



St. John's Lutheran School  
Middle School News  
2023- 2024 School Year  
"Legends of the Bible"



## January 12th, 2024

### Upcoming Events:

- January 16 - Basketball Home Games vs. St. Paul's Mt. Calvary  
B Girls - 4:15pm, B Boys - 5:15pm,  
A Girls - 6:15pm, A Boys - 7:15pm
- January 17 - Q2 Report Cards Sent Home
- January 19 - Home Basketball Game vs. St. Paul's Mt. Calvary  
C Girls - 4:30; C Boys - 5:15 - Parent's Night
- January 21 - 3rd Grade Leads Church Service @ 9am
- January 22 - Basketball Home Game Vs. Divine Redeemer  
A Boys - 6:00 pm
- January 25 - Student Council Meeting
- January 25 - 28 - Eagle Invitational Basketball Tournament
- January 29 - No School - Teacher In Service
- January 30 - Basketball Home Game Vs. St. Peter's - A Girls - 4:15; A Boys 5:15 - Parent's Night
- February 3 - 4th Grade Chapel Message - 5:30 pm service
- February 6 - Basketball Home Game vs. St. Peter's - B Girls - 4:15, B Boys 5:15 - Parent's Night
- February 9-11 - 7th - 8th Grade Winter Extreme Youth Retreat
- February 11 - 5th Grade Chapel Message - 9:00 am service
- February 15 - 3rd Quarter Mid-term ends
- February 15 - Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences
- February 16 - No School - Teacher Work Day
- March 2 - "Rock the Flock" PTL Church and School Family Dance
- March 3-8 - National Lutheran Schools Week
- March 8 - Grandparents Day
- March 20 - End of 3rd Quarter
- March 21 - April 1 - Spring Break/Easter Break



### Athletics:

2023-2024 Sports Season! Remember that any schedule changes that are new will be highlighted in yellow.

Please click on the link to sign up for the opportunities to assist with the athletic program. <https://signup.com/go/ZyZRxFm>

## Basketball:

## **A Boys:**

Friday, Jan. 12 - 5:15 - St. Paul's Oconomowoc Tournament vs. Divine Redeemer  
Saturday, Jan. 13 - TBD - St. Paul's Oconomowoc Tournament  
Monday, Jan. 15 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Home Game vs. St. Paul's Mt. Calvary - 7:15  
Thursday, Jan. 18 - Away Game vs. St. Paul's NFDL - 6:30 (1010 Adams Avenue, North Fond du Lac)  
Friday, Jan. 19 - Away Game vs. Redeemer - 7:15 (606 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac)  
Saturday, Jan. 20 - Away Game vs. St. Matthew's IR - 2:00 pm (@ Bethany Hustisford - 280 N Ridge St.)  
Monday, Jan. 22 - Home Game vs. Divine Redeemer - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00 pm  
Thursday Jan. 25 - Saturday, Jan. 27 - Eagle Invitational Home Basketball Tournament  
Monday, Jan. 29 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Home Game vs. St. Peter's - 5:15 \*\*\*\*\*Parent's Night  
Thursday, Feb. 1 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00 (Depending on tournament schedule)  
Thursday, Feb. 1- Sat. Feb. 3 - Lebanon Lutheran A Team Basketball Tournament  
Monday, Feb. 5 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Practice 6:30 - 8:00  
Thursday, Feb. 8 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Monday, Feb. 12 - Practice 3:30 - 5:30 (Time Change)  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Practice 3:30 - 5:30 (Time Change)  
Wednesday, Feb. 14 - Practice 3:30 - 5:30  
Thursday, Feb. 15 - Practice 3:30 - 5:30 (Time Change)  
Feb. 16 - 17 - WALL A Tournament

