



# The Eagle Edition

"It's All About Jesus" Friday, September 29, 2017

## Dates of Importance for St. John Lutheran School

**Thursday, September 28-**  
Grades 4-5 attend "Food for America" @ Fust's Farm

**Friday, September 29-**  
Eagle Edition released. 3K-4th Field Trip to Grampa's Farm-Merrill.

**Wednesday, October 4**  
Chapel- 8 a.m. Staff meeting- 3 p.m. School Library.

**Friday, October 6-**  
Friday Fundays begins after school (flyer sent home)

**Sunday, October 8**  
Installation of St. John Lutheran School staff- 7:45 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. St. John students sing at 10:15 a.m.

**Monday, October 9-**  
School Board meeting- 6 p.m. School Library. Fire Prevention Week begins.

**Thursday, October 12-**  
Great Apple Crunch



## School adopts "CREW" time

One of our school goals for the year at St. John Lutheran School is to institute a school-wide CREW time for individual classes. Our four core character traits are represented by the acronym **CREW** which stands for **Compassion, Respect, Effort, With quality**. In each part of our day, during both instructional and recess times, we are attempting to make consistent efforts to be learners who regularly self-reflect to help them gauge whether their behaviors/attitudes are in alignment with the four traits.

Although CREW time varies throughout classrooms, 20-30 minutes per day are generally set aside for activities relating to CREW.

CREW time in our classrooms has a distinct and definitive seating arrangement, as students are usually grouped in a circle on the floor. Students are more inclined to share/discuss from this alignment for some reason.

### CREW Content/Itinerary-

Most CREWs begin with a style of greeting, whereby students share a "good morning" with one another. Each day, one of our four CREW traits are the central focus of CREW time. The CREW leader explains the character trait in focus for

session, before sharing a short reading, video, article, devotion, or activity. Discussion is always held among the CREW on the connection of the reading to the character trait.

In summary, a daily CREW agenda looks like the following:

1. Greeting
2. Identification of trait/focus of crew that day.
3. Reading/video/article/devotion/activity
4. Discussion/explanation of the connection of article to the trait and to our Christian faith.

Each school classroom has **CREW Trait Descriptors** which spell out a uniform language defining each trait, as well as what the trait looks like and sounds like throughout the various places and parts of the school and the school-day.



## Leader's Ledger – School goals set for year

By Jeff Reiche, St. John Lutheran Instructional Leader

In my new column, *Leader's Ledger*, I will provide regular updates as far as what is happening in our school. I am excited to announce that we have adopted six goals for our new school year. The goals were presented to our school board before being finalized with our staff on September 13. These goals include:

- 1- **Working with Students on Producing High Quality Student Work.** Staff will be taking part in a book study "*An Ethic of Excellence*" which will highlight the importance of getting our students to produce both meaningful and high-quality work. As a part of this goal, we will teach students to be trackers of their own personal school improvement data, as well as pilot an 8<sup>th</sup> grade portfolio presentation process as a rite of passage to high school.
- 2- **Enhance the school culture & climate.** This includes initiating a CREW process (explained in the lead article of this Eagle Edition) to guide us with core character traits and painting both motivational sayings and scripture verses on our school hallway walls. An additional aspect of this goal is having our school board take part in a Long Range Strategic Planning process, which will be a separate segment of each monthly school board meeting.
- 3- **Establish a plan for introducing an assessment system in writing.** As part of this, teachers will be trained on October 4 to administer and score a quarterly writing sample which will allow staff to address individual student writing needs.
- 4- **Use of technology in the classroom to enhance student learning.** With the upgrade to our internet bandwidth, we will be looking for ways for our students to use internet resources and educational learning applications to assist in the process of learning.
- 5- **Student Leadership-** This goal will help us look for ways to develop leadership capacity in our students.
- 6- **Begin to investigate ways in which we can build and utilize interdisciplinary-thematic units at the various grade levels.** The current plan is to begin to research, write, and pilot a "learning expedition" (interdisciplinary unit) during the last 10 weeks of the school year at the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade level. We will be providing updates on our efforts to incorporate these goals into our teaching throughout the school year.

## **Chapel- Our school-time to worship**

*By Mary Jo Prah*

On Wednesday's at 8:00 AM our entire student body and staff meet in church for Chapel. This year, under the direction of Pastor John, we are following the LCMS chapel talks for Lutheran Schools. The theme is "It's Still All About Jesus". Themes like Christ, The Light, The Vine, are used to provide a worship exploration into the names of Jesus. Each Chapel has opportunities to teach, connect pray and discuss living for Jesus. Offerings will give the students a chance to share blessing in our community by giving to "Share Your Holidays" and also to the "Raining Season Orphanage" in Africa. We encourage you take time out of your busy schedule to join us for chapel.



## **School security addressed by staff**

The Marathon County Sheriff's Department will be visiting our school in the coming days as they will help our school craft a security plan in the event of the unforeseen. With the help of Gary Rux, all school classrooms now have doors that lock. All exterior doors are locked during the school day as well. Details of the security plan will not be shared outside of school staff, but rest assured we are addressing various security risks through consultation with Marathon County. We will have different levels of security "lockdowns" to best ensure the safety of our students and staff.

## **St. John Lutheran Puppet Team to Begin**

*By Miss Becky*

Here at St. John Lutheran Church, we have an amazing puppet team, I should know, I am the team leader!

We are looking to add more team members. The best part? You don't have to know how to work a puppet to join! We will show you how, all you need is the want to have fun while sharing God's word with the people around us.



**\*We will be meeting every other Wednesday from 3pm-5pm beginning\*  
October 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John in the church narthex.**

If you have any questions, please email me at [rbangart@mailstjohn.com](mailto:rbangart@mailstjohn.com) or call me at 715-203-3018

## **School announces open-house!**

St. John Lutheran School staff would like to invite you to attend the "open-house" in between worship services on Sunday, October 8. Over the summer, interior walls were painted, student lockers were purchased, and a new furnace was installed. Thank you to the following volunteers for painting and/or re-locating classrooms: Tom Erdman, Dave Frederick, Joshua Hahn, Ryan Hahn, Tim Hahn, Mark Koenig, Donna Neiter, Gerry Marquardt, Joan Retzack, Jon Roble, Gary Rux, Jeremy Rux, Arlo Schlund, Jeremy Woller, Sue Zietlow, Keith Zahrt. Thank you from the School Board and the Staff!

## **Installation of School Staff**

St. John Lutheran school staff will be installed at both the 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services on Sunday, October 8. Students will be singing at the 10:15 a.m. service.



## EAGLE EDITION

### *Friday Funday* *Begin in October*

*By Miss Becky*

Hello everyone! This year we have a new after school program called "Friday Funday". It's a chance to do awesome projects with awesome friends! If you like to have fun, then you will love our Friday Funday!

Friday Funday will be held from 3-4 p.m. in the St. John gym. Our first Friday Funday begins October 6<sup>th</sup> and we will be making *Color Changing Slime*. Our second activity for the month will be *Homemade Taffy* on October 20.

The cost will vary depending on the project. Each month you can read about our upcoming projects in the *Eagle Edition*. To sign up, simply return the registration form sent home with your child. In addition to extended care cost, registration for October 6 is \$4, while October 20 is \$5.

If you have any questions please email me at [rbangart@mailstjohn.com](mailto:rbangart@mailstjohn.com) or call me at 715-203-3018. Thanks everyone! God's Peace! Miss Becky.

