

# 2018-2019 SCHOOL REPORT

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL



**Purpose Statement.** St. John's Lutheran School prepares students for service, mission, and leadership through its academic strength, partnership with parents, and Christ-centered environment.

**Core Values.** To effectively provide a quality Christian education that meets the ever-changing needs of students, St. John's will focus on four core values: faith, excellence, partnership, and opportunity.

## FAITH

### Jesus. Prayer and Worship. Christian Values.

- School Theme: Fixer-Upper.
- School Verse: "Behold, I am making all things new" Revelation 21:5.
- Three child baptisms in 2017-2018 school year (due to direct school ministry).
- 11 adult members joined St. John's in 2017-2018 (due to direct school ministry).
- Presented Chapel Chats to introduce preschool children and families to our faith.
- Students participated in various ministry and service projects during National Lutheran Schools Week.
- Students collected 10,407 diapers to support Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Care Center.
- Gathered \$840 for gifts and assembled 140 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- Students collected pajamas for the Jefferson County Foster Children's Fund.
- Students contributed \$2,205 in chapel offerings to support missions: Honduras Mission, Operation Christmas Child, Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Center, Lutherans for Life, and Lutheran Heritage Foundation.



## EXCELLENCE

### Academics. Teachers. Educational Technology.

School Testing Results (April 2019)

	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	School
Lang Arts NPR	86	77	75	82	77	88	81
GE	5.6	6.3	7.3	9.5	10.5	13+	
Math NPR	76	69	58	62	74	89	72
GE	4.7	5.7	6.3	7.7	10.8	13+	
Complete Test NPR	82	73	70	69	71	84	75
GE	5.3	6.2	7.1	8.5	10.1	13+	

NPR: National Percentile Rank | GE: Grade Equivalent



- Grade 8 (Class of 2019): Graduated 10 students. Seven students awarded LHSS scholarships; one student received Leadership Scholarship (one of six LHSS leadership scholarships).
- LHSS Scholar Bowl. School (overall): 3rd; Bible Team: 2nd (both teams); Geography Teams: 3rd and 4th; Math Team: 4th, Spelling (individuals): 1st in Grade 2, 2nd in Grade 5, and 3rd in Grade 3; Art (individuals): 1st in Grades 2 and 7; and lots of other awards and ribbons.
- Academic Team (Grades 7-8) finished in 1st Place (Silver Bracket) in Lutheran School State Competition.
- New teachers: Amanda Bangert, Jennifer Castens, Linda Erkkinen, Emmalynn Klatt, and Dana Metcalf.

## FACTS & INFO

- Enrollment (Oct 1, 2018):  
Preschool: 85  
Grades K-8: 116
- Student Church:  
St. John's: 72%  
Other Lutheran: 11%  
Other Church: 6%  
None: 10%
- PS-8 Staffing (full-time and part-time):  
Teachers: 18  
Administration: 4  
Support Staff: 14
- Teachers leaving positions at end of 2018-2019: Emmalynn Klatt
- Awarded \$79,666 in tuition assistance to K-8 need-based families.
- 97% of K-8 students received a tuition discount or financial aid.
- Eligible K-8 students received an average of \$2,956 in tuition reduction (includes financial aid and discounts).
- School improvements: installed stairway handrails, LED lights, water bottle filling station and outdoor classroom fence; replaced fence along Jeffco Blvd; upgraded school entry intercom systems.



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- Teachers: Jill Holland and Sara Panagos completed Master's Degree programs in teaching/education.
- Teachers attended LESA professional development day and other workshops.
- David Florine attended Van Lunen Center program: "Executive Management for Christian Schools".
- David Florine (40 years) and Warren Hunt (25 years) were honored and recognized for years of service and ministry to Lutheran schools.

## PARTNERSHIP

### Home + School + Church = Working Together.

- "Mission Possible" school auction raised over \$105,000 to support school financial assistance, safety and security upgrades, and other resources.
- St. John's Church and School worked together to initiate a strategic planning process.
- Hosted preschool Literacy and STEM activities for parents and children.
- Hosted 50+ veterans at Veteran's Breakfast and Chapel.
- Hosted Early Childhood events to connect church families with school.
- Raised \$7,831 to support American Heart Association research.
- Third graders sold 468 friendship grams to support LHM global missions.
- Hosted parent nights and parent-teacher conferences to build home and school partnerships.
- Celebrated Grandparents Day at school with 150+ preschool and 125+ K-8 grandparents.
- SCRIP card program raised over \$26,000 to support school budget (FY17).
- Sponsored a Birthday Book Club to celebrate student birthdays and add books to our school library.
- Hosted two professional development workshops for preschool teachers.

## OPPORTUNITY

### Beyond 3R's. Leadership. Service. Mission.

- School Band students participated in concerts and Lutheran South Junior Winds Select Band.
- Middle school choir students participated in concerts, LHSS Junior Singers, and annual choir festival.
- Offered middle school electives to expand and enrich learning opportunities.
- Hosted an Academic Team (Grades 7-8) and a Chess Club (Grades 3-8).
- Preschool-Grade 8 children sang for worship services during the year.
- Preschool and K-8 presented a Christmas program for parents, church members, and community.
- K-4 students presented the "Happily Forever After" drama and music production.
- Students displayed art projects at Night at the ART Museum and in LHSS Art Show.
- Students participated in the Cadet Program (after school student-to-student tutoring).
- Students participated in cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track.
- Worked with local fire department for Teen CERT training (Grade 8) and Safety Patrol (Grade 6).
- Overnight class trips provided learning experiences: Grade 8 to Chicago, Grade 7 to Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, and Grade 6 to Camp Wartburg.
- Recognized students for Citizenship Awards (sponsored by Arnold VFW).
- Adopted new school lunch program guidelines; student participation increased 17% from last year.