

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Dear families,

This year, our school theme is an invitation and a celebration—Let's Make a Joyful Noise! From the moment you step onto our campus, you can hear the joyful “noises” that make St. John's Lutheran School and Preschool such a special place.

You might hear the bright laughter of preschoolers discovering something new, the cheerful chatter of friends greeting each other in the hallways, or the sweet sound of voices lifted in morning devotions. Our classrooms are alive with the noise of pencils scratching across paper, the hum of group projects, and the enthusiastic exclamations of students mastering a new skill. On the playground, the joyful noise takes the form of games, giggles, and friendships growing stronger with every recess.

In our music room, you'll hear the harmonies of choirs and the playful plunk of piano keys as students prepare to share their gifts in worship. In our gym, the bounce of basketballs and the cheers of teammates echo the joy of teamwork and fellowship. Even the quiet moments—like a group bowing their heads in prayer or a student reading God's Word aloud—are part of our joyful noise, as they speak of the peace and hope we have in Christ.

We are proud to be a Lutheran school—a place where every subject is taught through the lens of God's truth, where the Gospel is the heartbeat of all we do, and where each day is an opportunity to point one another toward our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The joyful noises in our school are more than just sounds; they are expressions of faith, love, and gratitude for all God has done for us.

This year, let's join together—students, families, teachers, and friends—in making a joyful noise that proclaims God's goodness to all the earth. May our voices, our actions, and our hearts be united in praise as we live out the words of Psalm 98:4.

Let's make a joyful noise—together—for the glory of God!

In Christ,
The Faculty & Staff of St. John's



TEACHER WISH LISTS

Each year, our teachers create a wish list for items they would love to include in their classrooms. While it is never expected of you to purchase anything, you are more than welcome to do so!

- PS: Mrs. Maria Koosman
- PS: Mrs. Hannah Carbone
- K: Miss Anna Fuhrman
- 1st: Mrs. Megan Basham
- 2nd: Mr. Jeremy Koosman
- 3rd: Mrs. Sarah Carter
- 4th: Miss Laura Ellinghuysen
- 5th: Mrs. Cadie Koosman
- 7th: Mrs. Jackie Nauth
- 8th: Miss Kari Preus
- Science & Outdoor Ed.

NO SCHOOL REMINDER

There is NO school or ESP on Friday, August 29th or Monday, September 1st due to Labor Day.

2-HOUR DELAY UPDATE

In the event of a 2-hour delay, please know that morning drop-off will be from 9:30-9:59am with school starting at 10:00am.

BOO HOO/YAHOO BREAKFAST

Our fabulous PTL will again be hosting a Boo hoo/Yahoo Breakfast for each of the first days of school. Join together on the dates below from 7:30-8:15am to either celebrate or commiserate the first day of school for your child!

- K-8 first day: Monday, August 25th
- 5-day PS first day: Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
- 2-&3-day PS first day: Wed., Sept. 3rd

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Our school supply drive for Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis will continue through the month of September. If you have not already, please consider donating extra schools supplies to assist those students in need at our sister school down the road!

TRANSPORTATION CHANGE NOTIFICATIONS

Parents, if your child's plans for afternoon transportation changes, please notify the front office by 11am so that teachers and the bus driver (if needed) can be notified in advance. This is a new policy this year, and it can be found on page 34 of the K-8 Parent/Student Handbook.



JOIN US IN THE OSSEO PARADE!!

St. John's is participating in the Osseo Lion's Roar parade in September, and we want YOU to join us!

- Who: A minimum of 5 adults and as many children as possible are needed. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, current, future, and former students are all welcome!!
- Parents: Feel free to drop off your middle school students at the line up and pick them up at the end of the parade.
- What: We'll have a decorated trailer pulled by a truck.
- When: Saturday September 6, 2025 at noon.
- Parking: We are expecting parking to be available at the Osseo High school with a shuttle to the start. Wear your STJ gear and join us! Sign up to participate [here](#).

STJ SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!

Good news!! The [STJL Spirit Store](#) is Open!! Take a moment now to check out our fantastic variety of St. John's apparel and other fun items. New this year...infant and toddler clothes!!!



QUICK SCIENCE FAIR UPDATE

- Preschool-1st grade will conduct classroom projects in leu of individual projects.
- 2nd-8th grade students are responsible for individual projects.
 - Grades 2-4 have the option of doing a demonstration.