## **A Girls:**

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Home Game vs. St. Paul's Mt. Calvary - 6:15  
Thursday, Jan. 18 - Practice 6:00 - 7:30  
Friday, Jan. 19 - Away Game vs. Redeemer - 6:15 (606 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac)  
Saturday, Jan. 20 - Away Game vs. St. Matthew's IR - 1:00 pm (@ Bethany Hustisford - 280 N Ridge St.)  
Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Practice 6:00 - 7:30  
Thursday Jan. 25 - Saturday, Jan. 27 - Eagle Invitational Home Basketball Tournament  
Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Home Game vs. St. Peter's - 5:15 \*\*\*\*\*Parent's Night  
Thursday, Feb. 1 - Practice 6:00 - 7:30 pm (Depending on Tournament Schedule)  
Thursday, Feb. 1- Sat. Feb. 3 - Lebanon Lutheran A Team Basketball Tournament  
Thursday, Feb. 8 - Practice 6:00 - 7:30  
Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Practice 6:00 - 7:30  
Thursday, Feb. 15 - Practice 6:00 - 7:30  
Feb. 16 - 17 - WALL A Tournament

## **B Boys:**

Friday, Jan. 12 - 6:15 - St. Paul's Oconomowoc Tournament vs. St. Paul's  
Saturday, Jan. 13 - TBD - St. Paul's Oconomowoc Tournament (Possible times - 9:30, 11:40, 1:50)  
Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Home Game vs. St. Paul's Mt. Calvary - 5:15

Wednesday, Jan. 17 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Thursday, Jan. 18 - Away Game vs. St. Paul's NFDL - 5:30 (1010 Adams Avenue, North Fond du Lac)  
Friday, Jan. 19 - Away Game vs. Redeemer - 5:15 (606 Forest Avenue, Fond du Lac)  
Saturday, Jan. 20 - Away Game vs. St. Matthew's IR - 12:00 pm (@ Bethany Hustisford - 280 N Ridge St.)  
Monday, Jan. 22 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Thursday, Feb. 1- Sat. Feb. 3 - West Bend B Team Basketball Tournament  
Monday, Feb. 5 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Home Game vs. St. Peter's - 5:15 \*\*\*\*\*Parent's Night  
Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
Thursday, Feb. 8 - Practice - 3:15 - 4:30  
Friday, Feb. 9-10 - WALL B Team Tournament

## **B Girls:**

Friday, Jan. 12 - Practice 4:30 - 6:00  
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Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Home Game vs. St. Paul's Mt. Calvary - 4:15  
Thursday, Jan. 18 - Away Game vs. St. Paul's NFDL - 4:30 (1010 Adams Avenue, North Fond du Lac)  
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Saturday, Jan. 20 - Away Game vs. St. Matthew's IR - 11:00 pm (@ Bethany Hustisford - 280 N Ridge St.)  
Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Thursday, Feb. 1- Sat. Feb. 3 - West Bend B Team Basketball Tournament  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Home Game vs. St. Peter's - 4:15 \*\*\*\*\*Parent's Night  
Wednesday, Feb. 7 - Practice - 3:15 - 4:30  
Friday, Feb. 9-10 - WALL B Team Tournament

## **C Team:**

Friday, January 12 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Wednesday, January 17 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Friday, January 19 - Home Game vs. St. Paul's Mount Calvary - C Girls - 4:30 ; C Boys - 5:30 \*\*\*\*\*Parent's Night  
Wednesday, January 24 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Wednesday, January 31 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Friday, February 2 - Practice 3:15 - 4:30  
Saturday, February 3 - St. John's Lomira (558 S. Water St. Lomira) C Boys and C Girls tournament - TBA

## **Spirit Squad:**

Fri. Jan 12 - Practice Art Room 3:15 - 4:30  
Mon. Jan. 15 - Practice Art Room 3:15 - 4:30  
Fri. Jan. 19 - Practice Art Room 3:15-4:30; Gym 4:30 - 5:00  
Mon. Jan. 22 Practice Art Room 3:15 - 4:30  
Fri. Jan. 26 - Pep Rally and Tournament

Sat. Jan. 27 - Home Tournament

Tues, Jan 30 - Cheer Games - Parent's night A BBall teams - AG - 4:15, AB - 5:15

Fri. Feb. 2 - Practice Art Room - 3:15 - 4:30

Mon. Feb. 5 - Practice Art Room 3:15 - 4:30

Tues. Feb. 6 - Cheer Games - Parent's Night B BBall and Spirit Squad - BG - 4:15, BB - 5:15 - Recognize the Spirit Squad Parents between Games.

