

# St. John's Lutheran School Newsletter

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## Greetings

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. August is arriving and once again another school year is just around the corner. We would like to welcome you as a member of St. John's Lutheran School Family with the first Newsletter of this year. Also enclosed in this Back to School Night Packet, you will find forms that you will need to complete and turn in on **Back To School Night, Wednesday, August 18th!**

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#### August 18

4:30-7:30 PM  
Back To School Night

#### August 30

7:45 AM  
First Day of School for K-8th  
7:30-8:15 AM  
Rolls/Juice/Coffee  
served by PTL for our parents  
8:30 AM Chapel

#### September 7

First day for 2-Day & 5 Day Pre-K

#### September 8

First day for 3-Day Pre-K

#### September 10

4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Cross Country at HOME

#### September 18

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Eagle Invitational  
Soccer Tournament  
HERE at St. John's

#### September 25

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Eagle Invitational  
Soccer Tournament HERE

#### September 20-24

ITBS Testing for Grades 2-8

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 4:30 to 7:30 PM

Turn in all forms  
Pay fees  
Pick-up information  
Fellowship/PTL Hot Dog  
Dinner--**5-6:30 PM**  
New Family Orientation for  
questions/answers

### SCHOOL HOURS

For the 2010-2011 school year  
2-Day Pre-K- Tues. & Thurs.  
8:30-12 PM  
3-Day Pre-K—Mon., Wed., Fri.  
8:30 AM - 12 PM &  
12-3:30 PM  
4 or 5 Day Pre-K 8:30-12 PM  
Kindergarten- 8th Grades:  
Monday through Friday  
7:45 AM - 2:10 PM  
Extended School Program  
2:05-5:30 PM

## Unable to attend Back To School Night?

If you are unable to attend Back To School Night on Wednesday, August 18th, please contact the teacher to schedule your Home visit early!!

## ITEMS/FORMS TO BRING ALONG/COMPLETED

✓ School fees should be paid

(SMART tuition, bus, and lunch fees)

✓ Parochial Aid Forms for textbook usage, our district provided health services, 7th & 8th grade district provided counseling forms

✓ One completed Emergency Card for each child in your family

✓ For all new students or Pre-K students a completed Health History form

✓ For 7th graders an updated measles immunization form

✓ Optional for 4th graders—a updated physical exam form

✓ Completed volunteer form

✓ (If applicable) Free/Reduced Hot Lunch Form

✓ Signed permission form for publication of any pictures of your child for the 2010-11 school year



### Our School Staff

The Lord has blessed our school with the following teaching staff for this new school year!

Pre-K—Ms. Amy Ohmann

Pre-K Aide—Mrs. Theresa Gaffer

Teacher Aide—Mrs. Karen Orth

Kindergarten—Mrs. Susan Schutte

1st Grade—Mrs. Deborah Volberding

2nd Grade—Mrs. Nona Latzig

3rd Grade—Mrs. Ruth Droogsma

4th Grade—Mrs. Julie Preus

5th Grade—Mr. Robert Rehmer

6th Grade—Mr. David Inselmann

7th Grade—Mr. Kyle Peterman

8th Grade—Mrs. Gretchen Kliche

Principal — Mr. Gary Volberding

Band—Mr. Bruce Bissonett

LSEM—Mrs. Linda Kalk

Health Specialist—Mrs. Linda Beckermann

## EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM

Beginning the first day of school, the Extended School Program (ESP) will be available from 2:05 PM until 5:30 PM for students of St. John's Lutheran. This program is to provide a positive, supervised environment for students when their parents

are unable to pick them up after school. A registration form and more details

are enclosed in this mailing. Please read those materials and fill out the registration

information. We encourage everyone to register their children for the program in case there becomes an emergency need to use it. Children not registered will not be allowed to use the program. The registration fee is just \$10 per child. The forms and fee should be turned in on Back to School Night if possible. More information will be available that night. ESP is also available for Pre-K students from 12-5:30

*This year's school theme!*

*"A Branch of This Life Giving Tree"*

*Based on John 15:5*

## Home Visits

Teachers will be making Home Visits as much as possible before school -- in some cases, due to a large class, a teacher may have an Open House time for groups of parents to meet with the teacher before school starts. The purpose of a home visit is to begin a positive working relationship between the home and the teacher right from the start -- even before the school year starts. This takes a tremendous amount

of time and effort on the teacher's part but they all feel that it is a very worthwhile undertaking. Teachers are not visiting to anyone thing. They are visiting to share valuable information with the parent and the child, build a



judge nor anyone. They are share information with the parent child, personal

one on one relationship with the student and parents, open direct lines of communications between the home and school, have the family share any concerns insights or to ask questions. We share the knowledge that God will bless our partnership for the good of all.

