



St. John's Lutheran School

School News

2026-2027 School Year

"Rooted in Christ"



September 18th, 2026

Upcoming Events:

September 18 - Mum Flower Orders Pick Up
September 18 - Cut Out Cookie Sale Starts
September 19 - Audubon Days (see attached flyer for more details)
September 20 - Audubon Days Parade
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 1 - Cut Out Cookie Orders Due
October 2 - Parent's Day
October 5 - No School



Lunch Menu -

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
English Muffin w/ Egg, Saus. & Cheese Hashbrown Triangles Baby Carrots Orange Wedges or Apple Slices	Hamburger w/ Cheese Potato Wedges Baked Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit	Subs w/ Trimmings Whole Grain Goldfish Crackers Cucumbers or Pepper Strips Banana Cookie	Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn Mandarin Oranges Whole Grain Biscuit	Stuffed Crust Pizza Mixed Vegetables or Romaine Lettuce Salad Pears or Grapes

Message from the Principal -

God created each of us intentionally and uniquely. Psalm 139:14 reminds us, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." That truth applies not only to us and our children, but also to every person our children encounter. People will look different, think differently, have different strengths and weaknesses, and sometimes behave in ways we do not understand. As families, we have an important opportunity to have those sometimes difficult conversations with our children—not simply telling them to "be nice," but helping them understand what it means to see another person as someone created and loved by God. We can teach them that kindness does not require us to agree with everyone, but it does require us to treat everyone with dignity, patience, and respect.

Our children also learn these lessons by watching us. They notice how we speak about someone who frustrates us, how we respond when we disagree, and whether we extend grace when someone makes a mistake. Ephesians 4:32 tells us, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." That gives families a powerful question to talk through together: *"How can we show Christ in the way we respond to this person or situation?"* Sometimes that means listening before judging. Sometimes it means standing up for someone who is being left out. Sometimes it means apologizing, forgiving, or choosing words that build someone up rather than tear them down.

As a Christian school family, we want this to be more than something we teach—it should be something others can see in us. Jesus tells us, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). Our homes and our school will never be filled with perfect people, but they can be places filled with grace. May we work together as parents, teachers, and children to celebrate the unique people God has placed around us, to have the difficult conversations when kindness is missing, and above all, to model the love of Christ in the way we talk, act, and treat one another.

in Jesus.

Mr. Mageski

Parentpulse-

Our first surveys are coming to a close. Some of you received surveys a little late (slight bug with ParentPulse that has been resolved), but you will still receive time to finish it.

If you took the time to complete a survey and left a response, please know that I personally reached out to you with a response. I welcome any follow up to discuss things further if there are any questions or concerns that would benefit from a follow up. I also want to thank all of those that shared some powerful words of affirmation for the amazing things taking place at SJLS and also identifying some great teachers and staff that make such a powerful impact day-to-day. Thank you!

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.

<https://form.jotform.com/261033836981057>

"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.
4. Right now our school board is going to be discussing possible services we can explore to collaborate with homeschool families and students. More information to come.
5. We will be providing a weekly/monthly Youtube channel that Mr. Mageski will provide updates and shout outs for things going on at SJLS and in our ministry.
 - a. Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@PrincipalSJLS>

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-

Health – Let’s Stay Healthy!

A healthy body means a happy, ready-to-learn kid! 😊 Please remind your children of a few simple ways to stay healthy:

 Wash those hands – Keep those germs away!

 Drink plenty of water – Keep your body hydrated and happy!

 Eat healthy foods – Give your body the fuel it needs to grow, learn, and play!

Small healthy habits make a BIG difference! Let’s keep our bodies strong, our hands clean, and our water bottles full! 💙

Parents Day – Coming Soon! 🎉

Parents Day is quickly approaching! We’ll be sharing more details with you soon.

For now, we just need to get a headcount for **attendance and hot lunch**.

If you plan to attend, please take a moment to fill out the form below:

<https://forms.gle/gCYK4gPntJBSUzTv8>

Thank you! We’re looking forward to celebrating Parents Day with you! 💕

School Pictures

A quick update regarding school picture orders:

- The **original ordering link will no longer work**.
- To place your order, you’ll need your child’s **individual code** from the postcard sent home by the picture company.