See the included brochure for more information.

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture re-take day will be Wednesday, October 15th.

MISSED BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT??

If you weren't able to come to our AWESOME Back-to-School Night last night, be sure you reach out to your child's teacher via email to learn about what you missed and schedule your Tell the Teacher More meeting.

JOIN US AT OUR OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE

Our opening chapel service will be Monday, August 25th at 8:30am, and you are welcome to join us! Our regular chapel time will resume the next week on Friday, September 5th at 8:15am. This year all students (PS-8th grade) will join together for chapel each week!



CARLINE PROCEDURES FOR NEW & RETURNING FAMILIES

Are you new to St. John's and wondering how carline will go each afternoon? Are you a returning family and just need a reminder? Well wonder no more!

Each afternoon, PS-8th grade parents picking up their children via carline begin arriving between 2:00-3:00pm. Here's what to do next.

- Enter the STJ parking lot from the Mystique Dr. entrance.
- Proceed to the end of the far parking spaces (see top picture).
 - Cars will form multiple lines perpendicular to the parking spaces.
- Wait for an STJ staff member to signal the start of carline and then line by line, slowly drive up to the building curb.
 - Show your family sign to the staff member as you pass him/her so that your child can be summoned from the gym
- Once at the curb, park as far up as possible (see bottom picture) and place your family sign in the passenger-side window for staff to see.
 - Be sure to avoid the crosswalk.
 - Typically, 4-5 cars can fit along the curb.
- Children will enter vehicles from the curb.
- For those parents needing to assist their child with safety harnesses, please have your child sit down in his/her seat and then proceed to a parking space to assist him or her. Do not assist while parked at the curb.



WATER TESTING RESULTS

This summer, St. John's drinking water was tested for lead contamination in accordance with MN health and safety guidelines. Results of this testing show that no remediation is needed. Parents may request a copy of these results by contacting Tori Kuehne at Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org.

CHIPOTLE NIGHT

Join us at Chipotle on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd anytime from 4:00-8:00pm to help raise money for STJ. See the included flyer for more info.



ESP INFO & SCHEDULING

ESP is provided each school day from 3-5:30pm; the cost is \$10/day per child.

To pick your child up from ESP, **you must park in the small, back lot** (look for the road between the school and the home next door). Buzz in at door 7 and go directly to the ESP room (take the first left upon entering through door 7 and then the first door on the left) to sign your child out. This will require a PIN, which was given to you at Back-to-School Night (included with your family car sign). Returning families, your PINs will remain the same as before. ESP staff will be available to assist you, if needed.

You must schedule your child in advance to utilize ESP services. Children not scheduled are not guaranteed a space in ESP.

Instructions for how to schedule your child for ESP may be found [HERE](#).

WELLNESS CORNER

Our school Wellness Committee is devoted to caring for the overall health and wellness of our school, students, and staff. If you are interested in joining this great group, contact Dr. Kristen Skura at Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 4th at 7am in the ESP room.

2025/26 IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

According to our school-wide family survey conducted last year, better communication of events would be appreciated. We're taking that to heart, and we've provided a list of all known events at this time. This list offers a bit more detail than our school calendar, but be sure to always refer to our calendar throughout the year.



CHECK YOUR EMAIL - ACTION REQUIRED!

On Wednesday, August 6th, Dr. Skura emailed all families links to several forms that must be submitted online prior to Back-to-School Night this Wednesday, August 13th. If you have not already, please take a moment to submit each of the following forms. Don't worry - this is a very quick process!

- [2025-2026 School Handbook Acknowledgment](#) - one form per family
- [COPPA Consent 2025-2026](#) - one form per family
- [District Services for Non-Public Schools](#) - one form per family
- [Media Release 2025-2026](#) - one form per family
- [Medical Information & Permission to Treat](#) - one form per student
- [Non-Public Transportation Reimbursement Request](#) - one form per family (Those living outside of Osseo 279 MUST complete to receive reimbursement.)
- [St. John's School Bus Interest Form 2025-2026](#) - one form per family
- [2025-26 Application for Educational Benefits](#) - one form per family (optional)



