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PS-Grade 1 \$3.40 per mealGrades 2-8 \$3.90 per meal

#### K-8 Extended Care Fees

- \$4.20 per hour
- Billed at 7¢ per minute

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# WILDCATS WEEKLY

August 8, 2019

WELCOMME BACK

TO SCHOOL!

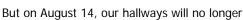
# **Principally Speaking**

As you walked through our school this summer, you may have noticed a few things:

We added a preschool classroom. We moved teachers to new classrooms. We refinished the floors in our classrooms, hallways, and gymnasium. We renovated our school

lobby and cafeteria. We installed new shelves in storage areas. We painted hallways. We replaced the cafeteria air conditioner. These school improvements (and much more) help give our school a fresh, clean look for a new school year.

And as you walked through the school this past week, the hallways were quiet. No summer camp ... no children. Teachers were busy working in their classrooms.



be quiet. The hallways will be filled with the sights and sounds of the first day of school. You will see many students, parents, and teachers in the hallways. You will see new school clothes, new book bags, new school supplies, and lots of smiles. You will hear school bells ring and lockers open and close, and you will hear lots of talking and laughing. You will sense excitement and joy at the onset of a new school year.

Welcome back to school. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's Christian education. As we begin a new school year, we ask God to bless the time we spend together and touch us with His grace and blessings as we strive to meet the needs of children and families in our school. Under His guidance, we eagerly anticipate another year of blessings in our teaching and learning.

As we prepare for this school year, we ask you to pray daily for your child, your child's teacher, and our school. Pray that God will bless our teaching and learning. Pray that all children will experience the love of Jesus. And pray that God will bless the partnership of our home, school, and church.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

## K-8 Back-to-School Night: Mon, August 12 @ 6:30pm

Grades K-8 parents and students meet in the church sanctuary for welcome, introductions, and announcements. Then meet with teachers in classrooms for more info. To facilitate families with more than one child in our school, K-4 teachers will give the same 20-minute presentation at two different time slots.



# First Day of School: Wed, August 14

We start our new school year on Wednesday, August 14; school starts @ 8:15am. Please join us for our opening chapel service @ 8:45am in the church sanctuary.

# Teacher Dedication and Backpack Blessing Sat-Sun, August 17-18

Join us for worship at St. John's Lutheran Church as we celebrate our school ministry and God's gifts to our church and school. Bring your child and his/her backpack for a "blessing" during any of our worship services. What a great way to start a school year!

Our teacher dedication will be on Sunday, August 18 at 8:00am and 10:50am services.

## School Entry Project



Our new school entry project started August 5.

Yes, that's right ... we started our new school entry project. With this project, the school's main entry will be closed; see page 3 for info on our temporary walk-in traffic procedures and new traffic patterns for morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding as we build a covered shelter that will better identify our school's main entrance and protect our students and guests from inclement weather.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT and CLASS VISITS

Teachers talk. Parents listen and ask questions. This is a meeting with groups of families (parents and students) and the teacher. The teacher shares info and procedures about classroom schedules and routines to help build positive rapport with students and parents ... and this can ease some of the first day "anxiety" of coming to the classroom.

#### PRESCHOOL CLASS VISITS

PS 2 Plurien Aug 10 9:00-10:00am
PS 3 Bolstad Aug 10 10:00-11:00am
PS 4 Auer Aug 8 4:30-7:00pm\*
PS 4 Castens Aug 9 6:00-7:30pm\*

\* register at www.wejoinin.com/SJLS



#### CAPP

Child and Adult Protection Program St. John's utilizes guidelines that protect and care for our children and at-risk adults. The CAPP program is designed to provide a safe learning and work environment for children, staff members, and volunteers.



All employees and volunteers who work directly with children at St. John's must comply with the CAPP

certification guidelines. The certification process for staff and volunteers includes a background check and training on safety and reporting procedures.

We scheduled our next CAPP training dates on Mon, Aug 19 @ 6:30pm and Thu, Aug 22 @ 6:30pm.



All volunteers who work directly with children at St. John's Lutheran Church and School must follow the CAPP certification guidelines. You must preregister for the CAPP training at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJL-CAPP">www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJL-CAPP</a>

## **Upcoming Dates**

Aug 19 CAPP Training
Aug 20 Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
School Board
Aug 22 CAPP Training

#### Did You Know?



Our teachers met this week to set goals and objectives, review school procedures and schedules, and organize

classrooms ... and do many, many other "things" to get ready for the coming school year.

#### School Newsletter Info

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

#### **School Uniform Orders**



Do you need to order uniform shirts for next year? Download the order form at stjohnsarnold.org/wildcat.

Turn in order form and payment to the school office.

NOTE: Next orders due Thu, Aug 22.



### **Tuition Agreements**

We sent out the 2019-2020 tuition agreements. Please indicate your payment plan, then sign and submit the agreement for processing.

**Financial Aid.** The tuition agreements include any financial aid awarded to families that qualified for assistance through St. John's, including LESA scholarships. Questions? Contact the school office.

