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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.

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WILDCATS WEEKLY

November 7, 2019

Principally Speaking

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

The words from Psalm 136:1 have been used as a common meal prayer for years. And those words are often used during the month of "Thanksgiving".

During November, we are often reminded to give thanks to God for food and much more. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray for "daily bread". From Luther's Small Catechism, we learn that daily bread involves much more than food.

Gives us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? All that we have in earthly things is a gift of God. He gives without our asking. He gives to all people. The difference between the Christian and non-Christian is this: Though both receive good things from God, the Christian acknowledges the gift as coming from God, whereas the non-Christian does not. We pray that God would lead us to realize His gifts to us and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.



What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything we need: food, shelter, clothing, family, happy home, peace, good weather, and all other blessings.

Why do we pray for "daily" bread? These words teach us not to be greedy or wasteful or to worry about the future but to live contentedly in the confidence that the Lord will give us what we need. We don't need to be anxious or fret about the future because God will provide each day.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving this month, make sure to not only give thanks for the many "things" that God has graciously bestowed upon us, but most importantly, give thanks to God for giving us His Son, Jesus, to die for us so that we may have the gift of eternal life.

Oh, give thanks ... for He is good!



We are collecting items to fill our shoeboxes ... shoeboxes to send to boys and girls to reach God's world with gifts and the love of Jesus. Bring your items to the lobby or classroom; see page 3 or www.stjohnsarnold.org/info for details.

School Christmas Programs

Our schedule for student-led Christmas programs is a little different this year:

K-8 Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, December 4 at 8:30am and 6:30pm. Students in K-4 Choir and Grades 5-8 Choir will lead us in music and song for the Christmas season.

Preschool Christmas Program is on Wednesday, December 18 at 8:30am and 6:30pm. Come and join us for Christmas music, songs, and fun.

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.



Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

With the new school entry to open soon, we will return to our "normal" drop off and pick up procedures at the main entry ... **with a few changes.**

Children and parents will enter and exit school through the main entrance ... for drive thru and walking children to/from parked cars (as in past years).

Morning drive thru drop off and afternoon drive thru pick up will be in the driveway between the church and school (as in past years).

Parents may park in both Jeffco Blvd and Church Rd parking lots and walk children to/from school and parked cars; children may not cross traffic lanes without parent supervision.



We will restrict some of the parking spaces between the church and school during morning

drop off and afternoon pickup times. This will allow for safer pedestrian traffic to/from the school main entry and parked cars.

School Newsletter Info

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

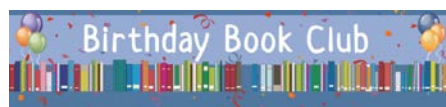
SCHOOL CALENDAR and ACTIVITIES

Fri	Nov 8	Grade 5 Trip	
Sun	Nov 10	K-8 Choir	8:00am
Mon	Nov 11	Academic Team at Ellisville	4:15pm
Tue	Nov 12	Young Readers Day	
Wed	Nov 13	Chapel	8:30am
		5 Band Rehearsal at LHSS	7:00pm
Thu	Nov 14	6-8 Band Rehearsal at LHSS	8:30am
		Boys BB Home	5:30pm
		5-8 Band Concert at LHSS	7:30pm
Fri	Nov 15	Grade 4 Trip	

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 November and December chapel offerings support the Christmas shoebox project.



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.

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.

Cold Weather Recess



When colder temperatures and wind chill come, our teachers use their best judgment in determining whether the class has outside or inside recess.

Please send your child with a coat, hat, gloves and mittens suitable for outdoor play each day in the coming weeks.

Band Program News

- **Grade 5 Band Rehearsal** at LHSS on Wed, Nov 13 @ 7:00-8:00pm.
- **Grades 6-8 Band Rehearsal** at LHSS on Thu, Nov 14 during school. Parents drop off students at LHSS by 8:30am; LHSS bus will return students to SJLS at 11:15am.
- **Grades 5-8 Band Concert** at LHSS on Thu, Nov 14 @ 7:30pm.
- Info: Mary Wiley, mwiley@islancers.org

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 outside of their lunch bag too.

Wildcats Basketball



Our boys basketball season begins next week. Check out www.stjohnsarnold.org for game schedules.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 20	Shoebox Packing Party
Nov 22	Mid-Quarter 2
Nov 27-29	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving
Dec 4	K-8 Christmas Concert
Dec 18	PS Christmas Program
Dec 20	Dismissal @ 12noon

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. John's Lutheran Church and School are joining together to pack shoeboxes to reach God's world with the love of Jesus. Our goal is to pack over 200 shoeboxes. Here's how you can help:

1 Bring a simple gift.

We ask children to bring in "simple" gifts. Our goal is to collect 200+ of each item:

Preschool	Toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, picture books, earrings, necklaces, stickers, small coloring books
KDG, Grades 1-4	Socks, brushes, combs, hair clips, sunglasses, bracelets, lip balm, markers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils
Grades 5-8	Hats, t-shirts, flip flops, pens, pencils, small notebooks, plastic cups, glue sticks, "fun" adhesive bandages

2 Give a WOW gift.

Give a quality "wow" gift such as a small doll, deflated ball with pump, stuffed animal, watch, puzzle, jump rope, shoes, musical instrument, or fun toy. Just remember ... the wow gift must fit in a shoebox (with other gifts).



3 Pray.

Pray for the child who will receive your gift(s).

4 Include a \$9 donation.

This donation will cover the shipping costs for one shoebox.

Our "packing day" is **Wednesday, November 20.**

Please bring your gifts and donations to school by **Monday, November 18** so we can plan our packing activities.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

NOTE: We have shoeboxes and shipping labels for this project

Scrip Program

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

Scriptips Are you planning home improvement projects? We carry Scrip for The Home Depot and Lowes in \$25 and \$100 cards, and we can place an order for \$500 and \$1000 cards for those larger projects. Special orders placed by Monday morning are available for pick up by Thursday, just in time to begin those projects over the weekend!

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 activities 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@sjlarnold.org.

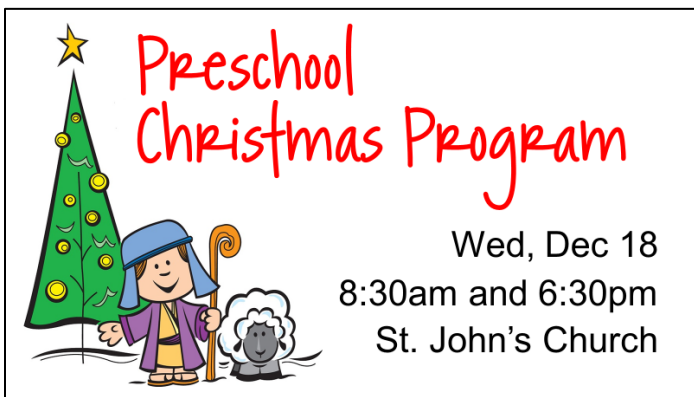


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An Unexpected Christmas is a heartfelt musical that brings people from different paths of life together in an airport terminal on Christmas Eve when, due to inclement weather, their flight is grounded overnight. Together, they realize that the crossing of their paths is anything but random as unexpected events turn their hearts to discover the real meaning of Christmas. Performances will be held on December 13 at 7:00pm, December 14 at 7:00pm, and December 15 at 4:00pm. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