## Classroom News

**5th Grade Class-** Memory is on Tuesday and Thursday. The Tuesday memory is on a sheet that was sent home and the Thursday memory is the verse found in their planner for the current week. The Capital Campaign is kicking off! In school we are focusing on Stewardship and what it means to be a good steward. Posters for the contest are due on January 26th! Let's get excited about our new youth building! Report cards come home next Wednesday.

### **6th Grade Class -**

As 2nd quarter wraps up and 3rd quarter begins on Monday, I encourage the 6th graders to work hard as often this quarter is a tough one due to content becoming more challenging. Please help remind your children to charge their chromebooks. I remind them daily to charge them because a chromebook not charged or not at school is of no use. This is definitely an issue. Students will all be given a reminder to clean and organize their lockers, folders, and other supplies so they can start 3rd quarter on the right foot.

**7th Grade Class -** We wrap up the 2nd quarter and start the new quarter on Monday! Let's start strong 7th graders! Students were given the Capital Campaign poster contest sheet. Each student will take part. They were given the poster paper and rules. Students can either work in study hall or take it home. It is due January 26. A new church attendance sheet came home for the Friday Folder.

### **8th Grade Class -**

All fundraisers are now complete for the class trip. Make sure all final invoices over the upcoming months are paid and good to go for our April trip. We will have a meeting in early March and then in early April to discuss the trip and expectations. Please help continue to encourage the 8th graders to work hard as 3rd quarter begins to be a difficult time of year with busy schedules and content becomes challenging.

## Mathematics

**5th Grade Math-** We are now working to finish up chapter 5 on long division. Please encourage students to work on their multiplication facts to help them solve their multiplication and division problems. We will be having our chapter 5 test next week. We will begin our MAP testing next week as well.

**6th Grade Math** - We are beginning chapter 4 which introduces setting up and solving expressions and inequalities. Furthermore, they will be working on plugging in values to substitute and solve algebraic expressions. We will be starting MAP testing either next week or early the week of January 22.

**7th Grade Math** - We are currently working on percent changes, markups, markdowns, taxes, etc. This process is going to challenge and reaffirm our knowledge of algebraic equations. I encourage the students to check their work regularly and make corrections when necessary. If any support is needed, please reach out for times I can work with them after school or during tutoring on Wednesdays.

**8th Grade Math** - We are about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way through Unit 3. This unit is basically an extension of Unit 2. We will still be working with slope, y-intercept, and linear equations. This unit gets into more of the applications and theory of relations and functions. There are only 6 lessons so we will most likely finish and have a test on this by Jan. 26. It looks like we will be having a test on Chapter 3 by Tuesday, Jan. 23.

## Science

**5th Grade Science** - We started a new unit on Energy and Heat. We are learning about all of the types of energy. We will learn what thermal energy is and what temperature actually measures. As we learn about heat transfer - conduction, convection, and radiation, look for a new at-home project to be coming home. :)

**6th Grade Science** - We are starting our chapter on Motion and Machines. We will be learning about Leonardo da Vinci, energy (mechanical, potential, and kinetic), and motion (reference points, speed equation).

**7th Grade Life Science** - We will be doing a lab with pigeon genetics and will be doing a study guide to prepare for a test over the Information in the Cell - Chapter 3. Students will be working on a Genetics Box of Facts project done at home.

**8th Grade Earth Science** - We will take our test on space exploration (pushed back due to snow days). Then we will begin work on minerals. This next chapter is more out of the book and will involve several labs. We begin by defining a mineral and then will start to test the many characteristics used to identify them.

## Literature

**5th Grade Literature** - Reading counts quizzes still need to be taken throughout the 3rd quarter. We have been learning about summarizing and taking notes. We have been writing stories in English and proofreading. January reading calendars are due Feb. 1.

