St. John's Lutheran School

EAGLE CLAW

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OCTOBER EVENTS

- ◆ Fri., Oct. 20 Science Fair Judging
- ♦ Mon., Oct. 23 6:30 P.M. PTS Mtg. & Science Fair
- Wed., Oct. 25

 6-8:30 P.M.
 All School Roller
 Skating Party @
 Skate Express,

 Watertown
- Thurs. & Fri.
 Oct. 26 & 27
 NO SCHOOL
 WI Lutheran State
 Teachers'
 Conference



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Weekly Schedule

Sat., Oct. 14	9-10:30 AM 8:45 AM	LLHS Band Rehearsal A VB Tournament @ Luther Prep
Sun., Oct. 15	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE Bible Classes & Sunday School DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE
Mon., Oct. 16	7:15 AM 10:00 AM 12:05 PM 3:15 PM 7:00 PM	Faculty Mtg. Gr. 6 Leaves for Camp Phillip Hot Lunch: Wendy's Faculty Mtg. Board of Education Mtg.
Tues., Oct. 17	2:00 PM 3-4:00 PM	Piano Lessons Gr. 6 Returns from Camp Phillip Forensics Practice (All)
Wed., Oct. 18	7:15 AM 8:00 AM	Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Vision/Hearing Screening
	12:05 PM 3-4:30 PM	Hot Lunch: Dominos Forensics Practice (All)
Thurs., Oct. 19	5:15 PM	Parent Daughter VB Games 5:15 P.M.—B Girls 6:00 P.M.—Food Served 6:30 P.M.—A Girls
Fri., Oct. 20	6:30 PM	DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE CEF Stamps & Band Practice POPCORN FRIDAY
	4:00 PM	Science Fair Projects Due at School Face to Face Judging Begins
	6:00 PM	Forensics Meet @ St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam
Sat., Oct. 21	9:00 AM 9-10:30 AM	School Cleaning LLHS Band Rehearsal

Worship Schedule

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple." Psalm 27:4

Thursday—6:30 P.M.
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Bible Class (church basement)— 9:15 A.M.
Sunday School (school)—9:15 A.M.
Youth Bible Class (school)—9:15 A.M.

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From the Principal's Desk

Be Strong

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Ephesians 6:10



"Be strong." Do you ever get tired of hearing that? Maybe mom and dad were dropping you off at your first day of school or football practice and the advice was: "Be strong." Maybe it was time to go to the doctor for some serious tests or to the funeral home for some funeral planning and the encouragement you heard was: "Be strong."

Maybe you were going in to face the boss or were

about to have a tough conversation with an estranged friend and the advice given to you was: "Be strong."

The directive, "be strong," can be quite dangerous for two reasons. On the one hand, we might actually believe we have sufficient strength on our own to do whatever it is that we need to do. This self-reliance can work at times but ultimately leads us to crash and burn. That's because we rely on ourselves rather than God. On the other hand, constantly being told to "be strong" can have a demoralizing effect. Maybe we know that we don't have the strength required for the task and the encouragement to "be strong" leads us to despair and to give up. This is the problem with relying on human strength. It fails and lets us down.

Thankfully, God's Word goes on to tell us: "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." On our own, sinful human beings can only fall short of whatever goal we are trying to achieve. But trusting in the Lord and relying on His power, there is nothing that God can't accomplish for us. Scripture says that all things are possible with God. God's Word teaches us to lift our eyes off ourselves and our own weaknesses and failings and to focus on our Savior Jesus.

When we focus on Jesus, we see a Savior who has everything we need. We see One with the power and might to calm storms and to drive out demons and heal diseases. We see One with the wisdom to know exactly what we need and when we need it. We see One with the Love to do everything necessary to make sure that we are forgiven and saved even when that meant going to the cross to die in our place. We see One with the power to rise from the dead and the promise to do the same for us some day.

Each day we can begin with the encouragement—not to "Be strong" in ourselves, but to "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times when I rely on myself. Teach me each day to trust in Your power and love. Amen.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Church Singing

With this year being the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we are asking that our K-8 students attend both services on Sunday, October 22. They will be leading a major portion of the Reformation service that our church is planning. We thank you for your cooperation and participation!

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 A.M.: Sunday School sings

No School

There will be no school on Thursday & Friday, October 26 and 27 due to the WELS State Teachers' Conference.

Science Fair

October 19 & 20:

Set up project.

October 20, 4:00 P.M.:

Deadline for set up at school and face to face judging will begin. The face to face time schedule will be available on Monday, October 16th. The purpose of the face to face meetings are for the benefit of both judge and student. There may be questions the judge would benefit from by being able to ask the student directly. Each meeting will be brief but important; about five minutes. All forensics contestants will be scheduled before 5:30 P.M.

October 23, 6:30 P.M. Parent Teacher Society Meeting:

The Science Fair will conclude with our October Parent Teacher Society Meeting. Science Fair projects will be on display for viewing. Come and enjoy!! **Gr. 7&8** will provide snacks.

