



St. John's Lutheran School



# The Buzz

August 25, 2022

## Upcoming Events

### Sun. Aug 28

Worship 9:00 am

### Monday, Aug 29

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

3K/4K Orientation  
5:00-7:00

### Tuesday, Aug 30

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Worship 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, Aug 31

Chapel 8:20 am

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Thursday, Sep 1

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Friday, Sep 2

No School

### Sunday, Sep 4

Worship 9:00

### Monday, Sep 5

Labor Day  
No School  
ELC CLOSED

### Tuesday, Sep 6

3K/4K First Day of School

VB Games at Home vs. St. Mark  
4:00 & 5:00

## "Living for Jesus"

This is the theme that we are using for our school year. Throughout each week, students in grades K-8 will meet together for a morning assembly. At this assembly, we will say the pledge; we will have some short devotional thoughts and then announcements. The same devotional topic that we go through each week will then be shared with you in each newsletter so you also are hearing the same truths about Living for Jesus. It is my prayer that throughout this year you and your child and all of us continue to live for Jesus and let our light shine to those around us. God's Blessings on this upcoming school year!

In Christ, Mike Allard, Principal @ St. John's

**School Schedule:** There is **NO SCHOOL** Friday, September 2, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ELC Closed:** The ELC will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, for the Labor Day holiday.

**Fast Direct:** If you have not yet activated your Fast Direct account, we would encourage you to **do so as soon as possible**. In addition to checking grades and progress of your student, parents can also pay tuition and lunch money online through Fast Direct. If you have any questions or problems, please contact the office.

**Campout:** Our annual school campout will be held September 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday-Sunday) at the West Arbutus Jackson County Park. **All school parents and children are invited.**

There will be a potluck supper Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and a worship service Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to come for the potluck and worship service even if you are not camping.

The campground does not take reservations after Labor Day, but there should be plenty of room for all. You can pick your site when you come out.

We hope many of you can join us!

**Bean Bag Tournament:** We are excited to have our second bean bag tournament this year at the campground. The tournament will start with the youth singles at 1:00 on Saturday (9/10). We will have a youth singles tournament, an adult singles tournament, and an adult doubles tournament. There will be no entry fee; we just want as many people to come and play as possible. Prizes for first place winners are being donated by the kind people at Ratsch Engineering.

**Flag Football:** Our first flag football practices will be held on Monday (8/29) and Wednesday (8/31) from 3:30-5:00.

**Volleyball Practice:** Our first volleyball practices will be held next week Tuesday (8/30) and Thursday (9/1) from 3:30-5:00.

**Chapel:** Each Wednesday at our children's chapel service the students have a chance to give a mission offering. This year our mission offerings will go to the WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, which offers resources to help share the gospel of Jesus

Christ with those who are deaf or have any degree of hearing loss.

***Parents, you are always invited to attend chapel services with us. They are held in church every Wednesday morning at 8:20.***

**Kwik Trip Scrip:** We have \$50 Kwik Trip gift cards available in the school office. The school receives a discount when we order the cards. This money goes into our Booster Club to support our athletic programs. If you're interested in purchasing a Kwik Trip card, stop in the office.

**Breakfast/Lunch Info:** Breakfast and lunch will be available every day this year, but the program is no longer being offered free to everyone as it was the past two years. Breakfast costs \$2.00/day and lunch costs \$3.00/day. Milk at snack time (Gr. K-1) or milk with a cold lunch costs 30 cents.

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We would strongly encourage parents to fill out the free/reduced lunch applications that were included in your orientation folders if you think your income and family size may allow you to qualify. Not only does this help our families who are eligible, it also benefits our hot lunch program. Please turn in applications to the school office as soon as possible. Reduced breakfast price is \$0.30/day, and reduced lunch price is \$0.40/day.

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We ask that parents please pay money for breakfasts and lunches ahead of time. We will put that into your meal account, keep track of your child's meals, and let you know when your account is running low. **PLEASE TURN IN LUNCH MONEY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31.**

**Amazon Wish Lists:** Our teachers have come up with "wish lists" of items they could use for their classrooms from Amazon. These lists will continually be updated throughout the school year. If anyone is interested in checking these out or would like to help out with needed donations, please click on the links below.

Grades 6-8: <https://a.co/feSfEIO>

Grades 4-5: <https://a.co/8GnKaZr>

Grades 2-3: <https://a.co/h0Ybri3>

Grades K-1: <https://a.co/6PmhZSp>

School Office: <https://a.co/9jLZa5t>

**Friends of St. John's:** This is our parent-teacher group. This group is for all parents and friends of St. John's-not only those who are members at our church. There will be three scheduled meetings throughout the school year.

The first Friends of St. John's meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, in the school gym starting at 6:00. We will begin with a light supper, then have a short devotion and our business meeting. All of you are invited to attend.

This first FSJ meeting will involve a presentation and discussion about a campaign called **"Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup>"** which encourages parents to hold off on giving their child a smart cell phone until they are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As our world becomes even more digital and the harmful information and images that our children could be exposed to on a smart cell phone are easily accessible, we are looking forward to some thought-provoking discussions. If you would like to check this campaign out beforehand, please visit [www.waituntil8th.org](http://www.waituntil8th.org).

We thank the parents who have signed up to provide supper before the FSJ meeting. They are: Joseph & Becca Biebert, Craig & Rachel Anderson, and Jenny Shadrick. Thanks for your willingness to help out!

**Remind:** This year we will continue implementing a communication system called Remind. This will allow us to text or email parents to inform you of upcoming events happening at school or church.

**Survey:** Look for a text message next week that will have a link to our annual parent survey for both new and returning families.

**Adult Instruction Class:** We have already had some parents express interest in adult instruction class. This class is meant not only for those who may be interested in church membership, but also for those who would like to learn more about what our church teaches and what your children are learning in religion classes at school.

We are making plans to begin class sometime in September. If any other parents are still interested or would like more information, please email us or call the school office and we will be happy to assist you.