

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE...

It's almost here — and you don't want to miss it! **This Sunday, November 9th, is your final chance to grab tickets for our annual Give Thanks, Give Back Gala**, happening NEXT Friday, November 14th at Rush Creek Golf Club.

The Gala is one of the most anticipated events of the year — a fabulous evening filled with laughter, great food, meaningful connections, and the joy of giving back to our St. John's church and school community. Whether you're a first-timer or a Gala regular, you'll walk away with full hearts, fond memories, and maybe even a few fun auction wins!

✨ What to Expect

- Social Hour & Auction (5–7 PM): Mingle, bid, and browse at your leisure — come when you can!
- Dinner (7 PM): Sit back, relax, and enjoy a delicious meal with friends old and new.
- Dress Code: Think wedding guest chic — dressy and festive!

📖 How to Join the Fun

- Reserve your seat or a full table before registration closes on Sunday, November 9th.
- Seat Requests: Prefer to sit with specific friends or families? No problem — you can make those requests when registering!
- Table Sponsorships: Promote your business and support a great cause. Sponsors receive recognition and special perks. Contact Liz Glock at lizzystu@aol.com for details.

👉 [Reserve Your Tickets Here](#)

Funds raised from this event directly support tuition assistance for students and help enhance the security of our campus, keeping St. John's a safe, nurturing place for all.

If you've never attended the Gala before, make THIS the year you do! It's one of those nights you'll be so glad you said "yes" to — an evening filled with warmth, laughter, and genuine community spirit. You'll enjoy delicious food, lively conversation, and the joy of seeing how your participation directly blesses our students and school. It's fun, it's meaningful, and it's a wonderful way to feel connected to the heartbeat of St. John's. Come experience the magic of the Gala — we promise, you'll walk away already looking forward to next year!

We can't wait to see you there!

The Gala Committee



GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Believe it or not, but Grandparents Day is **NEXT WEEK!!** TOMORROW is the last day to RSVP, and EVERYONE should RSVP, even if your child will be absent that day or will be without a special guest. See the included flyer for more information.

24-HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED!!

Parents, if you plan to pick up your child early or drop him/her off late, please be sure to notify Mrs. Anderson a minimum of 24 hours via attendance@stjlutherschul.org.

ALL-SCHOOL PAJAMA DAY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Our Student Council has declared that Monday, November 17th will be an all-school pajama day! Students, feel free to come dressed cozy and comfy in your favorite PJs, but remember that you still must be able to fully participate in school and abide by the dress code (that means no shorts).

THE SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!

Our STJ online [Spirit Store](#) is open now through November 16th! Place your orders now and receive your items by Christmas break. Our STJ gear make perfect Christmas gifts for your entire family!!

IMPORTANT CAR LINE REMINDERS!

To ensure safety and efficiency during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, please remember that **the curb is for drop-off and pick-up only**. If you need to get out of your vehicle for any reason (helping with seatbelts, getting items from trunk, giving hugs, etc., you must park in a designated parking space and walk your child in to at least the curb. Additionally, be sure to always pull forward as far as possible to allow the maximum number of cars to unload.

We have also noticed an increase in parents parking and then walking inside to pick up their child. If you choose to do this, please follow staff directions and wait for permission before crossing the traffic line.

Your cooperation is essential in keeping all students, staff, and families safe. Thank you for doing your part to follow our procedures and keep carline running smoothly.

FREE TICKETS TO SEE CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Mayer Lutheran High School will be performing *Charlotte's Web* from Nov. 7-9, and they have graciously provided free tickets for students! If you would like some, please see the front office or email your child's teacher for them to be sent home.



TERM 1 ENDS NEXT FRIDAY

Term 1 ends next Friday, November 14th, and report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 25th. Be sure to check your FACTS parent portal to view your child's grades, missing assignments, etc.

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR!

It's time to nominate a Lutheran Educator, Parish Professional or School Shepherd to be recognized as an outstanding servant in their area.

There are six categories:

- School Leader (Principal or Preschool Director)
- Early Childhood Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Parish Professional (Music Director)
- School Shepherd (Pastor)

Any educator may be nominated who did not receive the award last year. (Don't nominate Mrs. Maria Koosman - she won last year!)

All nominations must be submitted on or before Sunday, December 7, 2025. Submit your nomination(s) [HERE](#).

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT IDEAS DUE TOMORROW

Parents, your 2nd-8th grade child's Science Fair project idea is due to his/her teacher **TOMORROW!**

LIBRARY REMINDER - END OF TERM APPROACHING SOON

The end of the first term is next week! Books checked out before Nov. 5 must be returned or renewed by Nov. 14 to avoid a lost book fee on your Dec. 1 FACTS invoice. If your student has received a reminder slip, please check for missing books right away. Once fees are assessed, they're non-refundable — but you may keep or donate the book.

