



# The Buzz

October 3, 2024

## BE BOLD—BE STRONG

### Friends Are Parted

*"Saul and Jonathan—in life they were loved and gracious, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions."*

-2 Samuel 1:23

The life of David was filled with many problems that brought him closer to the Lord. As a young man, David knew he would be the next king of Israel. But there was already a king on the throne named Saul. Saul got to know David well after he slew the giant Goliath. David became very popular among the people, and Saul became jealous. Through the Lord's plan, David spent many hours in the palace with Saul, playing soothing music on his harp. While in the courts of Saul, David became good friends with Jonathan, Saul's son. They were such good friends they made secret pacts with each other promising to always be there for each other when they were needed. Their friendship was one of the greatest friendships of the Bible. As the years went by, Saul began to hate David more and more. Saul's mind grew ill, and there were times when he tried to kill both David and Jonathan. Eventually Jonathan and David needed to part ways to spare David's life.

One day the Philistines fought against the Israelites. King Saul led his army into battle, and his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki-Shua went with their father. But the battle went terribly bad. All three sons were killed, and Saul was wounded and eventually took his own life. The Israelites lost their leader and his sons who were to be next on the throne. What a horrible day for God's people!

It didn't take long for word of the battle to reach David. A man arrived at David's door and said to him, "The men fled from battle. Many of them fell and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead" (2 Samuel 1:4). David's heart was broken. He had lost his closest friend, Jonathan. The Bible says he mourned and wept for Saul and Jonathan. Finally David decided to write a song about these brave men and told the people to learn the words so they could join in singing it. The song began with the words, "Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights. How the mighty have fallen" (2 Samuel 1:19). The song went on to say, "Saul and Jonathan, in life they were loved and gracious, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. . . I grieve for you, Jonathan, my brother, you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful" (2 Samuel 1:23,26).

How beautiful it is to see strong friendships like the one between David and Jonathan. They enjoyed each other's company, and cared for one another as brothers. Perhaps some of you have a wonderful friendship like these two men. Perhaps you know of someone who would stand with you through thick and thin. That's what makes a great friendship.

Earthly friendship can be a wonderful thing. But it is even better to have a friendship with the Lord and Savior. Might it ever be possible to be a friend of Jesus? That answer is given in John 15:15 when Jesus says, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). And again Jesus said how far he would go for us, his friends, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

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

## **Volleyball Games:**

**Thurs, 10/3: @ Home vs. St. Peter**

**A Team-5:00**

*Helpers are needed for the concession stand.  
Come and cheer for the Hornets!*

**Milk Prices:** Because milk prices have gone up, we will be adjusting the charge for snack milk (K-1) and extra milks at mealtime. The cost for milk will be raised to 45 cents starting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Picture Day:** School pictures will be taken on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, for Grades 3K-8<sup>th</sup>. Picture order envelopes have been sent home with the children. You may send those back to school with your payment before picture day, or you may order online at the following link:

<https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/90238JF>

You can place your order online before picture day.

**Fire Department Visit:** Members of the Neillsville Fire Department will be visiting us on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, to give a fire safety presentation to the younger students.

**Football Games: Monday, Oct 7—We will play at St. Mark in Eau Claire.**

Our first game is at 4:00 vs St. Mark

Our second game is at 5:00 vs Messiah

*Drivers are needed. We will leave from school at 2:30.*

***Directions to St. Mark 3307 State St***

*Take I-94 west. Take exit 68. Turn Right at WI-93. Take 1<sup>st</sup> Left onto Golf Rd. Take a slight right at E. Lowes Creek Rd. Turn Right at State Street.*

**K-1 Field Trip-10/8:** Grades K-1 will be taking a field trip to Ferguson's Apple Orchard on Tuesday, October 8. If you have any questions, please talk to Mrs. Shadrick.

**Volleyball Games: Tuesday, Oct 8—We will play at home against St. Paul**

B Team-4:30

A Team-5:30

*Volunteers are needed for the concession stand. Come and cheer for the Hornets!*

**Walk to School Day:** Walk to School Day is next Wednesday, October 9. Children are encouraged to wear black and gold to show their school spirit. Parents, you are more than welcome to walk along, and there will be other chaperones. Please drop your children off at the IGA parking lot by 7:30, and we will walk from there to school.

**Volleyball Games: Thursday, Oct 10—We will play at home against Trinity.**

B Team-4:00

A Team-5:00

*Volunteers are needed for the concession stand. Come and cheer for the Hornets!*

**Alternate Bus Routes-10/11:** Since the Public School has off on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have our alternate St. John's bus routes that day, just like we did the first two weeks of school. If you have any questions on bus times for October 11<sup>th</sup>, please contact the school office.