# Welcome to our "New Students"

## Kindergarten

Ellie Bloom  
 Jada Clifford  
 Jake Gangelhoff  
 Joey Heisler  
 Zachary Kappel  
 Sam Ims  
 Kristin Miller  
 William Rolf  
 Naomi Schilling  
 James Wicht  
 Jenna Vogt

**Second Grade**  
 Caleb Fuglestad

**Third Grade**  
 Kaylee Miller

**Fourth Grade**  
 Hallie Fuglestad

**Sixth Grade**  
 Hannah Fuglestad

**Eighth Grade**  
 Logan Nelson



## Available on Back to School Night for our Families

Our school handbook for the 2010-2011 school year.

Schmidt Music information will be available for those who missed our new band night at the end of the last school year!

Transportation reimbursements for those families attending St. John's living in other school dis-

tricts different than Osseo school district #279 and not transported by St. John's Lutheran school bus.

Miscellaneous handout information

Ordering information for St. John's sweat-shirts and t-shirts. We will also have a box of recycle shirts for sale for a donation.

Additional forms to

enroll students if you have left all of your information at home!

Rough draft of our school phone book!

Lunch menus/school supply lists/Bibles \$8/Luther's Small Catechisms \$10

Sign up information for Home Visits with our teachers

**\*\*NOTE:**

**Please make all payments by CHECKS made payable to:  
 St. John's Lutheran School  
 Hot Lunch or Bus or ESP**

*Our School Hymn this year ...*

*O Blessed Spring*

*(Lutheran Service Book #595)*

## More information from St. John's.....

- On Tuesday each week an envelope will be sent home with very important information for you about our school and upcoming events! If your child does not bring this envelope home you may look at our church/school website: [www.stjohnsmg.org](http://www.stjohnsmg.org) to find out what you missed.
- We would appreciate email addresses from everyone that has one! We can better communicate with everyone as the needs arise.
- A special orientation time has been designated for our new families on Back to School Night also. Look for Mr. Volberding!
- St. John's Bus will be in operation again this school year for those folks living in the Rogers/Otsego/St. Michael/Hanover/Corcoran areas. Stop by and communicate your busing needs!
- LSEM is offered again this year with Mrs. Linda Kalk. Mrs. Kalk is provided to us through Lutheran Special Education Ministry to provide support and direct service for our students.

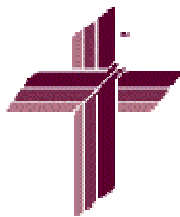
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**Welcome!**  
**Mrs. Karen Orth will be serving**  
**St. John's Lutheran School as a**  
**teacher aide for first and fourth**  
**grades this year!**

**“Learning and Living as God’s**  
**Baptized Children”**



Parent Volunteers are very important to our school! Please check those items, which you would be interested in helping with and return the form on Back To School Night. Our goal is to involve everyone! Please take the time to seriously consider in what areas you can volunteer.

Our PTL hot dog and salad dinner will be served on Back to School Night! Beginning at 5 PM! This is a good time to get acquainted and reacquainted with your fellow Christian Day School families. NO ADMISSION IS CHARGED!?! Families with last names beginning with A-I should bring along a salad, J-Q will share a side/hot dish, and R-Z please bring a dessert of your liking!

## Hot Lunch Program

Our very capable chefs in the kitchen will once again be Mrs. Heather Bursch and Mrs. Lynn Schutte. We will again be offering a daily hot lunch program with the help of our cooks!

Prices for our school lunches this year are:

**Child Lunch (Kindergarten-8th grade)**  
**\$1.80 including one milk**

**Adult Lunch is \$3.00 including one milk**  
**Extra milk is \$.30 per carton**

You may pay for the first month's lunches on Back To School Night—the September lunch menu will be available at this time.



### A Building Update!

In addition to the general cleaning and painting several changes are planned to occur before school begins!

- The main parking lot has been resurfaced.
- All new computers for our computer lab and some classrooms have arrived.
- The trophy case near the fourth grade classroom is being removed and relocated. Coat racks are being installed in its place.
- A security camera system is being installed at each building entrance by the start of school.
- A clock and bell system for our building is being considered and may be ready for the first day of school.

### Final Notes

Osseo District Bus Families: Please update us on any changes or additions for your transportation needs for this school year!

Rally Day will be held at St. John's Church on Sunday, September 12. Adult Bible Study and other Christian Education agencies of St. John's Lutheran will be kicked off this special day! This is a great way to become acquainted with more of your fellow members at St. John's Lutheran!

Questions?? Please see any of our staff with any questions you might have for this new adventure for the 2010-2011 school year! Mrs. Pennie Wells our school/church secretary will be happy to help you fill out any forms you have to get our school year off to a GREAT start!