ESP AIDES NEEDED

In order for ESP to continue, additional aides are needed for both preschool and K-8. This is a fun and fulfilling job opportunity for those that enjoy working with children. The hours are 2:45-5:30pm, and days are flexible. Please consider working one or more days a week and/or sharing this information with friends and family. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Prior childcare experience is preferred but not required. Contact Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

12TH ANNUAL GOLF CHARITY TOURNAMENT

The 12th annual golf charity tournament is NEXT MONTH on Saturday, September 13th. For only \$150/golfer, you can enjoy 18 holes at the beautiful Rush Creek Golf Club, a golf cart, and a delicious dinner! Plus, all proceeds from this leisurely event benefits STJ tuition assistance and school enhancements...it's a win/win! [Register now](#) before it's too late!! See the included flyer for more info or contact PTL@stjlutheran.org with questions.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 18 - Friday, August 22

- Tell the Teacher More meetings

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Join us for worship each Sunday at
St. John's Lutheran Church!

- Divine Service 8:00 & 10:30am
- Adult Bible study 9:30am
- Sunday school 9:30am

STJL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The St. John's Lutheran School Board of
Education consists of the the following:

- Chairperson: Bonnie Radintz
- Deacon & Vice Chair: Grant Birznieks
- Deacon: Russ Reznecheck
- Deacon: Gary Volberding
- Secretary: James Beck
- Brenna Koehler
- Jim Peterson
- Jamie Radintz
- Ex officio: Kristen Skura
- Ex officio: Tori Kuehne

Board meetings are typically held the
third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

BOE agendas and approved minutes are
available in FACTS.



WHERE DO I FIND...?

- [FACTS family portal](#) (Use code SJL-MN)
- [School calendars](#)
- [Hot lunch menu](#)
- [ESP sign up](#)
- [Continuous Connection survey](#)



Submit your pictures for use to
pictures@stjlutheralschool.org

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ST. JOHN'S 12TH ANNUAL

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Contests Steak Dinner Prizes



SATURDAY
September 13th, 2025
RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB
(Maple Grove)

12:45 pm Check In
& Range Balls

2:00 pm Shotgun
Scramble Start

6:30 pm Dinner & Awards

**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



\$150 Per Golfer
(18 Holes, Golf Cart & Dinner)

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
St. John's School
Tuition Assistance & PTL
School Enhancements!**

Questions: Email St. John's PTL
PTL@stjlutheran.org

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

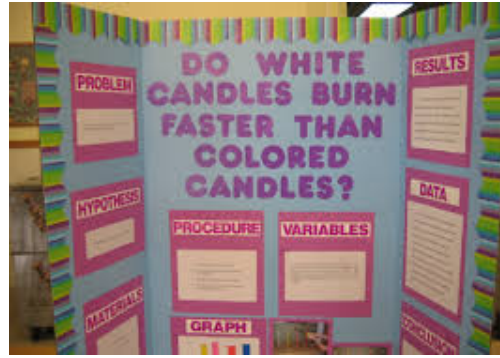
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD | 4-8PM
18800 70TH WAY NORTH, MAPLE GROVE, MN, 55311

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **2D47RK6**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Examples for Reference



Resources

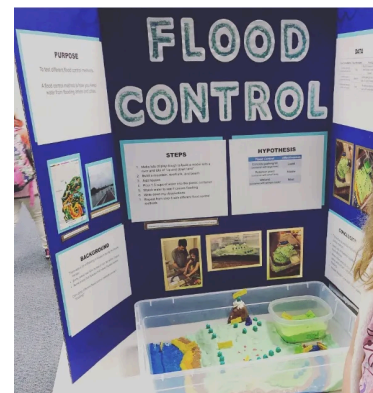
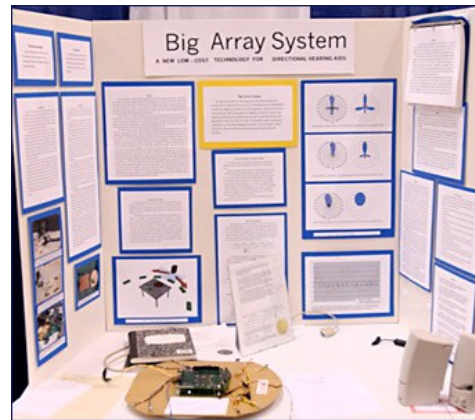
Here are a couple of resources
to get you started!

