

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

COMING NEXT MONTH - THE ST. JOHN'S 12TH ANNUAL GOLF CHARITY EVENT!

Dear families,

The St. John's PTL is delighted to invite you to the 12th annual Golf Charity Event! This annual tradition is a memorable event where golf enthusiasts, St. John's family & friends, and surrounding community members come together to enjoy a day of golf and generosity.

This event is more than just a golf tournament; it is a celebration of community spirit and a commitment to supporting the education and futures of St. John's students.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Location: Rush Creek Golf Course, known for its beautiful landscape and exquisite course layout.
- Date: Saturday September 13th, 2025
- Time: 12:45pm check-in/range balls, 2pm Shotgun Start, Dinner to follow.
- On-Course Events: Beat the Pro, Longest Drive, Color Ball, Move Up Holes, Raffles and more!!

THE STJ CHARITY GOLF EVENT MISSION

All proceeds from this event will benefit the cost of tuition for all St. John's families and support school enhancements. By participating in this event, you are directly contributing to the cost of education and the betterment of educational opportunities and facilities for our students. Your generosity ensures that every child at St. John's can receive a quality education enriched by faith.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND GET INVOLVED

There are several ways to get involved and support our cause:

- **Participate:** Register as a player and enjoy a day on the green. There is a 144 participant capacity so be sure to register as soon as possible.
- **Sponsor:** Become an event sponsor and showcase your business and commitment to education and community.
- **Invite** your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to participate!

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GOLF CHARITY EVENT cont.

On behalf of the St. John's PTL, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers who make this event possible. Your dedication and generosity are the cornerstones of our success and the future success of our students.

Let's make this 12th Annual Golf Charity Event a memorable one, filled with camaraderie, excellence, and impactful giving.

Thank you!

The St. John's PTL

YOU'RE INVITED...

Parents, after enjoying your coffee and donuts from the Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast, be sure to head upstairs to the sanctuary to **join us for our opening chapel service at 8:30am**. We would love to have you. FYI: Regular chapel service will (typically) be on Fridays at 8:15am.

BOO HOO/YAHOO BREAKFAST

Our fabulous PTL will again be **hosting a Boohoo/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 SAFETY DRILLS

Students and staff will be participating in safety drills throughout the year, including fire drills, severe weather drills, and intruder drills. **Fire drills and intruder drills have been scheduled to begin during the first few weeks of school.**

St. John's utilizes ALICE as the proactive strategies used in the event of an intruder. ALICE is an acronym for ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE. Faculty and staff have been trained on ALICE via online classes and in-person training and drills. Students in grades Preschool - 8th grade will also be trained on these strategies as well. This training, however, will differ based on age-appropriateness. Intruder drills will include simple classroom drills as well as all-school drills. All intruder drills will be **announced to students in advance**, and students will always know that they are participating in a **practice** intruder drill. The goal of intruder drills will be for faculty and students to practice safely evacuating the building and/or locking down in a classroom. At no time during any drill will simulations be used.

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

Our first Learn. Pray. Grow. of the year is **included with this newsletter**. Feel free to get a head start on your memorization. Reminder: Preschool-8th grade participate in LPG.



4TH- 8TH GRADERS, DO YOU WANT TO JOIN BAND?

Have you ever thought about being part of the band? Well, **it's not too late!** The St. John's Band program is accepting new students for the 2025-2026 school year.

Whether you've been playing an instrument for a while or are a complete beginner, there is a place for you. Our program is open to grades 4 - 8 and offers individual and group instruction to help students of all skill levels develop their musical talents.

Unsure of where to find an instrument? We can help you find a rental option to get you started.

Questions? Contact Mr. Penserga at penserga@encoreensembles.com for more information. I can't wait to hear you play!

DON'T FORGET...

Parents, as we gear up for a new school year, **don't forget that school attendance matters.** If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and their careers.

Chronic absenteeism (missing 10% of the school year, which is about 16 days at STJ) can lead to lower reading proficiency, lower test scores, and poor attendance in later grades.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER

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 school supplies to assist those students in need at our sister school down the road!

WANT TO COACH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL?