**6th Grade Literature / ELA** - We began a new unit, *Characters Who Change and Grow*, which is primarily computer based. It is imperative that students have their chromebooks at school and that they are charged. This has been a struggle for many students. There is a storage unit for the chromebooks with chargers that are available to students. Reading Counts progress reports were sent home Monday, January 8th for the parents to view and sign. All quarter 2 Reading Counts quizzes should be taken by 3:30 Friday, Jan. 12. January reading calendars are due February 1.

**7th Grade Literature / ELA** - We began a new unit, *Community*, which is primarily computer based. It is imperative that students have their chromebooks at school and that they are charged. This has been a struggle for many students. Reading Counts progress reports were sent home Monday, January 8th for the parents to view and sign. All quarter 2 Reading Counts quizzes should be taken by 3:30 Friday, Jan. 12. January reading calendars are due February 1.

**8th Grade Literature/ ELA** - We began a new unit, *The Art of Suspense*, which is primarily computer based. We have read three really good short stories that definitely fit in the suspense unit and have been great resources for focusing on the skill of irony. It is imperative that students have their chromebooks at school and that they are charged. This has been a struggle for many students. Reading Counts progress reports were sent home Monday, January 8th for the parents to view and sign. All quarter 2 Reading Counts quizzes should be taken by 3:30 Friday, Jan. 12. January reading calendars are due February 1.

## Social Studies

**5th Grade Geography** - Each day we are making a notecard about a new state. Students are enjoying learning all about our amazing country! **Students should be studying their flashcards to prepare for our test over the entire United States.** We are working on map skills and this next week we will be doing map stations. We are

getting closer to a test on what we have learned - with the snow days we were pushed back a little.

**6th Grade Social Studies** - We finished our unit in India and now moved on to China. We have completed a China map and some chapter reviews. Notes are expected to be taken in class each day.

**7th Grade Social Studies** - This week we assigned our opinion essay on Federalists vs Antifederalists. This paper is due Monday, January 15. They will have two in class work sessions to give them additional resources and support.

**8th Grade Social Studies-** We are wrapping up our chapter on WW1. Our chapter test will be Friday, January 12. There are lots of missing current events assignments on Google Classroom. Please check on Skyward for missing work. Next week we will begin our chapter on "The Roarin' Twenties".

## Physical Education

The last two weeks of the second quarter we are completing our second round of fitness testing. Students will then be writing their fitness goals for the end of the year. We will start the third quarter with a tumbling unit.

## Electives and Enrichment

**Art** - 7th grade finished up the quarter working with chalks and blending. They completed three different drawing that turned out awesome.

**3D Printing** - Students are working hard on learning to code. This is truly challenging but also fun to see as they are figuring it out. We finished the quarter with a choice project and everyone did a great job!

**8th Grade Health** - We are wrapping up the quarter with an assignment to calculate the cost of raising a baby for the first year.

**Spanish** - Students are set up in Duolingo and can continue at their own pace as we learn about the Spanish language and culture in class.

**Strategy Games-** We are going to explore various strategy based games that encourage problem solving and critical thinking. We are now exploring the card game called "Golf".

**Financial Literacy-** Depending on the grade level, we are going to explore topics such as budgeting, writing checks, savings accounts, resumes, FAFSA, ACTs, taxes, mortgages, etc.

## Community Happenings

### Youth -

Next youth day is January 21. Grades 5-6 will meet from 6-7 pm in the school gym and grades 7-8 will meet 7-8 pm in the school gym. High school students will meet 7-8 pm in the church.

\*\*Visit our informative and family-fun youth link our our school website:

<http://stjohnsmayville.com/youth-ministries/>

SJLM Youth Ministry is looking at who might be interested in joining us for our annual 7-8th grade WinterXtreme youth retreat at Camp Timberlee February 9-11. Total cost will be \$96 per student (do not need payment yet). Right now I just need to know who thinks they are going to be going with our group. Forms will be in the church office if you would like to grab one; or you can contact Douglas Mageski for copies of the forms. Please have those signed and returned if your child plans to attend. I need these returned by this Friday, January 12 to ensure we have enough spaces for everyone to attend. Spots are limited.