



# St. James Journal

Thursday, January 17, 2019



## Legal Announcement:

In accordance with state laws, this notice is to show that St. James Lutheran School, admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

## Hot Lunch for the next week:

**Monday, Jan 21** – No School

**Tuesday, Jan 22** – CKN nuggets, hash browns, corn or green beans, pear slices

**Wednesday, Jan 23** – Cheese quesadillas, salad bar, pineapple slices

**Thursday, Jan 24** – Hamburger on a bun, potato rounds, baked beans, cheese and pickle slices, fresh fruit

**Friday, Jan 25** – Mozzarella pizza dippers, salad bar, peach slices

## Recess Parents: (Noon Duty)

**Mon:** No school; **Tues:** Brittney Bessett; **Weds:** Matt Hendricks; **Thurs:** Brittney Bessett; **Fri:** Bill Berken

**School Mission Statement:** Connecting people to the love of Jesus Christ in: Our families, Our community, Our world.

**The reign is over!!!** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade stranglehold of Chris P. Bacon (the unofficial name of the blue pig) is over. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class had the most students participate in the LCEF Savings Program this week. Again, students are asked to bring money to St. James on Wednesday mornings before chapel in the Narthex. Mr. and Mrs. Dobberstein will help the children begin a savings account through CEF which offers a higher interest rate than a normal savings account. Each stamp is \$1. Once a student fills a book, the parents send those completed booklets to CEF. CEF then uses the money to help fund church and school loans.

**There are times where I reach out to parents** and ask them for help. I wish to do so now. I am a strong proponent of making sure that families take an active role in their church. One way to do so is to be active in the decisions that take place at voter's meetings. There are two **very** important issues that will be discussed on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the sanctuary. This time and date of the voter's meeting scheduled at St. James. One topic will be the call of Pastor Schauder to be the associate pastor at St. James. The other topic will be the possibility of hiring up to two additional teachers to help keep the class size at St. James to a small size. The grades that are affected by this request are the current 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Those parents and their children in the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade class have experienced a large class size and have raised their concerns to me and the Board of Education. A voter's meeting is the place where you will be able to politely and respectfully give voice to these matters. I would encourage you to come and give your opinion to these topics. If you are confirmed and are a member of St. James, you will be able to vote. If you are not a member, I would still encourage you to come, share your opinion, and listen to the discussion on these points. God has charged us to be good stewards of His money. It is my hope that God will direct the meeting and allow His Will to be done at St. James. Again, I am simply informing you of the chance to have your voice be heard to the members of St. James Lutheran Church. There are two outcomes which I would like everyone to realize about the meeting - whether or not the congregation is willing to support two additional teachers, one teacher, or no more teachers, **we move forward as a unified body of Christ.** The second result is if St. James does add an additional teacher(s), **we need to make sure that regular church attendance and regular church offerings takes place to afford Pastor Schauder and the additional teacher(s).**

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**Ms. VandeVoort has given me dates for the** month of February of playground monitors that need to be filled. If you are low on volunteer hours or just feel like having a chance to watch the students at recess, please check your calendar for the following February dates: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Again, St. James is blessed with a core of wonderful volunteers. If you are thinking about taking a date, Fast Direct Ms. VandeVoort to make sure the date has not been filled yet.

**Joke:** What did Obi-Wan say to Luke Skywalker when he was having trouble eating at the new sushi restaurant?

**Are you constantly running to the store to buy** new clothes for your children? Before you make another trip, I want you to know that I have set out all the Lost and Found clothing from the students on a table near the library. If you are looking for a specific item, please check there. I will be boxing up the items at the end of January and give them to Orphan Grain Train. Please look before these items are donated.

**From the Desk of Mrs. April Black:** St James will be celebrating our Lutheran School the week of January 28th. To kick-off the celebration, students will be singing their praises to God at services the weekend of the 26th. ALL students preschool-8th grade will be singing "God is in Control" by Jennie Williamson. Students are asked to attend the service based on the first letter of their last name. Students' last names starting with A-G will sing Saturday night the 26th at the 5:30p.m. service. Last names beginning with H-M will sing at the 9a.m. service on Sunday, January 27th and students whose last names begin with N-Z at the 10:30a.m. service in the gym on Sunday, January 27th. If your schedule doesn't allow you to attend the assigned service, you are encouraged to come to a different service. Students don't have to arrive early, just come to the service, sit with your family and when it's

time for the song come up to designated places and sing!! We can't wait to worship our amazing God with you!

