

# First St. John Lutheran Day School

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## Day School Digest



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*“Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!”*

Psalm 46:10

Today's society seems to always be in a hurry. We want to get in and out of places fast; we are always checking our phones for some message or playing games. We have got to get going to breakfast, a ball game, jobs, shopping, or whatever; and then we post those events on FACEBOOK, snapchat, or Instagram. Some of our children have a greater digital footprint now after 5 years than I did after 50 years!

Electronic devices were supposed to bring us together; instead I believe we have moved away from personal contact. I see groups of people, but they are all looking at their devices; not talking with one another. Have you ever noticed a couple at a restaurant and both are on their phone...I often wonder to whom they are speaking? I saw a mother and her son at a restaurant; she was on her phone and he was reading a book (not digital). I commented to him that it was great to see that someone still wanted to hold a real book.

Over break I read a book titled The Next Person You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. This book is a sequel to The Five People You Meet in Heaven which was about Eddie and the five people he met when he arrived in heaven. Eddie died saving Annie (age 10) in an accident. The sequel is about Annie, who died young (30) and her encounter with people, some she did not even know personally, but whose path crossed hers and how they affected each other. After talking with the people Annie saw things from their eyes, things she had no idea about, and how she came at just the right time to help them, or they to help her.

We cross paths with many people every day. With some the moment is fleeting, with others their actions or words can create a memory that lasts a lifetime. I think of my first grade teacher, Miss Carr, and her words of praise when I started reading. I think of high school teachers and college professors. Many had encouraging words which instilled in me a desire to continue to learn and grow.

I try to set aside time at the beginning and end of my day to spend with God. I don't ever want to be too far from Him. God has given us His Word, which gives us life. That may come from the written Word or through the words of a friend, or even a stranger. I believe there are angels among us who help us when we are in need. Often I have been in places where someone has told me that that they felt God brought me into their life for a reason. And vice versa, I believe others have crossed my path and helped me through some tough times. God knows who we need, when we need them. I pray all of you experience angels in your life.

May God bless each of you this New Year!

### Important Dates:

**January 6 – Puppet Show at 9 am in the gym – All are welcome!**

**January 21 – School and Extended Care Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**January 20-26 – National School Choice Week; Breakfast with your child on Wed or Thurs**

**Please return the invitation with the number of guests attending.**

**Please read your child's class newsletter as some important dates are included!**

## Summer and Fall Registration for FSJ Day School

Fall registration for the Day School for the 2019-2020 school year will begin in mid-January. Classes are available for 3 and 4 year-old children, with a variety of options. Extended Care is available for all children. The Summer program will operate from May 29 – August 2; and the Fall program will begin on August 14. Our early Registration Fee is only \$100 (before March 30). Call the Day School at 419-691-6480 for more information.

### SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS for INCLEMENT WEATHER

**We do not delay any of our programs regardless of the status of any of the public schools. If the weather is snowy or icy and we close, the notice will be posted on channel 13abc. An email and text (for those who provided carrier information) will be sent out to everyone from the school office. The Extended Care program will remain open for child care. Extended Care will only close when LUCAS County issues a Level 3 travel alert. If your child needs care, and they are not enrolled in our extended care, they may attend for an additional charge of \$25 per day. Older siblings under age 12 may also attend Extended Care on school “snow days” if you complete the Child Enrollment and Health Information Form for them.**

### January Reminders:

Winter has arrived! The teachers will be taking the children outside to play to get some fresh air and exercise, whenever possible. (The exception would be when the temperatures are below 32 degrees.) Please dress your child with mittens, hats and boots (with snow). Send shoes so the children can change out of their boots. Label the items so we can return them when they get misplaced! Our “lost and found” grows very quickly!

Safety for our students (and their parents) in Extended Care! When the snow flies, the back of the church will be cleared first. You may park in the handicapped area while you are dropping off your child and you will only be steps away from the door, and there is a light! The steps and long front walk may be slippery and covered with snow, so it may not be as safe when you arrive in the early morning.

Please continue to be safety conscious with regards to letting others follow you into the building. The building houses the church offices so people come and go for many different reasons. Some of the church members have keycards, but others do not. When the church or school office lets people through the door, then we know who is on the premises. We are doing all we can to keep both the children and the staff safe.

**If you have a change of address, phone numbers or email, please inform the school office or your child’s teacher. If your child were to get sick, we would like to be able to contact you quickly.**

### School Website

We are trying to keep our website ([www.firststjohndayschool.org](http://www.firststjohndayschool.org)) current so you can find information there. I have not included the pictures from the Christmas programs and Santa’s visit, as a number of parents requested their child’s picture not be posted out on the internet. I have the link I can provide you to view the pictures. Monthly School and teacher newsletters and calendars are posted for your convenience. School Forms are available on the website – forms for the coming year will be available after the 15<sup>th</sup> when re-enrollment begins.



