



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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WILDCATS WEEKLY

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Principally Speaking

Our school is filled with many joys; the first day of school, the individual gifts and personalities at every grade level, the servant hearts of teachers and staff members, the commitment of our church community, the involvement of parents, the excitement of a team victory or a school performance, student baptisms, ministry milestones and anniversaries, graduations, and many more.

Our school theme is JOY:~FULLY ST. JOHN'S, and we will have many opportunities to find joy and express joy during the year. The Apostle Paul tells us that we should "rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Phil 4:4). With these words we are reminded of God's love on good days and bad days, that He is faithful to His promises, and that our greatest joy is in Jesus, our Savior.

We pray that God will bless our school year with many joys. We pray that He will bring joy to each of us every day. And we pray for God to help us rejoice in Him always.

We look forward to another great year at St. John's, as we, with the help of God, honor Him in our teaching and learning.



Student Absences



Regular attendance is a vital factor in any student's school success; accountability for school attendance rests with the parent. Please call the school office at 636-464-7303 (option 1) or send a message to the teacher when your child is absent from school. This will help us prepare for the day and monitor attendance and lunch.

Office Email/Text



As part of our home and school communication, every family receives at least two email/text messages via EDUCATE from the school each week:

- Tue: News and reminders
- Thu: School newsletter (attachment)

We ask two things:

1. At least one parent receives both email and text messages from school.
2. Read the messages and newsletter to stay informed on school news, events, and activities.

Chapel: Wed @ 8:30am

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



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The goals of our school lunch program:

- Provide a healthy, nutritious and tasty lunch at an affordable price
- Increase student participation through our CHOICE menus
- Cook and bake more menu items (use less processed foods)
- Serve age-appropriate portions



LUNCH CHALLENGE

We challenge each child to eat at least one school lunch every week in August and September. If you like the school lunch, we hope you will continue in our program.

Middle School Parents



**Middle School Parents
Monday, August 26**

Grades 5-8 @ 6:30pm

For parents only (no students). Come to school and experience your child's school schedule and classes. Ask questions and learn more about each class.

Gr 5 Band Meeting: Aug 28

For parents and students. Meet at LHSS on Wed, Aug 28 from 7:00-8:15pm. Contact mwiley@slancers.org for info.

**NO SCHOOL
Friday, August 30**



Upcoming Dates

Sep 2	No School: Labor Day
Sep 8	Chicken Dinner K-8 Choir @10:50am
Sep 9	Culver's Night
Sep 11	K-4 Open House
Sep 13	School Picture Day

www.stjohnsarnold.org

We want our school website to be a resource tool for parents. Keep us informed ... let us know if we should add info to our site.



T-Shirt Tuesdays



In keeping with our school tradition, K-8 students may wear an "official" St. John's t-shirt on Tuesdays during the school year. Please note these guidelines:

- The t-shirt can be any color and must be printed with "St. John's" on the shirt (school, sports, church, VBS, or other ministry).
- If not wearing a St. John's t-shirt, then students must comply with our regular dress attire.
- Student wear regular uniform bottoms.

SCHOOL CALENDAR and ACTIVITIES

Sat	Aug 24	Volunteer Appreciation Lunch	
Mon	Aug 26	Middle School Parents	6:30pm
Tue	Aug 27	SCR at St. Paul	4:00pm
		VB A at Salem	4:15pm
Wed	Aug 28	Chapel	8:30am
		Gr 5 Band Parents at LHSS	7:00pm
Thu	Aug 29	VB A Home	4:00pm
		SCR at Atonement	4:30pm
Fri	Aug 29	NO SCHOOL: Professional Day	

Preschool Openings

We would love more friends!! We have spaces available in our Preschool 2 class and our Preschool 4 – Half Day class. Now through September 30th new families that complete registration for either of these classes will receive \$50 in SCRIP cards as a "late start" incentive. Do you know anyone still looking for a great program?



School Calendar

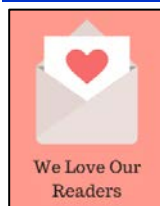
Go to stjohnsarnold.org/calendar to see our online monthly calendar (school activities and sports game schedules). Check back often ... we update the calendar during the year.



Chapel Offerings

Our August and September chapel offerings support the **Honduras Mission**. This mission project provides care for children in orphanages.

Guest Readers



We are looking for people who may be interested in being "Guest Readers" in our Preschool classrooms.

If you would like more info about this reading program, please contact Mrs. Caughlan at dcaughlan@sjlarnold.org.

EDUCATE

EDUCATE is our online communication tool for teachers and parents. Every school family has an EDUCATE account. With EDUCATE:

- School email messages are forwarded to your personal email account
- Receive text messages from school
- Review online gradebook (Gr 1-8)
- Check lunch account balance
- School/Parent Directory

Need help to activate your EDUCATE account? Contact us to get school news, updates, and activity information.