- **Missing your postcard or code?** You can request it here: <https://codereturn.me/find/1710431618605x392906087214612500>
- Pictures should be available in approximately **2 weeks**. Thank you for your patience! We know you can't wait to see those cute smiles! 😊

St. John's Apparel-

The online store is currently closed, but we will reopen it in the upcoming month for holiday orders.



The Eagle Exchange-

🦅 **Coming Soon: The Eagle Exchange!** ❤️ 🖤

We're excited to introduce a new way to **share, reuse, and show our SJLS pride!** The **Eagle Exchange** will be a mobile merchandise cart that will pop up throughout the year in our upper and lower lobbies, at sporting events, school activities, and other special events.

To help us get started, **we need your gently used SJLS gear!** If your family has St. John's shirts, sweatshirts, hats, or other SJLS apparel that has been outgrown or is simply no longer being used, we would love to give it a new home. We are looking for items that are **clean and in lightly used to like-new condition**.

Donated items will be available through the Eagle Exchange at a discounted price, giving other Eagles a chance to show their school spirit while giving great SJLS gear a second life! **All proceeds will go directly back into sustaining the Eagle Exchange and purchasing new merchandise to continue promoting SJLS pride.**

📦 **Donations can be dropped off at the school office.**

Start checking those closets and drawers—we'd love your help stocking the shelves before the **Eagle Exchange** makes its debut!

Wear it. Share it. Support SJLS.

🦅 **Eagles Soar Higher Together!**

4K Transition-

We are so excited to have our 4K students and families getting acclimated to our school schedule and the routines associated with SJLS.

As we get into our third week of school, we encourage that parents challenge their kiddos to be dropped off and then parents leave without walking them into the classroom and/or staying to console them. This can be a very challenging time (for parents and kiddos), but we want to assist with this transition by helping them build the confidence to enter into the classroom ready to go and excited to start the day! As the year goes on, we even challenge families to build up to having their students walk down the stairs and down the hall on their own! They got this!

-Mr. Mageski

Student Council-

Audubon Parade - Please join us to walk in the Audubon parade on September 20th. That way we have a presence of upper graders in case lower grade students need a partner. We would love to get as many people as we can to promote our Eagle pride!

Cut-Out Cookie Sale - Sale starts today and orders and payment are due October 1st. Please see order form that is attached.

Next student council meeting: October 8th @ 7:15AM

~Mrs. Klein

Friendly Corner (SEL Social Emotional Learning)-

One tool we can use when we are feeling overwhelmed (both children and adults) is deep breathing. Breathing is the #1 way to turn your thinking brain back on when your emotional brain has taken over. That's why, as parents, we quickly resort to the phrase "take a deep breath" when our kids are overwhelmed or have big emotions! This is a tool I actively use in my SEL classes and when I'm working individually with students and I encourage you to try it at home!

GIVE IT A TRY: This week, pick a moment that has the potential of being overwhelming. A good time to give this a try would be during school pick up. Your child has just gone through a whole day of learning and stimulation. They are now transitioning into being with you and whatever activities are planned for the rest of the evening. When they get in the car and buckle up, hand them a snack and challenge them to eat it silently. Tell them to close their eyes and begin to trace their fingers. As they draw up each finger they should breath in, when they draw down each finger, they should breath out. Do this until they have traced their whole hand.

Ask them to take one more deep breath. Then ask them to share 1 good thing about their day.

This is called Five Finger Breathing. Here's a short video to help you get started.
<https://youtu.be/FKdApTxsDP0?si=NqLIhU9XU7wbQGvS> This is a great tool to shift their focus from the chaos of transition and their busyness of the day to a calmer state of mind.

Chapel-

Chapels are typically every Wednesday morning at 8:10am.

You are more than welcome to join us! The first chapel of the month our Chapel Families sit together with their partners & we do a Noisy Can for our offering collection. Everyone brings change to put in the can, as it is passed, and then they give it a noisy shake.

♥ 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.

Children in the **Christ's Care for Children: Kenya** program live at Project 24 facilities while attending school and church throughout the year. For \$1,080 per year, sponsors help provide food, shelter, education, and opportunities for a child to learn important life skills such as farming, cooking, caring for animals, and maintaining their homes. The children also grow in their faith through daily devotions, Bible study, choir, and catechesis, becoming active and contributing members of their church and community.

