is the testimony of trusting hearts, families who support one another, teachers who serve faithfully, and students who grow in grace and knowledge. Each day in this new year is an opportunity to praise God by the way we love, learn, and live out our faith.

As we begin 2026 together, may we embrace each opportunity God places before us—with courage, compassion, and Christ-centered joy. We pray that this year brings spiritual growth, meaningful learning, strengthened relationships, and a deeper understanding of the hope we have in Jesus. Let us move forward boldly, knowing that God goes before us and promises to guide our steps. "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3). May this new year be filled with joyful noise as we celebrate the blessings of being part of the SJLS family and the greater family of God.

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. 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.
7. 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.

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-

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

Chapel Family Activity-

On Friday, January 16th we will have a chapel family movie party/**pajama day**. We will be watching the movie Ratatouille which is rated G at the end of the day. Students can bring in blankets and pillows to sit on during the movie. Students will be allowed to bring a special snack to eat during the movie. Only water bottles will be allowed during the movie.

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 next Friday. 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.

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, and the rough draft is due on Monday. 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- I put a math calendar in Friday folders for kids to start over break. This calendar is due January 30th. We are now learning about fractions and how to find the common denominator.

5th Grade Science - We are in our unit on matter and have been learning about the 4 states of matter. We'll be working on classifying matter next week.

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 - Pretty crazy to think that next week, Friday is the end of quarter 2, which means we are halfway through the school year. A few kiddos may need to resupply basic school items such as pencils and red pens.

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.

January Reading Calendars are due Feb 2.

6th Grade Math - Students took the test on algebraic expressions and now we are moving onto algebraic equations and inequalities.

6th Grade Science - We did a lab on the conservation of mass and about endothermic reactions. Next week, we'll do a lab on acids and bases and learn about how they combine to make salts. We'll then finish up the unit by designing fireworks which use these minerals salts.

6th Grade Social Studies - We have started our next unit on the Indus Civilization and Ancient India. The students have also completed an activity where they got to role play the Indian Caste system.

7th Grade News

7th Grade Homeroom - The end of quarter 2 is next Friday! Wow, it has gone by quickly. Please make sure to fill out the church attendance in the Friday Folder because I'll need that for report cards. :)

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. 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 been learning about classification - we Latinized our names, made taxonomy slides, and retrieved information about classification from our books. Next week, we'll learn about cladograms and then we'll learn how to use dichotomous keys and even make our own.

7th Grade Social Studies- This week 7th grade has been learning about the Constitutional convention and the Constitution. They have also spent time analyzing the Bill of Rights.

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! Here is our weekly 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. 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 - We have been learning about our early astronomers and how we have learned about what makes up our solar system. We made Wanted Posters for them! We also learned about the things that are actually included in our solar system. Next week, we'll be doing Alien Projects where teams will have to survive and make technologies to survive on these places in our solar system. Always a fun one!

8th Grade Social Studies- 8th grade has started learning about the Great Depression and how this had a huge impact on life in the 1930s. They have also watched a documentary and are creating political cartoons!

Physical Education

This week Middle School has been playing indoor soccer with a twist! There are 3 soccer balls on the court! 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:

1/12 - 3:30 - 5:00
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:

1/12 - 3:30-5:00
1/14 - 3:30-5:00

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

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

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1/28 - 3:30-5:00


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

C Boys

1/9 - 3:15 - 5:00
1/12 - 5:00 - 6:30
1/15 - 3:15 - 5:00
1/19 - 5:00 - 6:30
2/2 - 5:00 - 6:30
2/6 - 3:15 - 5:00

C Girls

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Spirit Squad:

Spirit Squad Practice:

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:

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

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/nPgARgZ>

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/nPgARgZ>

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

2026 Flyway Clay Slayers- See the attached flyer

Scrapbook Club- See the attached flyer