**Mrs. Kristin Zittlow, the PTL President, wanted** me to announce that the annual St. James PTL Family Dance will be taking place on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 PM. This will be taking place in the school cafeteria. A DJ will be spinning some tunes while you get your groove on. There will also be pizza, snacks, and drinks served as well. All are welcome to come out and break out some old dance moves. Please just do not break any hips, legs, or strain other body parts doing so. Thank you, PTL, for this event!

**HEY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:** A war is about to begin! Ms. VandeVoort and I are asking for you to begin to save your BoxTops for a competition that will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be between all classrooms throughout the school. There will be more details to follow in a future St. James Journal.

**St. James does have some sad news.** A school program that St. James has enjoyed the benefits from will be coming to an end at the end of March. If you are saving caps and bag tops from Milk Moola, please turn these in soon/

**Is your child growing physically?** Are they growing so much that their chapel shirt no longer fits? If so, please do not throw it out. Mrs. Amy Kroenke has been collecting gently-worn chapel shirts so that our spiritual family at St. James does not need to buy new shirts. She has informed me that parents have been requesting youth large as well as adult small and adult medium shirts. If you have shirts that are just lying around, please drop them off in the school office so that we can help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks!

**Small starts, hoping for higher numbers:** This would be for the St. James MEN and Men-In-Training (Men from Grade Six on Up...) to the

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Garage Bible study. I have also heard that dinner is leaning towards a vat of chili. Beverages will also be served. Our next Garage Bible Study will be taking place on Sunday, **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the Marien family garage at 5:45 PM (for dinner) and the Bible study at 6:30 PM. **THAT IS THIS SUNDAY!!!** This will be on the third Sunday of each month. You and any man (friend, family, neighbor, co-worker) are invited to attend. Please think about having a positive impact on your son's faith life while building a stronger faith with God too. You do not need to be a member of St. James in order to attend this Bible study. The Marien address for GPS purposes is W5041 S. Rainbow Circle, Shawano.

**Mr. Kaiser is coming to our house in his PJs?** If you have a preschooler and have registered by clicking the link on Signup genius, you know that I will be coming to read a bedtime story to your preschool student and leave a gift after I get done reading for your child. This is a special way to show young readers that reading is important. If you are a preschool parent and have no clue what I am talking about, please give the school office a call and I will be happy to help clear up any murkiness. Sorry, this opportunity is for preschool families only.

**Christmas Program DVD** – If you would like to order a copy of the Christmas Program DVD from December titled "Straight Outta Bethlehem," please fill out the order form attached to the email. Then return it to the school office with your payment. I would like to have your orders **by January 31<sup>st</sup>**. The cost of each DVD is \$7.00. Checks should be payable to St. James. When you do fill out the form, please make sure to note whether you would like the 5 PM program (L-Z and the Kindergarten) or the 7 PM program (A-K and the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class).

**Again, Mr. Kaiser gets to do some bragging** about his students. Mr. Wyatt Schroeder, and the twins, Mr. Quin Harkey, and Mr. Teagan Harkey, are members of the Shawano Hockey

team. They recently participated in the Shawano Invitational Hockey Tournament. While posting a record of 3 wins and only 1 loss, these young men glorified God with their athletic talents and won the tournament for their age group. Great job, Wyatt, Quin, and Teagan!!!



**Punchline:** "Use the fork, Luke. Use the fork!"

**To end the newsletter each week, I would like** to make sure that you have a prayer you may share with your family. In addition to the prayer, if you would like to borrow a devotion book, I have devotions from little kiddos up to the older students in my office.

#### **Prayer for the Week:**

Lord, I pray that the message of Christ and His sacrifice is the root of gratitude in my heart. I ask His gracious gift leads me to thankful living, setting an example for my family that they will have their own relationship with Jesus one day, and that You would grow gratitude in their hearts out of the acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Lead us to do everything in Him.

Source: [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

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