★ Gold Star Trail

Supporting a meaningful local effort that honors and remembers our fallen heroes while bringing our community together. The **Gold Star Memorial Trail** is a hiking and biking trail connecting Mayville, Horicon, Beaver Dam, and the Wild Goose State Trail. It honors local service members who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as all military service members and their families.

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! ❤️

Offerings: \$75.76

Chapel Families & Chapel Partners -

Chapel Families are groups of students in grades 4K-8th that each have a partner or two to connect with throughout the school year. The partners were introduced to each other on the first day of school and did a variety of activities together. All students then brought home a frame with their Chapel Family's picture and a prayer on the back. We encourage you to include your child's partner and family in your prayers.

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- In religion, we discussed Isaac and Sarah and Abraham and Joseph. In reading, we are focusing on personal narratives as our 1st unit, and we are writing many personal narrative stories. In math, we will have our 1st math test on Topic 1 next week. For geography, we will be starting chapter 2, which is about the 1st explorers to North America. We will be starting a project about explorers.

The Unit 4 spelling test is next Friday, and a Unit 4 worksheet is due that day as well, along with handwriting pages.

Reading calendars for September are due on October 1.

***Math test on Tuesday.**

***Religion test on Thursday**

***Midterm Progress Reports will be sent out on September 28th.**

5th Grade Science- Next week, we will learn about how the Iguanodon has changed over time as we learn about dinosaurs. We will also be doing the Great Fossil Find activity, which is always fun.

6th Grade News

6th Grade Homeroom - Many students have received Kindness Coins for 'being caught' being kind. I encourage them to either hold onto the coins or share them with someone else being kind. Remember to peak at any papers in your child's Friday Folder, take out papers, sign papers and help your child to remember to return the FF on Monday.

6th Grade ELA - One of our big focuses this year is to improve and increase our vocabulary. Students spend the first part of class each day working on vocabulary skills. In their Interactive Notebook, there is a vocabulary section with a Word of the Day. After every ten words, there is a vocabulary quiz. September reading calendar with the prompt paragraph is due Oct. 1

6th Grade Science - This next week, we will learn all about our types of defense against germs, and students will work on their Fort/Castle Immune System project.

6th Grade Math - We have been working on decimals and are multiplying and dividing decimals now. We have struggled with this a little, so lots of practice! Once we master it, then we are on to fractions.

6th Grade Social Studies - 6th grade has been learning about Ancient Mesopotamia, the first civilizations, and the Sumerians. They have completed a Map on the Fertile Crescent and have a Cuneiform Writing project do this Friday!

7th Grade News

7th Grade Homeroom - Please make sure to check out that Snack Sign Up Google Doc that Miss Parker sent out. Camp is getting closer! I will send out a reminder email next week, so please reach out if you have any questions. :)

7th Grade ELA - One of our big focuses this year is to improve and increase our vocabulary. Students spend the first part of class each day working on vocabulary skills. In their Interactive Notebook, there is a vocabulary section with a Word of the Day. After every ten words, there is

a vocabulary quiz. We will continue the novel [A Long Walk to Water](#) which is a very eye opening novel. The September reading calendar with the prompt paragraph is due Oct. 1.

7th Grade Science - We wrapped up our unit on life and are now studying the microscope and the history of Cell Theory. With that, we will learn all about the organelles of the cell.

7th Grade Math - This week we are going to wrap up chapter 1 and hopefully prepare for our chapter test that we will take next week. Make sure to practice vocab flash cards and ensure Fat-Lil notebooks are filled out.

7th Grade Social Studies - 7th grade has been learning about Medieval Europe and it's social classes. Additionally, they have been working on vocab for the unit. They have also been working hard on their campfire devotion for Outdoor Ed.

8th Grade News

8th Grade Homeroom - Just a reminder that camp is coming up very soon! I sent out a Snack Sign Up Google Doc so please take a look at that since these students are always hungry! Hope our class gets better from the sicknesses that are going around! We're dropping like flies! here is our class selfie:



8th Grade ELA - One of our big focuses this year is to improve and increase our vocabulary. Students spend the first part of class each day working on vocabulary skills. In their Interactive Notebook, there is a vocabulary section with a Word of the Day. After every ten words, there is a vocabulary quiz. The September reading calendar with the prompt paragraph is due Oct. 1.

