

# First St. John Lutheran Day School

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# Day School Digest



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**Happy Easter!** We hope you all have a blessed Easter. During this season of Lent, we are reflecting on what Jesus did for us, through His death on the cross. The children will hear the story of Jesus' last days of earth. Some teachers use the Resurrection Eggs to tell the story with the visuals in the eggs. This helps them remember so they can retell it to all of you. Please join us at First St. John Lutheran Church during the special Holy Week services if you don't have a church of your own. The services are great in reminding us who we are as God's children, and His plans for us here on earth.

Palm Sunday – services at 7:45 & 10:15 am; Sunday School at 9

Maundy Thursday – 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Good Friday – noon and 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday – 8:00, 10:15 & 11:30 am

We are now entering the final stretch of the year. Some of our children will be moving on to the Prekindergarten class and others will be heading in a variety of directions for kindergarten. But before that time gets here we must focus on finishing this year. There are still many activities being planned throughout April and May.

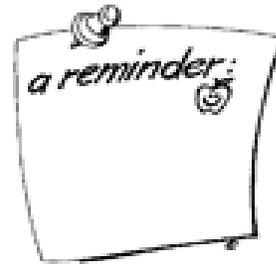
The springtime brings many changes as we look around outside and see the new growth with the blooming flowers and trees. I am just as amazed at the growth I see in the classrooms. The children recite facts that they remember their teacher telling them in the classrooms. They are still learning and growing physically, academically and spiritually. They are truly like little sponges; this is the best time to give them as many learning opportunities as possible. Get them off the screens and outside in God's world, observing and exploring. Take advantage of our local Metroparks; visit [metroparksprograms.com](http://metroparksprograms.com) to find many special programs throughout the spring and summer.

**March 31: last day for discounted Registration Fee**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 17-18: Easter Parties  
April 10-22: School Closed for Easter Break  
April 24-25: School Pictures  
May 2-3: Parent-Teacher Conferences  
May 19 – Oregon Fest – *Wild for Oregon...*

Watch for more information, we are looking for children to walk in the parade, and a coordinator. Older siblings are invited too!



## Summer & Fall Registration for the Day School is underway.



### Summer Camp

As we all look ahead and make plans, our current program ends May 24. Our Summer Camp will run from June 3 to August 2 for children ages 3-10. The program focuses on a theme for each week, which includes indoor and outdoor activities, giving children some structure to their day. We will include different activities for the age groups. We will bring in some programs for the younger children, with more field trips for the school age children. Additional fees will be charged for some of the off campus activities. You can sign up for specific weeks and not do the whole summer. Children may be enrolled for summer camp, even if they are not here through the school year. Registration Forms are now available. And for those really planning ahead, all school programs will close between August 5-13 to allow us to clean floors and rearrange rooms for the new school year. You may want to plan your vacation accordingly. Let your friends know if they are looking for summer care.

### Fall Registration

Preschool and Prekindergarten Classes are available for the 2019-2020 school year. You may choose from 2 day, 3 day, or 5 day classes from 9:00 – 12:00 or 3 day classes from 12:45 -3:30. Extended Care is an option for all the classes. We are open from 6 am to 6 pm.

### Beginndergarten

Our Beginndergarten program is designed to meet the needs of children who have been through two years of preschool and are not ready to jump into kindergarten. Our goal will be to educate our students, starting where they are and moving them toward success in all areas of learning. The program will run five days a week from 9-3. The children must be turning 5 years old before November 1, or with a recommendation.

This program will give the children an extra year of emotional and social growth needed to be successful when they enter their local public kindergarten classroom. For all students, the program will equip them to excel in grade school and beyond. An added benefit will be the option of onsite before and after school child care. Call the Day School at 419-691-6480 if you would like more information.

## Referral Program!

The School Board is learning that families of First St John Day School are our best form of advertising. The Board has decided they would invest their advertising dollars in our school families. If you refer a family and they register their child and attend for four months, you will receive a \$50 credit on your December payment – just in time for the Christmas holiday! Families with children in our 4 year-old program, you don't need to feel left out. You can refer a family; if they register and attend, you can receive \$50 (as a check) just in time for the holidays too!

## Thank you for your support for our Fundraisers!

### Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

Everyone had a marvelous time eating and visiting! The staff enjoyed serving their students and families. The children had a great time visiting friends, getting their face painted, and carrying away a balloon. Our profit was \$706.



## News from the Day School Office

I have enjoyed the last four years here at First St. John Day School. I have met many wonderful families and their children. You all have grown to be a part of my life and I hope to see you around town. I am planning to retire at the end of this school year. I have spent 40 years in education, most of them in Lutheran Schools across the country as I followed my husband's military career. When he retired from the military we spent a few years overseas in Germany while he continued to work for the Department of Defense as a civilian contractor, and I in the Department of Defense Schools.

Now I plan to spend some time with my family, catching up on this next generation of grandnieces and nephews. My husband and I both have elderly parents requiring more of our time, thus another need for me to free up some of my time. I do plan to substitute and volunteer here at the Day School, so you may see me from time to time. I know the schedules so I may see some of you for the various events that will take place next year!

We are searching for our next director. If you know someone who may be a good fit for the position, ask them to send a resume to the Day School Board before the end of April.

## Miss Jennifer's News

Hello April, warm weather is here so we can enjoy the outside more! Our housekeeping furniture will remain in the dress-up area, with little things added through the month. We will focus on the Easter story using the resurrection eggs. Easter basket rubbings, water colored eggs, bunnies, Peep prints and egg stamping will be some art created this month. Easter parties will be done right before break. Looking forward to a great month!

## Miss Dawn's Class

Hello everyone and Happy Spring! We have a very busy month planned for April. The children will be celebrating Easter and learning about Jesus' death and resurrection and the new life that he brings to each of us. After spring break we will turn our focus to Earth Day and emphasize how God created our beautiful earth in just 7 days! We will learn about recycling and how it is important to not be a litter bug! We will be making bird feeders out of recycled material. Conduct a Science experiment to see if we can un-do pollution and how rain is formed! Our dramatic play will be transformed into a recycling center. I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter!

## Beginnergarten Class

During the month of April, we will be talking about the Easter story in great depth and will be making egg carton Easter stories to help us remember about Jesus' life and death. The children will also be conducting "egg"-periments and will engage in a jellybean graphing activity. This month the children will also be practicing recognizing and writing their lowercase letters. At the end of April, the children will be learning about insects through the wonderful world of Eric Carle.

## Miss Bonnie's Class



April will bring promises of rain, flowers and other spring happenings. We will be exploring lots of weather activities, including a rainbow in a jar, creating walking water, and discovering why the sky is blue. Literary activities will center around weather books like *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* and *Little Cloud*. We will talk about Noah and God's promise to him, sealed with a rainbow!

Wishing all of you a joyous Easter as we celebrate Jesus' glorious resurrection!