**K-1 & 2-5 Field Trips-10/11:** Grades K-1 will be taking a field trip to Osseo to watch a play, and Grades 2-5 will be taking a field trip to the planetarium in Stevens Point. Talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Oct 3

VB Games @ Home vs. St. Peter  
B Team-4:30  
A Team-5:30

### Sunday, Oct 6

Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Bible Class 10:15 am

### Monday, Oct 7

School Picture Day  
FB Games @ St. Mark, Eau Claire  
4:00 vs. St. Mark  
5:00 vs. Messiah

### Tuesday, Oct 8

K-1 Field Trip to Apple Orchard  
VB Games @ Home vs St. Paul  
B Team-4:30  
A Team-5:30

### Wednesday, Oct 9

Walk to School Day  
Chapel 8:20 am

### Thursday, Oct 10

VB Games @ Home vs. Trinity  
B Team-4:00  
A Team-5:00

### Friday, Oct 11

No Public School.  
Alternate Bus Routes.  
Gr. K-1 Field Trip  
Gr. 2-5 Field Trip

**Boys' Basketball:** We hope to have a boys' A-Team play this winter before our co-ed season. If your child is interested in playing, please contact Mr. Allard. Practices will start at the end of October and we will have games in November and December.



### **Addie Allard**

The student of the week is Addie Allard. Addie is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. She is a hard worker, sets a good example in the classroom, and gets her work done well and on time.



### ***Congratulations Addie!***

### **Faith & Fellowship for 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders:**

On Sunday, Oct. 13, there will be a Youth Night from 5:30-7:30 at St. Mark in Eau Claire. A keynote speaker on "How to Use the Power of God," as well as games, snacks, and fun with fellow area teens will be part of the evening. Please let Linda Biebert (715-819-0455-call or text) know by Oct 6<sup>th</sup> if you are interested, so carpooling can be coordinated.

The weekend of October 18-20 there is a Teen Retreat at Camp Phillip outside of Wautoma. Under the theme "GLOW in the DARK," based on John 1:5, teens can enjoy all the fun, all the spiritual support, and all the fellowship of many Christian teen friends that camp provides, for an amazing weekend!

The retreat starts at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends after the Sunday morning worship service (about 10:30-11:00 a.m.). Cost is \$80 for two night's lodging, meals, and all the weekend's camp activities. Register at [campphillip.com](http://campphillip.com). Let Linda Biebert know if you have any questions, or if help with transportation or cost would make the retreat possible for your teen(s).

**Pioneers:** Our next Pioneer meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We will be learning about first aid. All boys and girls in grades K-8 are invited to come.

**Singing Schedule:** Grades 3K-8 will be singing for our worship service on Sunday, October 20. Church begins at 9:00 a.m. We hope many of you can join us. The children will be singing early in the service, so if some of you need to leave to attend your own church service, that will hopefully make it easier for your children to come here to sing.

**Fall Dinner:** The Friends of St. John's is sponsoring their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 20, from 11:15 to 1:00 in the school gym. The menu will include baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salads, dinner rolls, and pies.

Proceeds from the free-will donations raised at the dinner will go to cover the remaining cost of the new whiteboards installed in the classrooms this past summer. All are invited to attend!

*If you would like to help out by providing food donations or working in the kitchen, please fill out and return the donation sheets that were sent home with the children. Thanks!*

**Grandparents Program:** Grades 3K-5<sup>th</sup> will be putting on a program for grandparents (and aunts, uncles, parents, etc.) on **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

We will have chapel at **9:00** that morning, and following chapel will continue with the activities being planned.

All grandparents and other relatives are invited to join us for chapel at 9:00 and for the activities/program, which will be done at 11:00.

**School Schedule 10/23-25, 10/28:** Parents, please take note of the upcoming school schedule.

<b>Wed, 10/23:</b>	<b>We will dismiss at noon.</b>
<b>Thurs, 10/24:</b>	<b>No School (3K-8<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>Fri, 10/25:</b>	<b>No School (3K-8<sup>th</sup>)</b>
<b>Mon, 10/28:</b>	<b>No School (3K-5<sup>th</sup>) Virtual (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)</b>

Our teachers will be attending state teachers' conferences in Milwaukee on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. On the days we don't have school, the ELC will be open for childcare.

**Trunk or Treat:** Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 2:00-4:00. Children are encouraged to dress up in costumes if they wish.

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to decorate their trunks and bring treats to be handed out. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Mrs. Shadrick at 715-897-0903.