St. John's Lutheran School

ST. JOHN'S HORNETS

The Buzz

September 17, 2026

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY JESUS IS?

Matthew 16:13-16: *"Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

Who is Jesus? To God's children that might seem like an easy question to answer. He is God's Son, our Savior. But we must understand that there are many people who do not know the real Jesus. Once Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was. Peter gave an excellent answer, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Do you know that many religions believe in a man named Jesus? The Muslims speak about Jesus, and so do the Mormons. But these people will never get to heaven. Why? It's because they believe in someone they call Jesus, but he's not the Jesus in the Holy Bible. Some religions say Jesus was a good man who lived many years ago. Some say he was just a little god, not as great as God in heaven. Still others say he was a spirit and the brother of Satan. These religions believe in a man named Jesus, but their Jesus is much different from the true Jesus. Their Jesus is a false Jesus.

So, who really is Jesus? If someone asks you that question, here are some good points to remember. Jesus is God and a person of the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to earth to live among us. His mother was Mary, and his Father was God the Father. Jesus lived a perfect life so he could keep the whole law of God. Jesus spent his ministry telling people about God's love. Because there were many who hated Jesus, he was arrested, tried, and crucified on a cross. Jesus willingly died to save us from our sins. He shed his blood to pay the debt we owed. That's why we call him our Savior. After Jesus died he was buried. Three days later he rose from the dead and now he lives forever. Jesus has promised that he will return to judge everyone, and that all who believe in him as their Savior will be given the gift of eternal life.

When Jesus ascended into heaven he promised to be with us always. We believe he is with us today, caring for us and blessing us. He promised us that one day we will be with him forever. What a wonderful day that will be.

Jesus has asked each of us to go and tell everyone about him so that others will share in the joy that we have. That is how we will light the world! Come to church this Sunday at St. John's to see the children in 3K-8 let their lights shine through song!

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sep 17
VB Games @ Home vs St. Paul
B Team-4:30
A Team-5:30

Friday, Sep 18
No Public School.
Alternate Bus Routes.

Sunday, Sep 20
Worship 9:00 am
Gr. 3K-8 sing

Sunday School 10:30 am

Bible Class 10:30 am

Monday, Sep 21
FB Games @ Home4
vs St. Mark-4:00
vs Messiah-6:00

Tuesday, Sep 22
VB Games @ St. Paul, Menomonie
B Team-4:30
A Team-5:30

Wednesday, Sep 23
Chapel 8:20 am

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

Thursday, Sep 24
VB Games @ St. Mark, Eau Claire
B Team-4:30
A Team-5:30

Friday, Sep 25
Field Trip (Gr. K-3) 12:30

Faculty Meeting 3:15 pm

Sunday, Sep 27
Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Volleyball Games-9/17: This afternoon we will play @ Home vs. St. Paul.

B Team plays at 4:30
A Team plays at 5:30

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

Alternate Bussing-9/18: Tomorrow the Public School has off, so we will have our alternate St. John's bus routes.

Singing Schedule: Grades 3K-8 will be singing for our worship service this Sunday, September 20th. It would be great if all students could be there! Church begins at 9:00 a.m. 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.

Sunday Bible Study: Sunday Bible study will start up again this Sunday, 9/20, after church. We will be studying "Christian Doctrine Two: 8 Studies on Deeper Christian Teachings." All are invited to join us in the church basement at 10:30.

Sunday School: Sunday School will start up again this Sunday, 9/20, for preschool through 6th grade students. Preschool-Kindergarten students will meet in the church basement; Grades 1-6 will meet in the school. All children are invited! We encourage 7th & 8th grade students to attend Sunday Bible Study.

Football Games-9/21: We will host Flag Football games here on Monday, September 21st. There will be three games:

St. John's vs St. Mark	4:00
Messiah vs St. Mark	5:00
St. John's vs Messiah	6:00

Volunteers to referee and help in the concession stand are needed. Come and cheer for the Hornets!!

Volleyball Games-9/22: On Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, we will travel to St. Paul's in Menomonie.

B Team plays at 4:30
A Team plays at 5:30

We will leave from school by 2:45. Drivers are needed.