Science Buddies

<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/>

Science Fair Central

<https://sciencefaircentral.com/>



St. John's Lutheran School Science Fair

Science Fair:
Thursday, February 19, 2026

Project Ideas due to
Classroom Teacher:
Friday, November 7, 2025

Projects Due to School:
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

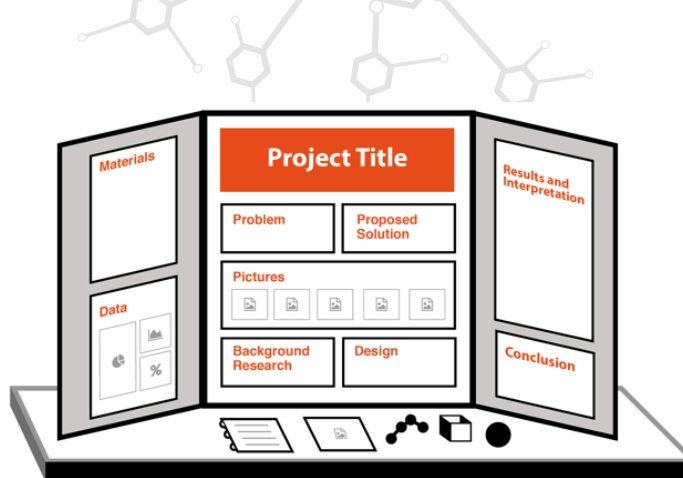
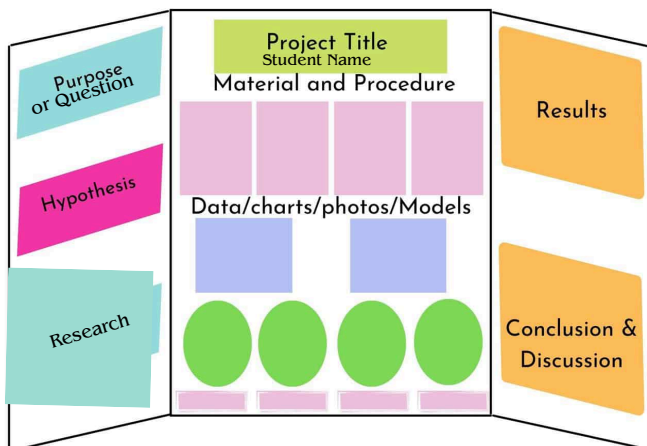


Option 1

Experiment Using the Scientific Method Grades 2-8

Do a scientific experiment at home using the steps of the Scientific Method. Communicate results on a tri-fold display board. Prepare a presentation that explains and displays your experiment. Students in grades 5-8 will also have to write a report on their science topic according to teacher guidelines. You may also display items from your experiment on the table with your tri-fold board.

- Ask a Big Question
- Make a guess or a hypothesis
- Conduct research (5-8)
- Plan out your experiment
- Collect Data; use graphs, tables, photos
- Communicate your results on your tri-fold board
- Grades 5-8 need to write a report
- Be prepared to share your results with a short prepared presentation



Option 2

Design and Implement an Engineering Plan Grades 2-8

Identify a need in our community. Design an invention at home to solve that problem. Follow the design process for engineers. Communicate results on a tri-fold display board. Students in grades 5-8 will also be required to write a report on their science topic, following teacher guidelines. You may also display items from your invention on the table with your trifold board.

- Define the Problem
- Do Background Research
- Make a Plan
- Specify Requirements
- Brainstorm Solutions
- Choose the Best Solution
- Do Development Work
- Build a Prototype
- Test and Redesign
- Communicate your results on your tri-fold board
- Grades 5-8 need to write a report
- Be prepared to share your results with a short prepared presentation

Option 3 - 2nd - 4th Grade Only

Demonstration Grades 2-4 Only

Students in grades 2-4 may choose to do a demonstration at home of some kind of science concept. A tri-fold display board is still needed to share information regarding the demonstration. The display board must include a title, a procedure, graphics, and information regarding the topic of the demonstration. This group of projects will also require students to communicate their results.

- How did you become interested in the topic of the demonstration?
- What question did you ask yourself?
- How does your project work?
- What are you demonstrating?
- List of materials needed/used
- What you learned

Interest in Topic	Project Title Student Name	Materials
Question	How does your project work? What are you demonstrating?	What you learned
	Pictures	