EDUCATE
by TADS

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

Parking Lot Safety

For safe pick-up and drop-off:

- Drive slowly ... watch for pedestrian traffic. Parents supervise or walk children across the traffic lanes.
- Follow traffic patterns when entering and leaving our parking lots.



Lutheran Education Association Children's Choir

Thursday, October 10 at the St. Louis America's Center

Sign up by August 31 at this link:

<https://forms.gle/z9JUTLNcpJYXKEgi8>

- Each family will receive
 - Video links to learn motions for two songs
 - A CD with all songs
 - Lyric worksheets
- Students will rehearse with Mr. Bobby Schroeder a few times at school during the school day; rehearsal dates and times to be determined



Thursday, October 10

- A shuttle will be available from St. John's to the St. Louis America's Center; shuttle departure time and other parking options TBA
- Arrive at the St. Louis America's Center at 10:00am
- Large group practice (ready to sing) at 10:30am in the practice room
- Practice in worship space at 11:15am
- Lunch provided by LEA (you may bring your own)
- Perform at 1:30pm service
- All are dismissed once done singing (around 2:00pm; no need to stay for the whole opening service)

Mrs. McCord will accompany the choir on piano, and our other teachers will attend this event.

We hope to see you there!



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.

Our new members to the BBC:
Brett Leuthauser (PS), Brielle Reynolds (K), Lexi Leonard (3)



Summer Reading Program

Congratulations to our students for participating in the Jefferson County Library summer reading program:

PS	Matthew Bolstad
K	Laney Saffa, Isaiah Yochum
1	Lilly Kramper
3	Marissa Lara
4	Hannah Yochum
6	Caleb Yochum

Lost and Found

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

Names on Clothing

With school logo shirts, fleece jackets, sweatshirts, and PE uniforms, we suggest that you identify your child's clothing with their name on the label or tag. When "found", we can return the item to your child. And write your child's name on the outside of the lunch bag too.

Contacting the Principal



Office hours are flexible. At times the principal may not be in the office (may be in a meeting or visiting classrooms or off campus) and you may need to make an appointment. You can contact David Florine at dflorine@sjlarnold.org or 520-343-4156.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

- Sat, August 24 from 12-4pm (open house) at the school soccer field.
- FREE Kona Ice available from 1-3 pm.
- Please bring lawn chairs.

School Newsletter Info

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

School Choir and Concert Schedule

We schedule our school choirs to sing in worship at St. John's and for various performances during the school year. Here is the choir and concert calendar for the first semester:

Sun	Sep 8	10:50am	Grades K-8 Choir
Sun	Oct 6	8:00am	Middle School Choir
Sun	Nov 3	10:50am	Preschool Choir
Sun	Nov 10	8:00am	Grades K-8 Choir
Wed	Dec 4	8:30am	Grades K-8 Christmas Concert
		6:30pm	Grades K-8 Christmas Concert
Wed	Dec 18	8:30am	Preschool Christmas Program
		6:30pm	Preschool Christmas Program

LHSS Junior Singers

Students in 6th – 8th grades are invited to join the LHSS Junior Singers choir. The Junior Singers rehearse weekly on Tuesday evenings at Lutheran High School South and perform at several concerts throughout the year. Singer-friendly auditions to show pitch-matching and listening and rhythm skills are on Mon and Tue, Aug 26-27. The Junior Singers are directed by Greg Gastler and Kelly McCord; contact Mr. Gastler at ggastler@LSlancers.org or 314-833-1063 for info. Bring a friend ... come and sing!



**CHICKEN
Dinner**
Sunday, September 8
Dine In: 11:30 am-4 pm
Carryout: 10:30 am-5 pm
Visit sjlarnold.org/events for more details.

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.

*Scrip*tips

You can purchase Scrip cards at any worship service each weekend and in the school office during the week. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see a complete list of Scrip cards; we can special order cards for you too.

Accreditation

We received accreditation renewal from the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) program, a process that verifies our school's quality and promotes continuous school improvement. NLSA has reciprocal agreements with other national and state accrediting agencies.



St. John's is also accredited by:

- Missouri Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA)
- National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Associations (NFSSAA).

Our accreditation status affirms our school's commitment to excellence and ongoing school improvement.



Interested in info about St. John's Lutheran Church? We host New Member Classes for those new to the Lutheran Faith. Classes are on Tuesday nights, Sep 3-Oct 8 @ 6:30-8:00pm in Room 108 (church lower level). Childcare is available. Go to the church website for info or contact nkaylor@sjlarnold.org to register.