



St. John Lutheran School

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Dear Families,

John 15:5 reads: "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." This Bible verse inspired the Lutheran Schools theme for the 2023-2024 school year, "Connected". The theme "Connected" emphasizes the importance of staying connected to God and to one another in all we do.

We are fortunate at St. John Lutheran School to have the opportunity to provide and share not only academic knowledge with our students but also our faith in a place where students can learn, grow and thrive. In sharing Christ's love and His Word with students we are "connecting" them to Christ. There are many connections that children have to family and friends. We will focus on Christ being part of all our connections every day of the year. Connecting with our families as partners to educate their children in an environment of faith, love and fellowship. The connection to Christ is part of each week's chapel theme this year. Beyond chapel, we have the opportunity each day for children to grow a connection with Christ in the classroom, on the playground, in the lunchroom and beyond the walls of our school. As a church and school community connected to one another, we are grateful to share in the mission and ministry of sharing the Good News to all people.

A Servant for Jesus,

Tracy Germann
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Welcome back!! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer filled with fun, family and new memories. It has been a busy summer with hiring new faces, sorting lots of new supplies, meetings and beginning the work for accreditation this year. I am ready for the new year to begin and look forward to sharing the Good News with the students that will be entering our doors in a few short weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing school board members **Ashley Crall** and **Marlea Myles**. They have faithfully served the students of St. John with hours of dedication for the past three years. I would like to welcome our newest school board members **Tina Wachtman** and **Ben Pescara**. They will be serving with current school board members, **Eric Riefers** (President); **Abbie Badenhop** (Vice President); **Kara Cowell** (Secretary); and **Yajaira Kruse** (Treasurer).

In your packet is an Emergency Information sheet. This needs to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Also in your packet is the technology agreement. Please read over the Technology Acceptable Use Policy carefully with your child(ren). Please then read the enclosed agreement to this policy, complete both sides, and return to the school office by Friday, September 8, 2023. If you have any questions please contact me.

Please be advised that all immunizations must be completed by the first day of school. Students not having their updated immunization shots by the first day of school will be sent home.

Financial assistance is available to all families whose children attend St. John School. Forms are available in the school office and proof of need will be required for some of them.

Finally, please join me in welcoming the following new St. John staff members; Kindergarten Teacher, **Mrs. Megan Sherman**, **Mrs. Aymie Barnes**, who will come to St. John one day a week to teach Art to the students, and **Miss Mary Rettig**, who will be joining us as the Freedom Flock Director. Welcome *Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Barnes, and Miss Rettig!*