



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
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WILDCATS WEEKLY

February 20, 2020

Principally Speaking

When you choose a Lutheran school, you can align your child's education with a focus on Jesus. St. John's offers not only an academically challenging curriculum, but a Christ-centered environment where students grow spiritually as well as intellectually, physically and socially. The love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ is evident each and every day at St. John's.



When talking about our school to others, please share some of the Top Ten reasons to enroll at St. John's:

10. Academic Results
9. Curriculum
8. Technology
7. Affordable
6. Parent Support
5. Congregation Support
4. Opportunities
3. Teachers
2. Kids Love Coming to School
1. Jesus Is Here

Thank you for continuing to give us the opportunity to partner with you in the huge task of raising and educating your child. It is an awesome job. It is a great responsibility.

We look forward to sharing the love of Jesus with each child and building a foundation of excellence in education for all students. And we thank our school parents and church members for their continued teamwork, support, and prayers for our school ministry. While we say it often, it really is true ... "working together, we can continue making St. John's a great place for teaching and learning".

Flu Season



We are in the "flu season". To help us reduce the flu transmission in our school,

please impress the importance of good personal health and hygiene habits such as: not touching your eyes, nose or mouth; frequent hand washing (with soap and water); covering coughs and sneezes; avoiding close contact with sick people; and staying home if you are sick.

For more info on the flu and flu shots, contact your family physician.

Grandparents Day

We are planning special activities to celebrate with our Grandparents. Watch for more info:

- Thu, Mar 12 PS Grandparents
5-8 Skit Show @ 6:30pm
- Fri, Mar 13 K-8 Grandparents
5-8 Skit Show @ 10:30am



MISSOURI'S 529 SAVINGS PLAN

Parents in Missouri can get a state tax deduction for **K-12 private school tuition**, thanks to the federal tax overhaul passed in December 2017. Missouri taxpayers can use MOST 529 assets to pay for K-12 tuition up to \$10,000 per year per student without state tax consequences. Earnings in 529 accounts are not subject to federal income tax, so long as funds are spent on qualified expenses.

Just about anybody can open a 529 account — parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends. For info on MOST 529 plans or to open an account, go to www.missourimost.org or check with your financial planner.

Staff News: Mrs. Bangert



Mrs. Amanda Bangert, First Grade Teacher, will not be returning for the 2020-2021 school year. Her husband will be assigned as a Vicar at another Lutheran church (away from STL metro area), and the Bangert's will be moving this summer.

Mrs. Bangert joined our school in 2018. Please thank Mrs. Bangert for sharing her gift of teaching with us ... and for being a blessing to our church and school, our children and families, and our staff. And we pray that God will bless her and her family as they begin a new ministry at another church.

SCHOOL CALENDAR and ACTIVITIES

Fri	Feb 21	LHSS Band Concert	10:45am
Fri-Sat	Feb 21-22	Boys B Tournament Home	
Sat	Feb 22	Chess Team Away	
Mon	Feb 24	LESA Tuition Assistance	1:00-7:00pm
Tue	Feb 25	K-3 Trip	
		Boys B Home	5:00pm
		CAPP Training	6:30pm
Wed	Feb 26	Chapel: Ash Wednesday	8:30am
Fri-Sat	Feb 28-29	Boys B Tournament at Salem	
Sat	Feb 29	Girls B Tournament Home	
		Chess Team Away	

First Grade Teacher

We are accepting applications for a First Grade Teacher, starting with the 2020-2021 school year.

Are you interested or know of someone else? Submit personal and biographical info to the school office by Fri, March 6. Interested teachers must also submit an application, available at www.stjohnsarnold.org/employment.

A committee will interview selected applicants to select the best teacher to continue the excellence in our school.

AUCTION 2020 PLANNING COMMITTEE



Our auction planning committee needs your help. We need parent volunteers in these areas:

- Promotion/Ticket Sales
- Solicitation/Donations
- Event Coordination
- Contact Joy Lara at 636-633-5696 or jlara2676@gmail.com for info.

Join us for our next meeting on Tue, March 3 @ 6:30pm.

2020-2021 Tuition

Tuition rates and school fees for the 2020-2021 school year are posted at www.stjohnsarnold.org/info. Questions? Contact the school office.

New family and student enrollment.

Go to www.stjohnsarnold.org/enroll for info or contact the school office to begin the enrollment process.

ST. JOHN'S FINANCIAL AID. Go to your TADS account, select the Financial Aid tab to submit your application.

