



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Important Dates

Tues. Oct. 17

3K-1 going to Grand Theater

Wed. Oct. 18

PTL @ 6:30 in school library

Fri. Oct. 20

Friday Fun Day- Homemade Taffy (must be registered to participate)

Mon. Oct. 23

Picture Day

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Staff Bible Study @ 3:00

Wed. Oct. 25

No DCE 4K

Thurs.-Fri. Oct 26-27

No School

Tues. Oct. 31

Harvest Party from 12:30-2:00 (All School K-8 and Bangart's students that are here)

The Eagle Edition

"It's All About Jesus"

Friday, October 13, 2017

Easton Fire Dept. visits St. John

As part of Fire Prevention Week, the Town of Easton Fire Department presented to our students on Monday, October 9, 2017. Fire department members present included Craig Sipple, Mark Schlund, Art Hoppe, and Ron Kurth. Mr. Schlund stressed to students the

importance of not playing with matches, candles, and fire. He highlighted the fact that so many house fires are a result of kids playing with matches. He explained that each family should have an emergency escape plan for at their home in case of fire. The Fire Department not only showed our students the fire

trucks, but explained the special gear fireman wear, as well as some of the special equipment they work with.

Pictured below is Mark Schlund (Town of Easton Fire Department) talking to St. John K-1 students about features of the fire truck, as part of Fire Prevention Week.

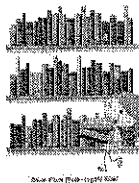


Fall Break Coming

School will not be in session on Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27, as this is designated as Fall Break. Teachers will be taking part in an in-service on Thursday of that week.

Volunteers help organize library

Thanks to the efforts of both Erin Clark and Beth Doucette, the St. John Lutheran school library is now functional. Erin and Beth recently re-organized the research and reference section, as well as re-categorized the fiction section. Many of the books that were returned late in the school year and were stationed on the counter, were also shelved. The library is now up and running!



Physical Education has new look

St. John students are playing fewer games this year, but paying closer attention to their fitness levels. The PE curriculum is being re-written to allow students to become more aware of their fitness levels. Lower elementary students continue to work on acquiring physical skills, as well as strength, suppleness, and stamina, while upper elementary students are taking a closer look at their personal fitness data, as well as lifetime physical activities. By the end of the year, our goal is that upper elementary students are able to share their fitness growth.

Pastor's Corner

By Pastor John Stransky

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into our school year at St. John. It has been great to see all of our returning students' excitement, especially when they saw the new classrooms and met Mr. Reiche. It is also great to see the new students to St. John, the excitement of a new school or school for the first time is a big deal.

This year is also exciting for me; following a year of vicarage/internship at St. John, I earned my Masters of Divinity Degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and was ordained as Pastor here at St. John. This year along with leading chapel, I will be teaching religion in each of the St. John classrooms. We are focusing on the Bible passages found in the students' planners for each week. Students in 2nd-8th grades receive these planners. We have spoken about forgiveness, and how we need to forgive as God forgives us; each and every time no matter how often you are hurt

We also talked about how we are to do what we say we are going to do. We looked at the story of the man with two sons which Jesus told. The man's one son disrespected his father when he was told to do a job, but then rethought his decision and did what the father told him to do. While the other son said "yes" I will do it, but then did not. The children learned that when we say we love Jesus, we are to also show it by our actions.

As the pastor at St. John my goal is to increase the biblical knowledge of all our students through the use of stories based upon Jesus teaching. It is also important to me that each student grows in their faith throughout the school year. As a parent you help in this too. Reading Bible stories with your child, praying with your child, and encouraging your child to mirror the love of Jesus Christ in their actions.

May God be with you and your family this school year.

Pastor John



School works to improve writing and quality work

By Jeff Reiche-Instructional Leader

Two of our school goals this year at St. John Lutheran pertain to the quality of our student's work and writing. With that in mind, teachers are reading a book entitled "*An Ethic of Excellence*" which highlights the importance of getting students to complete high quality work. Short meetings to discuss the book are part of this book study. As for the writing goal, we are looking to give our K-8 students

three short writing assessments throughout the year, in order to gauge students' writing ability, as well as how our effectiveness in teaching writing.

The school is looking to offer professional development opportunities for our staff in teaching the skill of writing throughout the year. It is our intent to get students to see vast improvement in their writing ability over time this year, allowing students to display some of their writing by the end of the year.

School Board to look at mission, vision, and programs

Beginning in October, the St. John School Board is setting a segment of time aside, during each meeting, to reflect on the school's current vision and mission statements. The board will also be looking to establish a set of core values and governing principles which will foster high quality board governance for future meetings.



For the coming months, the school board has agreed to begin identifying the most pressing needs/issues that St. John Lutheran School is likely to experience in the next five years, before weighing the value of taking part in a long-range strategic planning initiative. If the school board chooses to pursue strategic planning, it is highly probable board members will be seeking St. John Lutheran School parents and congregational members to help serve on committees which will study the prospective needs of the school.