Directions to St. Paul Lutheran School
1100 9th St E, Menomonie

Take US 10-W to Interstate 94-W. Take I-94 W for 35.8 miles. Take exit 52 for US-12/WI-29. Turn right onto US-12 W/WI-29 W for 9.5 miles. Turn left onto 9th St E. St. Paul's will be on the left.

Practices:

Wed, Sep 23	**Volleyball**	**3:30-5:00**
Wed, Sep 23	**Football**	**3:30-5:00**

Volleyball Games-9/24: On Thursday, Sept. 24th, we will travel to St. Mark in Eau Claire.

B Team plays at 4:30
A Team plays at 5:30

We will leave from school around 3:00. Drivers are needed.

Directions to St. Mark Lutheran School
3307 State St Eau Claire

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

Field Trip: Grades K-3 will be going to a "Pumpkins and Petting Zoo" program at the Neillsville Retirement Community on Friday, Sep 25th. More information has been sent home with the children.

Cross Country Meet: The Cross County Meet will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at Sunnyvale County Park in Wausau. This is for any interested students in Grades K-8. More information is available, including a registration form, from the school office, or you may go to the link below on our website to access the information (the same page where The Buzz is posted).:
News & Notes

Save the Date-School Pictures!
School picture day for Grades 3K-8th has been set for Monday, October 5th. More information will be sent home soon.

Walk to School Day: Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 7th. Watch for more information to be sent home soon.

Volunteers Needed in Grades 2 & 3

Mr. Leiterman is looking for a volunteer or multiple volunteers who would be willing to come and listen to students read and help them read/work on assignments. The time he is aiming for is from 9:30-11:00. This doesn't need to be every day. If you're interested or know of someone who is willing to help, please let Mr. Leiterman know.

Thrivent: As we start another school year, we want to encourage you to consider using your Thrivent Action Teams to help provide needed school supplies and resources for our students. For those who have Thrivent, Thrivent Action Teams offer an opportunity for members to make a positive difference by organizing a service project or supporting a need within our school community. To do so, please submit an action team online and label it "Education Supplies." By working together

and using these opportunities to purchase classroom supplies, educational materials, or other needed items, we can help support our school while being good stewards of the blessings God has provided.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mr. Leiterman.

Youth Group: Youth Group will hold its first meeting of the school year on Sunday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Christie. All students in 8th through 12th grades are invited.

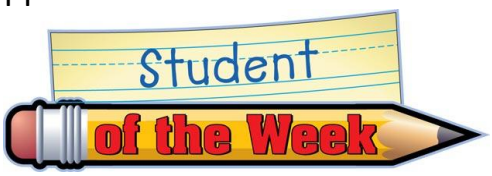
We will be watching an online Teen Bible Study, "My Self-Worth," led by Pastor Jon Enter. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." That sentence is a lie. Words hurt. Their wounds sometimes take decades to heal. And the deepest pain is found in words spoken against yourself. I'm worthless. I'm a failure. I'm not good enough. Mephibosheth knows your pain. His short yet powerfully personal Bible story will guide you to see yourself differently, to see yourself as God sees you: beloved, worthy, and his.

We hope many 8th graders and high school students can join us!

Pioneers: The first Pioneer meeting of the school year will be held on Sunday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. All children in grades K-8 are invited.

School Boiler: One of our two school boilers has developed mechanical problems and must be replaced. After getting two quotes, we decided to hire RC Heating and Cooling LLC of Neillsville to do the work. The installation will be accomplished on Saturday, Sept. 26th and the total cost for this work will be $13,400.00. Donations toward this project are gladly accepted. You can drop those off in the school office.

Aluminum Cans: You may have noticed the bin in our parking lot (by the dumpsters) where we collect aluminum cans. Proceeds from collecting cans goes toward our summer Day Camp. You can drop off any aluminum cans that you have at any time. Thanks for your support!



Calan Hannasch

The student of the week is Calan Hannasch. Cal is in 3rd Grade. He is polite and respectful, sets a good example for his fellow classmates, is helpful, and has been doing a good job getting his work done.

Congratulations Cal!