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# WILDCATS WEEKLY

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## Principally Speaking

### School Operational Plan

As part of the St. John's 2-year ARISE vision, we are developing an operational plan for ongoing school improvement. Our school plan will focus primarily on these five areas:

- **Family Ministry.** We want our school families to be engaged in church and school opportunities that cultivate positive relationships.
- **School Enrollment.** We want to use creative marketing strategies to recruit and retain an increasing number of students.
- **School Finances.** We will evaluate and revise (as needed) the current school funding model and seek additional funding sources to achieve school operational strength and long-term financial sustainability.
- **Academics.** We will enhance teaching and learning so that every student maximizes his/her academic potential.
- **Well-Rounded Education.** We will provide school experiences to help children discover and develop their God-given talents and abilities.



We need parent support to help us work on our school improvement plans. If you have an interest in any of the above areas, please contact David Florine at [dflorine@sjlsarnold.org](mailto:dflorine@sjlsarnold.org).

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

During this next week, parents will meet with teachers in parent-teacher conferences to discuss their child's progress and to identify ways the home and the school can work together. Throughout the year there are many opportunities for parents, students, and teachers to work and learn together. I'm excited about the partnership we can build with our parents, students, and teachers.



One important way we work together is to **pray for each other**. In our classrooms and in our staff morning devotions we routinely pray for families, students, and teachers within our school family. I also encourage you and your family to pray for our school and staff. Pray that God will bless our partnership as we work together to make our school a great place for teaching and learning.

Whether your child is in preschool, elementary, or middle school ... parent-teacher conferences are important. Teachers need your help to do a first-class job. Together, you and the teachers can help your child have a great school year. Whether you are meeting together during our upcoming conferences or meeting at any time, here is some information that may be helpful to you as you talk with the teacher:

### During the Conference

- **Ask questions** during the conference that help you express your hopes for your child's success in class and for the teacher. It's a good idea to ask the important questions first, in case time runs out. Be sure to ask the teacher for specific suggestions on ways to help your child do better.

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- **Discuss any difficulties** (academic or behavioral) a child might be having at school.
- **Develop an action plan** that you and the teacher will work on together to help your child do better. Be sure you understand what the teacher suggests.
- **End the conference** by reviewing what you discussed and restating any action plan. Schedule a follow-up conference and decide on the best way to stay in touch (phone, text, e-mail, or notes to school or home).

## After the Conference

- **Start immediately** on the action plan you and the teacher worked out together. Discuss the plan with your child. Make sure he knows that you and the teacher care. To see if the action plan is working, watch your child's behavior and check his daily work and homework.
- **Stay in touch** with the teacher to discuss your child's progress. Meet again with the teacher to help build a strong parent-teacher team ... a partnership that is needed if you and the teacher are to reach your common goal of helping her get the best education possible.

Please find time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss the progress you see at school and home. Working together, we truly can continue making St. John's a great school for teaching and learning. **We look for 100% participation!**



Go to [www.wejoinin.com/SJLS](http://www.wejoinin.com/SJLS) to schedule your conference or check your conference appointment

## Upcoming Dates

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| Nov 3  | Preschool Choir @ 10:50am |
| Nov 6  | Veterans Day Celebration  |
| Nov 7  | Show Me Dough Delivery    |
| Nov 10 | K-8 Choir @ 8:00am        |

| SCHOOL CALENDAR and ACTIVITIES |        |                             |             |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Fri                            | Oct 25 | Disney Family Trivia Night  | 6:30-8:30pm |
| Sun                            | Oct 27 | Trunk or Treat              | 3:00-4:30pm |
| Mon                            | Oct 28 | Parent-Teacher Conferences  |             |
|                                |        | Academic Team Home          | 4:15pm      |
| Tue                            | Oct 29 | Show Me Dough Orders Due    |             |
|                                |        | Parent-Teacher Conferences  |             |
| Wed                            | Oct 30 | Chapel & Oct Baptisms       | 8:30am      |
|                                |        | Parent-Teacher Conferences  |             |
| Thu                            | Oct 31 | Grade 6 to LHSS             |             |
| Fri                            | Nov 1  | NO SCHOOL: Professional Day |             |



Join us on **Fri, Oct 25** for six rounds of trivia, silent auction, photo booth, and fun games. Pizza and drinks provided. \$75 per table. Contact Diane Caughlan at [dcaughlan@sjlarnold.org](mailto:dcaughlan@sjlarnold.org) for info.



This FREE event on **Sun, Oct 27** is held on the school playground parking lot and features hayrides, crafts, bounce house, and candy.



Our annual fundraiser provides funds for school resources and equipment.

- Orders due by **Tue, Oct 29**
- Delivery on Thu, Nov 7

## Academic Team



St. John's has an Academic Team (comprised of 7th-8th graders) that competes against other Lutheran schools. Join us for this quiz game competition that tests players on a variety of academic subjects.

## NO SCHOOL Friday, November 1

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY

As part of our teamwork and ministry, the church and school staff members will gather for worship, prayer, fellowship, and ministry planning. This is a great opportunity for our St. John's staff members to work together as a blessing to our church and school.



St. John's will honor our military veterans with breakfast, chapel, and special activities on **Wed, Nov 6**. Login to [Veterans Day](#) or type [bit.ly/vetday19](http://bit.ly/vetday19) in your browser address bar to list the veteran you'd like to honor.

## School Entry Project

Our school entry project continues; we expect completion in mid-November. This project will provide better entry shelter during inclement weather and greater visibility for the main school entrance.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding as we continue utilizing temporary parking, traffic, and school entry procedures.



## Chapel: Wednesday

Join us for our weekly "kid-friendly" school chapel services on Wednesdays at 8:30am throughout the school year. Celebrate the blessings of Christian education with our school family.

**Chapel Offerings.** Our October and November chapel offerings support the Christmas shoebox project.

## School Newsletter Info

Submit newsletter info to the school office by Tuesday to be included in the next publication.

JOYFULLY  
ST. JOHN'S  
PHIL 4:4

Our theme reminds us of God's love on our good days and bad days, that He is faithful to His promises, and that our greatest joy is in Jesus, our Savior.

## Scrip Program

All families (PS-8) must participate in the Scrip program; profits are used to offset school budget expenses.

**Scriptips** Shop at Aldi and Costco using our \$50 and \$100 VISA cards. Get your cards after our weekend worship services or in the school office during the week.

## Website Update



Parent resources (newsletter, lunch, info, forms) links are combined on one webpage.

Go to [www.stjohnsarnold.org/info](http://www.stjohnsarnold.org/info) to view or download resources.

## Student Absences

Please call the office @ 636-464-7303 (select option 1) or send a message to the teacher on days when your child is absent from school. This will help us prepare for the day and monitor attendance, lunch count, etc.

## Girls Volleyball

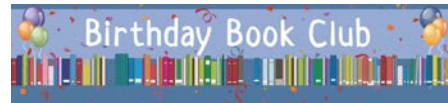
Congratulations! Our volleyball team won the consolation championship in the Lutheran School City Championships.



## Lost and Found

Left a sweatshirt or jacket at school? Can't find a lunch bag? Check the "lost and found" in school lobby; unclaimed items will be given to a charity.

**Names on Clothing.** With school logo shirts, fleece jackets, and PE uniforms, please identify your child's clothing with their name on the label or tag. Write name on the outside of lunch bag too.



Celebrate your child's special day by donating a book in their honor to the school library. Find the Birthday Book Club form at [www.stjohnsarnold.org/info](http://www.stjohnsarnold.org/info).