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WILDCATS WEEKLY

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Principally Speaking

"Tell me about St. John's Lutheran School".
What will you say?

Our parents have a responsibility ... and opportunity ... to be the most significant source for positive public relations for our school. We encourage parents to speak positively about our school ministry to all people they know ... the "word of mouth" network is the best way to ensure continued growth for our school.

So, when you talk about St. John's, what will you say?
I suggest that you have an "elevator speech" ready to share with others.

The elevator speech is a 30-second summary description of our school and its benefits to students and families.

The term "elevator speech" reflects the idea that it should be possible to deliver your summary in the time span of an average elevator ride (30 seconds) ... and the speech should highlight the main components of the school that excite you and others.

Spend a few minutes today working on your "elevator speech" ... think of a brief snapshot of our school that you can quickly share with someone who asks about our school. Perhaps it's while you are riding in the elevator, or waiting in the grocery line, or cheering at the gym or soccer field. How will you respond when someone says, "Tell me about St. John's Lutheran School"?

In promoting our school with your "elevator speech", you may want to include these core values:

- **Faith** (Jesus, prayer and worship, Christian values and morals)
- **Excellence** (teachers, strong academic program, technology)
- **Partnership** (home, school, and church working together)
- **Opportunity** ("extras" beyond reading, writing, and arithmetic)

Have fun. Be creative. Test your speech with other school parents. Be prepared.



School Entry Project



Our new school entry project is scheduled to start during the week of August 5.

Yes, that's right ... we will start soon!
With this project, the main school entry will be closed, so watch for information 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 main entrance and protect our students and guests from inclement weather.

Upcoming Dates

Aug 2	Last Day of Summer Camp
	Summer Camp Blowout Party
Aug 5	Culver's Night
Aug 7	Tell the Teacher More Day
Aug 12	K-8 Back-to-School Night
Aug 14	First Day of School

Summer Office Hours

Our school office will be open on Monday – Friday from 8:00am-3:00pm during the summer. If you need to meet with us on a different day or time, leave a message or email us at school@sjlsarnold.org and we'll reply as soon as possible.

Enrollment Updates

Thanks to those who have enrolled in our school for the upcoming year. We are thankful for your commitment to us and for your continued prayers and support of our school ministry.

Grades K-8: We are pleased that 10 new students have already enrolled for the upcoming year (and we have other applications in process). We still have time and opportunity to add even more students to our school family.

Preschool: We added a 2-year-old preschool classroom to meet the needs of our families. As enrollment continues to increase, our preschool rooms are getting "full". We are still enrolling preschool children, but we have limited spaces available on some days. We are pleased that God has provided us with new preschoolers to join our school family.

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.

Watch for info on CAPP training dates and certification process.

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.



SUMMER CAMP BLOWOUT PARTY
Fri, Aug 2 @ 5:00-7:00pm

Join us for some cool outdoor fun as we say good-bye to summer camp and hello to a new school year. Bubble Bus will be available from 5:30-6:30pm. Purchase treats from Kona Ice from 5:30-6:30pm.

School Newsletter Info

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

Parent Partnerships

We value our home and school partnerships. It is one of our "core values" ... it is a foundational principle of our school. As teachers and leaders in our school we need to begin working on building positive partnerships (or relationships) with our parents ... and communication is key to successful partnerships.

We have two great opportunities before school starts to meet with parents and students and talk with them about the coming school year:

Tell the Teacher More Day
Wednesday, August 7
Preschool-Grade 8 Parents



TELL THE TEACHER MORE DAY. Parents talk. Teachers listen and ask questions. This is a one-on-one time with parent and teacher (no children) where the parent shares information about their child. This information can help the teacher better understand the child and the family, and it can help the teacher prepare the classroom for each child's school success.


Watch for signup information.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
NIGHT**

Monday, August 12
6:30pm

K-8 Parents & Students

CLASS VISITS and BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT. 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. **Watch for preschool classroom visit scheduling info.**



Do you want your child to grow in faith, character, and learning? We can help.

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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 next 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.

Kindergarten Popsicles: Sat, Aug 3



Join other Kindergarten families on Saturday, August 3 at Mastodon State Park at 10am. PLT will host popsicles in the park for incoming kindergartners in the playground area. Children can play while parents have a chance to interact. Stay for as long as you would like with popsicles being served at 11am. Questions? Please contact Melissa Ray at 618-709-3143.

Scrip Program

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.

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: Orders after July 1 will probably arrive after first day of school.

School Uniform Resale



Families can purchase used school uniform attire at reduced prices during school office hours:

- \$2 for embroidered logo shirts, sweatshirts, fleece jackets
- \$1 for shorts, pants, skirts, t-shirts
- Limited quantity, limited sizes ... first come, first served.



Back-to-School Shopping



Our K-8 classroom supply lists are available for your back-to-school shopping. Go to stjohnsarnold.org/info for lists.

2019-20 School Calendar

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

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE NEW TEACHER IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

- Pray for the teacher as she looks at her summer to do list; she might not've had a vacation or success in taking care of needs.
- Pray for the teacher as she needs to be refreshed and healthy; her summer may've included loss, grief, disappointment, or trial.
- Pray for the teacher as she has concerns about how her relationships will change with the school year starting: daycare, marriage, family, needy children.
- Pray for the teacher as she gets her classroom ready; she may have to move rooms, may not have supplies yet, or might have issues to address.
- Pray for the teacher as she attends staff development and meetings; she may have requirements to meet or assignments to finish.
- Pray for the teacher as she re-connects with fellow staff & faculty; some working relationships might be challenging.
- Pray for the teacher as she sorts through curriculum; a change in grade level, publisher, or requirements can be difficult.
- Pray for the teacher as she begins to do her planning; teachers have so much to pack in, and the unexpected will enter in.
- Pray for the teacher as she receives information about her students; she needs openness, insight, wisdom, and compassion.
- Pray for the teacher as she meets a whole new group of parents; parent relationships are crucial to the success of students & teachers.

Every teacher is a real person who goes to the grocery store, does laundry, has dinner with friends, cries, hurts, and worries. She needs the Kleenex and the hand sanitizer, but most of all, she needs your prayers.