LESA TUITION ASSISTANCE



MON, FEB 24 @ 1:00-7:00pm • BY APPT ONLY

Need help with LESA tuition assistance application? Meet at the LESA office on Mon, February 24 from 1:00-7:00pm (by appt only). Ask questions and get help. LESA Office (near South County Center) Telephone: (314) 200-0790 info@lesastl.org

School Yearbooks



We need pics of sports, field trips, classroom, or school-related pictures for our school yearbook. Upload your pics at www.plicbooks.com/go/ZXtFq

Kids Heart Challenge

\$6,115



St. John's Lutheran School partnered again this year with the American Heart Association and participated in the Kids Heart Challenge. We began the challenge with a kickoff after chapel on Jan 22. Wendy Baka, a representative from the American Heart Association, presented the challenge to our school. She asked for help in raising money to fund research to fight heart disease. Eighty-two children from St. John's participated in the Kids Heart Challenge and brought in donations from family and friends totaling \$6,115.14! We are very blessed to have such a giving community. The students celebrated the conclusion of the Kids Heart Challenge on Feb 7, with a dress down day and fun activities in the gymnasium.

Upcoming Dates

Mar 7 PTL Trivia Night
Mar 10 K-4 Parent Teacher Conf
Mar 12 PS Grandparents Day
Middle School Skit Show
Mar 13 K-8 Grandparents Day
Middle School Skit Show
Dismissal @ 12:00noon
Mar 16-20 NO SCHOOL: Spring Break



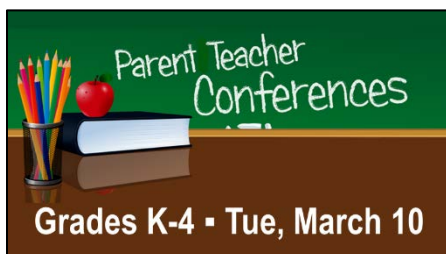
All volunteers who work directly with children at St. John's Lutheran Church and School must follow the CAPP certification guidelines. You must pre-register for the CAPP training at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJL-CAPP

Dress Code Reminders

We want to remind K-8 students and parents:

T-Shirt Tuesday. Students may wear an "official" St. John's t-shirt on Tuesdays during the school year. 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).

Fleece and Sweatshirts. Solid color only: white, black, gray, navy, royal, or light blue. No logo, graphics, or writing (except St. John's logo). No hooded sweaters, hooded sweatshirts or hooded fleece jackets worn in school.



Mark your calendars to attend the K-4 optional (not required) parent teacher conferences. Watch for scheduling info.



To reserve your Trivia Night table (or individuals):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaeaf2da5fc1-stjl>

School Closing: Weather

When snow or ice comes, we announce any school delay or closing by:

- **EDUCATE:** Email and text message
- **TV:** KTVI 2, KMOV 4, KSDK 5

We try to make our announcements as early as possible (by 6:00am) or the night before. If you do not see or hear an announcement, school starts at our regular time at 8:15am.

Scrip Program

Thanks for supporting our school through the Scrip program. All families (PS-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 can help your family budget. When planning your Scrip purchase consider how much you spend on groceries, gas, clothing, etc. Purchase the Scrip cards to fit your needs. When the cards are empty, no more purchases can be made until the next pay time. For a list of vendors: www.shopwithscrip.com.



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.

St. John's Church

**new
MEMBERS
CLASS**

Interested in joining our church? For those new to the Lutheran faith, we will meet on Tuesdays,

February 25-March 31 from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 108 (church lower level).

Registration required; contact Coley Kaylor, our Assimilation Director, at nkaylor@sjlarnold.org or 636-375-0101 to sign up.

School Newsletter Info

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

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.

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 February chapel offerings support the Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Center.



St. John's Lutheran School Summer Camp

Preschool 3 through entering 4th grade.

June 1st – 5th

June 8th – 12th

June 15th – 19th

June 22nd – 26th

A Camping We Will Go

Shark Week – Ocean Exploring

Celebration of Imagination

Up, Up & Away – Air and Space

• No Camp June 29th through July 3rd

July 6th – 10th

July 13th – 17th

July 20th – 24th

July 27th – 31st

Aug. 3rd – 7th

VBS – Rainforest Explorers

An Arctic Adventure

Prehistoric Adventures

The Scientist in Me

The Artist in Me

Camp Hours: Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Before Care available: 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

After Care available: 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Enrollment and pricing information will be available at www.stjohnsarnold.org by 3/1/2020