## Fundraising

Fundraising is an important piece in the operation of all ministries and First St John Day School is no exception. Maintaining a quality Christian educational program requires keeping current with educational standards which includes teacher education and the latest technology and equipment for our students. Keeping tuition affordable requires us to look for additional sources of income. Some donations on your part come at no additional cost to you, but a little time; and we do appreciate that! Donation of your time is often more valuable than money! We have some projects that need helping hands.

Perhaps you are a member of **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** and receive Choice Dollars. Direct those dollars to the school. If you shop online, use **Smile.Amazon.com**. You can still shop your favorite websites, and the school will receive \$0.5% of your purchase. Saving **Box Tops for Education** also helps the school!

**Kroger shoppers!** Did you remember to re-enroll to have your community rewards directed to First St. John Day School or Church? We need and appreciate all the extra funds! This last month we received over \$200.

**GIVE BACK TO SCHOOLS** by shopping at **Office DEPOT / OfficeMax**.

Help the school earn free supplies. When you purchase qualifying products at Office Depot or Office Max and provide our school ID at checkout, our school will receive 5% back in credits for free supplies. For more details and to download even more helpful tools, visit [officedepot.com/givebts](http://officedepot.com/givebts)

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## Upcoming Walk-a-thon

We want to create a one-day fundraiser which focuses on physical activity, school spirit, and fun! The walk-a-thon is simple – all students will receive a pledge form and solicit flat rate donations or pledges for laps from family and friends to run or walk laps around the gym on an obstacle course. The students will go up to the gym during class for an hour. They will complete the obstacle course as many times as they can for 12 to 15 minutes, play some carnival games, and have a snack. Volunteers will mark the laps for the students: prizes will be awarded to students from each class who complete the most laps or bring in the most money. The dates will be February 21-22. Contact the school office if you would like to help. Watch for more information!

## MOVIE NIGHT AT FIRST ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*God's Not Dead* will be shown in the gym on Sunday, January 20th at 5:00 pm (the movie will begin at 6:00 pm sharp). Everyone is welcome (young people and adults alike). Light dinner, popcorn and beverages will be available. A freewill offering will help cover the cost of the dinner. Bring your own stadium chair if you'd like. The movie is about a college philosophy professor, Mr. Radisson, whose curriculum requires that all his students sign a statement declaring God is dead and never existed. New student, Josh, challenges that requirement and then goes on to prove that God is very much alive and real.

We also are having movie night for the children at the same time in the JAM room in the basement of the church.

## Puppet Show

The Sunday School is having a group come in on Sunday, January 6 at 9 am to present "A Cowboy Christmas." They use puppets to share God's Word with the children. It is based on Luke 15:1-7, the story of the lost sheep. A light breakfast is provided. All are welcome!

## Miss Michelle's Class News



During the month of January our themes will be ice and snow, snow people, and winter animals. This month we will be engaging in many science experiments involving the different forms of water. What takes longer, letting ice melt at room temperature or adding table salt to the ice? We will also engage in a cryogenics experiment, explore frost, and discover how winter animals stay warm. Our dramatic play area will also be a fun place to hang out. The children can play in an igloo and go ice fishing! This month the children continue to sign in using both their first and last names.

## Miss Jennifer's Class News

Winter has arrived in our classroom! A skating rink with a chance to build snow forts and snowmen will be found in the Dramatic play area. Winter hats, ice skates and some cute penguins will be some of the art projects created this month. Also, Show and Tell (with the children's Favorite Christmas presents) and wearing those comfy PJ's will be some fun additions to our class this month. Can't wait for it all!

## Miss Bonnie's Newsletter

January is coming in with vengeance! At the start of winter, we look forward to frosty windows, pretty icicles and snow. Bringing the beauty and magic of winter inside will be the goal for this month. I love incorporating a Gingerbread Man Theme into our winter! I will read several versions of the *Gingerbread* story. We will bake gingerbread cookies - I hope they don't try to escape! In the dramatic play area there will be mixing bowls, utensils, cookie sheets and cookie cutters, all to help the story come to life. The sensory table will have gingerbread dough mix to sift through. The children will love the smell and will also enjoy the tactile nature of the mix. Fun snow and winter art and cool science are also planned for the month of January.

## Miss Dawn's Class News



I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! During the month of January, the students will be learning about snow, ice, and arctic animals. Our dramatic play area will be turned into a warm and cozy Home Sweet Home setting where the children can pretend to serve hot chocolate. In math we will be sorting snowballs by size and working on teen number recognition. In our writing center the children will journal their favorite part of winter and work on learning how to write their last names. We will end our FUN month with a pajama party and show and tell. I wish you all a blessed 2019!