## **Staffing Updates**

We welcome new staff members and repositioned others for the upcoming school year:

- Susanne Byerly, Preschool Assistant
- Anne Davis, Preschool Assistant
- Sharon Florine, KDG Assistant
- Nicole Plurien, Preschool 2 Teacher
- Tim Whittler, Grade 5 Teacher
- Mary Wiley, Band
- Tania Winters, School Office Assistant

We welcome our new staff members, and we pray that God will bless them and all our teachers and staff that they might be a blessing to our school, students, and families.

#### **School Hours**

- School day begins at 8:15am.
- School day ends at 3:15pm.
- Morning ext care, 6:30-8:00am.
- Afternoon carline, 3:15-3:30pm.
- Afternoon ext care, 3:30-6:00pm.

#### Parent Resources

Looking for school news, forms, and information? Go the Parent Portal tab at www.stjohnsarnold.org to find:

- Newsletters
- Lunch Menus
- School Calendar
- Parent Handbook
- Dress Code
- Financial Info
- ... and more



Invite family, friends, and neighbors to check out our school; come and see all that we have to offer. Call 636-464-7303 today.

# Student Recruitment



Have you thought of any new families and students to refer to our school that would benefit from the Christian education we

provide at our school? Now is the time. Commitments for this year help us in our planning process. We have new student prospects and we are excited to see how God will help us build our enrollment for the future.

#### August Lunch Menu

The August lunch menu is posted at www.stjohnsarnold.org/news

# Back-to-School Shopping



Our K-8 classroom supply lists are available for your back-to-school shopping. Go to <a href="stjohnsarnold.org/info">stjohnsarnold.org/info</a> for lists.

#### 2019-20 School Calendar

The 2019-2020 school calendar is posted at stjohnsarnold.org/calendar

#### SCHOOL ENTRY PROJECT



Our new entry will provide cover during inclement weather for children and parents while entering/exiting the school. The new entry will also better identify our main school entrance.



SCHEDULED START DATE: Monday, August 5

COMPLETION DATE: End of October WORK ZONE: No parking. No thru traffic.

During this project, the main school entry will be closed. As such, we have new drop off and pickup procedures and traffic patterns for all children.

**WALK-IN TRAFFIC:** All walk-ins will enter the school via Jeffco Blvd door (thru outdoor classroom). Park in Jeffco parking lot and walk children in/out of school. Parents can proceed to the lobby desk upon entry.

For late arrivals or early pick up, parents will enter the school at the Jeffco doors. Check in/check out children at the lobby desk.

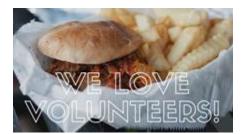
**VIDEO INTERCOM SYSTEM** is installed at the Jeffco Blvd doors. Press the button and wait for beeping to enter the school.

**CAR DROP OFF and PICK UP:** Drop off and pick up traffic will be routed thru the dumpster alley (along St. John's Church Road). Children will be dropped off and picked up at the corner of the gym; children will enter/exit the school thru back gym doors.



New Member Classes for those new to the Lutheran Faith. Classes are on Tuesday nights from Sep 3-Oct 8 @ 6:30-8:00pm in Room 108

(church lower level). Childcare is available. Go to the website for info or contact <a href="mailto:nkaylor@silarnold.org">nkaylor@silarnold.org</a> to register.



#### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY All volunteers are invited to an afternoon of honor and appreciation! Bring the whole family for a food truck, yard

games, and fellowship on **Saturday**, **August 24 from 12 pm-4 pm** (open house) at the school soccer field.

- FREE Kona Ice available from 1-3 pm.
- Please bring lawn chairs.
- RSVP here by August 11.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

Do you have a skill, hobby, or interest that you would enjoy sharing? If so, leading an elective for our middle schoolers here at St. John's may be a good fit for you. Electives are a quarter long (about 9 to 10 weeks) on Wednesdays from 2:20-3:05pm. Classes typically have between 5 and 10 students.

If you have a skill, hobby, or interest that you would enjoy sharing, I would love to hear from you. If you think you would enjoy leading some of these students but are not sure what you might want to do, we will be happy to help you pick a topic that will be fun for you and the kids. Some examples of classes that we did last year include: chess, board games, photography, interior design, scrapbooking, yoga, prayer walking, self-defense, sewing, yearbook, building projects, technology projects, baking, babysitting, card games, Fairy tales, and more

If you have the time and interest to be a part of this amazing program, please e-mail Dan Hanson at dhanson@silarnold.org

#### Scrip Program

Thanks for supporting our school through the Scrip program. All families (PK-8) must purchase Scrip cards from the school; average \$300 per month (for 10 months). The Scrip cards profits are used to offset school budget expenses. Families may "buy out" of the Scrip card program by paying \$75 per semester.

**Scriptips** Scrip continues during the summer. Summer purchases can be credited to your school account for next year. You can purchase Scrip cards at a worship service each weekend and in the school office during the week.