8th Grade Science - We continue to learn about the moon and will study the phases that we are starting to see in our moon observation project.

8th Grade Math-This week we are going to wrap up chapter 1 and hopefully prepare for our chapter test that we will take next week. Make sure to practice vocab flash cards and ensure Fat-Lil notebooks are filled out.

8th Grade Social Studies- This week we have been reviewing material leading up to the Civil War before we start our Unit on it! We have been looking at the Dividing North and South and the many reasons leading to the war. They have also been working on infographics on certain events and people during this time period.

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 Sign-Up

Spirit Squad registration is currently open! If your child would like to participate, please click the link below and complete the registration form.

<https://forms.gle/gja9kvJPJSuZgZrb8>

Please note: Registration will close at the end of this week, so be sure to sign up soon!

Volleyball Volunteer Sign-Up

We have also started signing up volunteers for our volleyball games.

*As a reminder, families are required to complete **at least 10 Booster work hours per athlete**, with a **maximum requirement of 20 hours per family**.*

*A **\$200 fee will be assessed at the end of the school year** for families who do not meet their required volunteer hours.*

*If your child is in **5th grade or above** and would like to work the concession stand alongside you, they are welcome to do so. **Your volunteer hours will count as double!***

Link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844ADAA2EA0F58-65297824-volley#/>

 **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 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

9:30 AM | Adult Bible Believers

Mondays

7:30 AM | “Learn How to Pray”

St. John’s Church Choir Room with Pastor Behnke.

9:30–11:30 AM | Home Bible Study with Joann Cutler

Topic: The Chosen

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

Tuesdays

9:30 AM | Scripture Seekers Ladies Bible Class

St. John’s Church Office Conference Room.

Wednesdays

6:00 AM | PAP – People at Prayer

St. John’s Choir Room

**Note, this one will be changing to the Youth Building in October with a different class name/topic*

10:00 AM | Morning Bible Class

St. John’s Church 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!

Taking It to the Streets – Opportunities to Serve-

Looking for a way to serve others and enjoy some fellowship along the way? **Taking It to the Streets** has several opportunities planned for September through December. Join us for one—or several! Friends are always welcome.

- Immediate Need Pregnancy Center Donations | Sept. 15–Oct. 15

Help support local families by donating **baby wipes, size 6–8 diapers, and size 2–3 or 4–5 Pull-Ups/training pants**. Donations may be dropped off at the church office. Cash donations are also welcome.

- 🎵 Fall Sing Along at Hope | Tuesday, Sept. 22 • 3:15–4:15 PM

Join us at Hope Senior Living/Health & Rehab in Lomira to sing and visit with residents. Participants are also invited to enjoy fellowship over a meal afterward.

- 🎃 Business Trick or Treat | Thursday, Oct. 22 • 6:00–7:30 PM

We need **six or more volunteers** to help hand out giveaways during Mayville’s Business Trick or Treat. With 400–500 children expected, this is a fun way to serve our community!

- 🍞 Loaves & Fishes Help | Tuesday, Nov. 17 • 3:00–5:45 PM

Help prepare and distribute approximately **900 meals** at First Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam. Volunteers can carpool or meet at the church.

- 🎵 **50s Sing Along at Hope | Sunday, Nov. 22 • 2:00–3:00 PM**

Put on your singing voice and join us for a fun **50s Sing Along** with the residents at Hope Senior Living/Health & Rehab in Lomira. Bring a friend and stay for fellowship afterward!

- 🎄 **Caroling 2026 | Tuesday, Dec. 8 • Beginning around 4:00 PM**

Share some Christmas cheer through an evening of caroling! Meet at church at **3:40 PM** if you would like to carpool. Wear your Christmas colors and join us afterward at Cardinal Lanes in Mayville for conversation and fellowship.

Everyone is welcome! Please see the attached **Taking It to the Streets** flyer for contact information, locations, carpooling details, and additional information about each opportunity.

Community Happenings-

Audubon Days - A lot of fun things happening for all ages. Check out the flyer that is attached.

***Please note - The Youth Dance has been cancelled.**