Questions? Contact library@stjlutheran.org.

CALL COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED TO FIND NEW PRESCHOOL TEACHER

A call committee has been assembled by the St. John's Lutheran Church deacons to find a new preschool teacher beginning next year (Mrs. Carbone and her husband will be moving out-of-state). If you know of anyone who may be a good fit for this role, please contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org or Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org.

WEST LUTHERAN INFO SESSION TONIGHT!

Seventh and 8th grade parents and students are invited to learn about West Lutheran, ask questions, and enjoy some snacks! Join us here at St. John's TONIGHT at 5:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be Tuesday, December 2nd from 4-8pm at Panera Bread in Maple Grove.



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST...

Gratitude & Emotional Health

Gratitude is more than a nice habit—it supports mental and emotional wellness. Research shows that practicing thankfulness lowers stress and boosts happiness. Families can try:

- Journaling or drawing one thing you're thankful for each day
- Ending the day with a short gratitude prayer together
- Sharing "3 good things" at the dinner table
- Writing a thank-you card to someone who has made a difference

Cultivating gratitude helps kids build resilience and a positive outlook, which strengthens both mind and spirit.

Wishing you joy and calm through gratitude,

The Wellness Committee

WELCOME, NEW BOE MEMBERS

The Board of Education would like to welcome Stu Glock, Davy Kulberg, and Candace Fisher as new members of the Board of Education. Much thanks is extended to James Beck and Russ Reznecheck for their time, support, and service, as their terms are complete.

ILLNESS POLICY REMINDER

As we enter into the cold and flu season, please keep in mind our school policy regarding illness. Per our handbook:

- Children should be kept home if they are ill or exhibit any of the following symptoms: a temperature over 100 degrees, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Any student who is feeling ill or displays any of the above symptoms while at school will be isolated from his or her classroom and a parent will be notified to pick up the child.
- Parents are expected to pick up a sick child from school within 1 hour of notification.
- Students must be symptom-free without the aid of medication for a period of 24-hours before returning to school.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to regularly or occasionally help out in the school library on a Wednesday and/or Friday? [Click here to learn more and sign up for a slot or two!](#)

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Student Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 19th at 7:15am.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no school or ESP from Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving break. School and ESP will resume as normal on Monday, December 1.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, November 6

- Science Fair project ideas due
- Deadline to RSVP for Grandparents Day
- 8:15am Chapel
 - 3rd-5th grade choir singing

Monday, November 10

- 3:30pm Girls A/B basketball practice

Tuesday, November 11

- Band
- 3:30pm Boys A/B basketball practice
- 4:00pm B girls at St. Francis Xavier
- 6:30pm PTL meeting

Wednesday, November 12

- Library
- 3:30pm Girls A /B basketball practice

Thursday, November 13

- 7:00am Wellness Committee meeting
- 3:30pm Boys A/B basketball practice

Friday, November 14

- End of term 1
- Missing library books due
- Grandparents Day!
- 8:15am Chapel
- 12:30pm Dismissal (no ESP)
- 5:00pm 12th Annual Gala!

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Nov. 17:** Pajama Day!!
- **Nov. 19:** Student Council meeting; Preschool Pilgrim program
- **Nov. 20** 7th grade field trip to Guthrie
- **Nov. 25:** Report cards issued
- **Nov. 26-28:** Thanksgiving break; no school/ESP
- **Dec. 2:** Panera Bread PTL fundraiser
- **Dec. 3:** Student Council meeting
- **Dec. 4:** Wellness Committee meeting
- **Dec. 6:** PS-8th grade open house
- **Dec. 7:** 6th-8th grade choir & handbell choir singing/playing in church
- **Dec. 18:** Christmas Concert (afternoon and evening performances)

Mrs. Anderson says...

RSVP FOR GALA &
GRANDPARENTS
DAY NOW!!





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: Gary Volberding
- Deacon: Stu Glock
- Secretary: Brenna Koehler
- Candace Fisher
- Davey Kulberg
- 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](#)
- [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#)

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

QUICK REFERENCE

- Report absences, early dismissals, and late arrivals to
attendance@stjlutheralschool.org
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to
pictures@stjlutheralschool.org
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to **library@stjlutheran.org**

BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!



OUR MISSION

The mission of St. John's Lutheran School & Preschool is to nurture young people through God's Word, sound Lutheran doctrine and worship, and a strong academic foundation. Our goal is to equip students to lead their lives as God's baptized children in this world and to carry out Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations."

(Matthew 28:19)