Popcorn Friday

Popcorn Friday will be Friday, October 20th. If your child would like a bag of popcorn for an afternoon snack, please send \$.25 with them on Friday.



Mission Offerings

1st Quarter—Home Missions—

Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, WI Total collected so far: \$268.77

Forensics Practice

Practices in October will be 3-4:00 P.M. Our first meet will be Friday, October 20. If you or anyone you know would be willing to judge at the meet on Friday, October 20th, or Friday, November 3rd at LPS, please talk to Mrs. Noldan.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences for grade K-8 will be held on Thursday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 7th. Preschool conferences will be held Thursday, November 16th and Tuesday, November 21st.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day will be held some time in the near future. We have Arbor Day in order to help keep the property and grounds of St. John's beautiful. Please bring larger boxes for our special day. If you have some larger mattress or yard bags, they would be very helpful also. Rakes and brooms will be needed. In order for this day to go smoothly, we need a good number of rakes and brooms with your name clearly marked on them. Please make the time/effort to bring either one (preferably rakes) for your child to use especially in Gr. 3-8. We will let you know when to bring them to school. Thank you.

Gr. 5-8 to Luther Prep

Gr. 5-8 will travel to Luther Prep on October 19th to see "Writing A Will Can Be Murder." **The cost is \$5.00 per student for this trip.** Please remit this amount to school via your family envelope by Monday, October 16th. If you would like this amount taken out of your field trip bank, please let Mrs. Leissring in the school office know.

Reminder—Registration Fees

If you are paying your bill monthly, your payment is due to the school office by October 31st. Thank you.

Dodge County Toy Bank & Food Basket

We will once again collect toys for the Dodge County Toy Bank in December. More information will be published in future Eagle Claws regarding bringing your donations for the toy bank.

The Toy Bank is looking for families that are in need of their services. Toy Bank applications are available in the school office if you would like to stop in and pick one up. You may also fill out the slip at the end of the Eagle Claw for an application to be put in your family envelope on October 20th. If your family qualifies and would like to receive the Toy Bank's services or receive a food basket, completed applications are to be returned to the school office by Monday, October 23rd. You may enclose it in your family envelope. All information will be kept confidential.

Roller Skating Party

Our annual roller skating party will be on Wednesday, October 25th, at Skate



Express in Watertown from 6-8:30 PM. Skate Express is located on Hwy. 19 across from Farm Fleet. The cost is \$4.00 per person which includes regular skates. Inline & speed skates are \$2.00 more to rent.

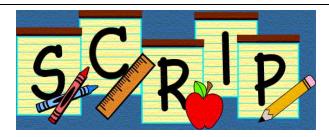
Washington DC Trip

Gr. 8: Your first deposit of \$150.00 per student and chaperone will be due Wednesday, October 25th.



School Picture Retake Day

School Pictures are enclosed in your family envelope today. If you are unhappy with your child's pictures in any way, return them to the school office or your child's teacher by Monday, October 31st. School Picture Retake Day will be Thursday, November 2nd. If your child is in PK-4 and you would like to have their pictures retaken, please bring them to school on Thursday morning. Retakes will begin at 8:00 A.M.



Items purchased with the profits from Scrip: Non-budgeted items such as: new church sign, Smartboards for the Classrooms, Computers, computer server, Chrome books, sound system for the school gym, playground equipment, and stage sections for the musical.

Something New—"Shop With Scrip" is Here: A smart phone is needed to participate. Stop at the Scrip table for more information.

When is Scrip Available for Purchase? Scrip is sold Fridays before school in the school lobby, Thursday nights after the church service, and between church services in the church basement on Sunday mornings. Special Scrip times for the week of October 23-27. Scrip will not be sold at school that week due to the days off on October 26th and 27th. Scrip will be sold at church after the Thursday evening service on October 26th and between services on October 22nd & 29th. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you for shopping with Scrip!

The Scrip Committee

Hot Lunch Orders & Thanksgiving Dinner



The November Hot Lunch orders for grade K-8 are enclosed in your family envelope. Please note that there are three pages to this order. The Thanksgiving Dinner reservation is also included on this form. It is located on the third page of the order. Please look for it. A reservation form will also be included with the Eagle Claw starting next week until November 10th if you do not know who will attend the Thanksgiving Dinner at this time. Preschool families are welcome to attend the dinner and may use the form in the Eagle Claw to make reservations. Please be timely in returning the reservation form as we want to make sure there is enough food for everyone on the day of the dinner. If you have any other questions, contact Mrs. Leissring in the school office.

Yoga at the Juneau Public Library

Tuesdays through October 24th.

3:30 P.M.: Kids 5:30 P.M.: Adults



Bring a yoga mat or beach towel and wear your comfy clothes. Healthy snack and water provided.

Reminder

School policy states: Effective October 15th, children may no longer wear shorts to school. If we have a warm day or two, please wait for a note from school that announces that the children may wear shorts.

Piano With Mrs. Loersch

Please bring your Christmas piano books for your lesson.