Parents, **we are in need of a girls' volleyball coach** for grades 5 and 6. Are you interested? Please contact Megan.Basham@stjlutheran.org or Kyle.Peterman@stjlutheran.org for more information or to volunteer.

WOO HOO!! THANK YOU!!

St. John's is happy to share that we placed second for the "Best Preschool Program" and "Best Private School" by the readers of Maple Grove Magazine! While we didn't win first place (**we did in 2023 and 2024!**), we're still so thankful for all of you taking the time to vote for us and for your continued support. Maranatha Christian Academy (in Brooklyn Park?!) took first in both categories this year. Don't worry - we'll be coming for our top spot in January when voting opens again!



SUPPORT STJ BY JOINING 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. Church members, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, current, future, and former students are all welcome!!
 - **Wear your STJ gear** and join us!
 - **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.
- Register now before it's too late!

Mrs. Anderson says...

"The parades are SO much fun!!
I hope you'll join us!"



NO SCHOOL REMINDER

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

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.

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.



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.

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.



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](#).

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTO OPPS

Parents, feel free to take advantage of our awesome photo opps to snap a picture of your child on his/her first day of school! We'll have our balloon arch, STJ banner, and our awesome new eagle wings (on the wall outside of the cafeteria) ready for your use! If you post any of your pics to social media, be sure to tag us at #STJLEagles!

TERM 1 CHAPEL PROJECT

Stay tuned next week for information about our term 1 chapel project. It's a fun one!!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GALA!

Mark your calendar now for our annual GALA!! This fabulous event will be held on Friday, November 14th, 2025, and **you DO NOT want to miss it!** Stay tuned for more information.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

St. John's is excited to announce that we have some new staff members joining us this year!

- **Mrs. Breanna Lindgren:** Mrs. Lindgren is our new lead preschool ESP teacher! She'll be working with our little eagles each day after school.
- **Mrs. Jamie Lukas-Knopik:** Mrs. Lukas-Knopik is our new assistant office administrator. She'll be joining Mrs. Anderson each day to help out in many ways.
- **Mrs. Kayleigh Rather:** Mrs. Rather is not only a new STJ parent, she's also a new ESP aide! She'll be helping out with both PS and K-8 ESP.
- **Mr. Tim Shank:** Mr. Shank is our new facilities manager. He's in charge of keeping our building sparkling clean (and much, much more).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, August 25

- First day of school for K-8 students
- 7:30am Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- 8:30am Opening Chapel Service

Tuesday, August 26

- Bell Museum Exploradome experience for K-8 students
- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:30pm A & B volleyball practice

Wednesday, August 27

- 3:30pm Cross country practice

Thursday, August 28

- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:30pm A & B volleyball practice

Friday, August 29

- No school/no ESP

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: 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.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Tenth Week after Trinity: Aug 24 - Aug 30, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K + **Prov. 3:5** - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

1 John 4:3 - Sin is lawlessness.

First Commandment

PreK+ 1. You shall have no other gods.

1st gr.+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Second Commandment

PreK+ 2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

2nd gr.+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God
so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts,
lie or deceive by His name,
but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr.+ **Deuteronomy 6:4-5** - Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is One!
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.



PRAYERS

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, and for our teachers and
students who begin a new week of school
- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be
comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands and wives, for all parents and children, that all families may live in peace according to God's
Word
- Thu ...for our Church & pastors, for our teachers, for our missionaries, for all who serve & volunteer at St. John's
- Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for the sick & dying
- Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 4:1-15 - Cain & Abel

1 Corinthians 15:1-10 - The Resurrection of the Dead

Luke 18:9-14 - The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day “O How Great Is Your Compassion” (*LSB* 559)

School Hymn of the Month: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (*LSB* 655)

School Year Theme Hymn: “With High Delight” (*LSB* 483)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

Invocation - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

Recite - the Apostles’ Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

Read and Discuss - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

Pray - the Lord’s Prayer, Luther’s morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

Sing a hymn - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Luther’s Morning & Evening Prayers

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night
from all harm and danger;
and I pray that You would keep me
this day also from sin and every evil,
that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
That the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong,
and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