Milwaukee Wave Soccer Ticket Opportunity



The Milwaukee Wave Soccer team is partnering with the Box Tops for Education Program to give students the opportunity to get a free ticket to a Milwaukee Wave's soccer game. The Box Tops for Education Nights games are Friday, December 1st, vs. the Kansas City Comets, Saturday, December 9th, vs. the Tacoma Stars, and Saturday, January 20th vs. the Syracuse Silver Knights.

When a student brings in 10 box tops, they will receive a prize order form to bring home that will enable them to receive one free ticket to a Wave's game. Prize forms can be scanned and emailed, faxed, or mailed to Ryan Herbert, the Wave Sales Representative. All the information needed to redeem the form for their free ticket is on the prize form. (Please note that tickets must be ordered one week prior to the game if the order is mailed in. All children must be chaperoned by a parent or guardian and only one (1) free ticket per child may be received.)

If you decide to have your child to participate, they need to give their 10 box tops to either Mrs. Leissring in the school office or to Mrs. Zellmer, the St. John's Box Tops for Education coordinator.

Vision/Hearing Screening

Our parish nurses will conduct a vision/hearing screening on Wednesday, October 18th. A note will be sent home in your family envelope on Friday, October 20th, if there is referral for either hearing or vision. This past Monday the Juneau Lions came and did a vision screening of our students. Any referrals were given to the children on Monday. Thank you to the Lions and Parish Nurses and volunteers for their donation of time.

New Beginnings Home for Mothers

The New Beginnings Home for Mothers is a home for mothers located in Milwaukee, WI.

The shelter provides a loving supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian based home for mothers allows a resident to become a responsible parent by raising her new baby in a caring environment.

New Beginnings enables a single mother to live away from cultural influences and nurture her baby in a positive environment. We provide a unique opportunity for generationally poor mothers to break the cycle of dependency.

Currently, our program provides opportunities to advance education, learn fundamental parenting and financial skills, participating in counseling sessions, and acquire an objective baseline for responsible living through a structured faith-based program.

Ultimately, our vision is to equip each mother with the skills and education needed to earn self-sustaining wages, without an indeterminate need for government assistance.

Our church is collecting donations from now until October 29th. The following is what the shelter would like:

DVD's (Family-Friendly Only)

Hand Soap Refills Size 3 and 4 Diapers

Pull-Ups Lanolin

Baby Monitor Children's Motrin

Mouthwash—For Mothers

Highlighters for School Binders (3" Binding) Gift Cards: \$25 Walmart, Amazon, Target, Pick 'n Save, etc.

Please bring your donations to the church narthex by Sunday, October 29th.

ATHLETICS

Thank You Coaches!!

Thank you to the following coaches for our fall sports:

A Team Volleyball: Shannon Schmidt B Team Volleyball: Suzi Colantonio Soccer: Lee Weiss, Ted Fehrman, & Julie Kluz

Cross Country: Crystal Schultz & Ashley Rabehl

Boys Volleyball Tournament

Boys in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in the boys volleyball tournament to be held at St. Paul's, Ixonia on Saturday, November 4th. Practices will be on October 30, 31, and November 1 and 2, from 3-4:30 P.M. Mrs. Shannon Schmidt and Mrs. Renee Roy will be their coaches.

Basketball & Cheerleading

Practices will start:

November 8: A Girls Basketball, 3-5:00 P.M. November 9: A Boys Basketball, 3-5:00 P.M.

Cheerleading, 3:15-4:30 P.M.

November 13: B Girls Basketball. 3-4:30 P.M. November 14: B Boys Basketball, 3-4:30 P.M.

Parent/Daughter VB Games

The Parent/Daughter volleyball games will be played on Thursday, October 19th. The B girls will play at **5:15 P.M.** The A girls will play at **6:30 P.M.** We will have chili, noodles, and hot dogs at **6:00 P.M.** A note regarding the food was sent home in your family envelope last Friday. Please return this form to Mrs. Leissring or Mrs. Colantonio by Monday, October 16th. You may enclose it in your family envelope.

Volleyball Games



Saturday, October 14

A Girls VB Tournament @ Luther Prep Be there by 8:45 A.M. First game is at 9:30 A.M. vs. St. Mark's, Watertown

Thursday, October 19

Parent/Daughter Volleyball Games

5:15 P.M.-B Girls

6:00 P.M.—Food Served

6:30 P.M.-A Girls

"The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us."

Have a Biessed Week!

Attention Grades 5-8 Musicians!

Grade school band students are encouraged to learn and have fun at this year's Beginner or Cadet Band programs at LLHS. Spend four Saturday mornings (Oct. 14–28 and



Nov. 4 from 9-10:30 A.M.) in practice under the guidance of Mr. Pufahl and his staff, and then perform in the LLHS Fall Concert on Nov. 5, at 2:00 P.M.. First year students play a short concert after the last practice at 9:45 A.M. on Nov. 4. More information will be published as it becomes available.

Dodge County Toy Bank & Food Basket Application

Yes, I would like a Toy Bank & Food Basket Applicat	rion
Yes, I would like a Food Basket Application Only	
	Family Name

Please return to school by Monday, October 16th via your family envelope.