

# First St. John Lutheran Day School

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## Day School Digest



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**Winter is upon us.** Snow is falling and temperatures are dropping. I think of crawling under a warm afghan reading a good book. Hard to think about summer! But that is exactly what we all are doing now; thinking ahead to our Summer Program. Plans are in the works for the Summer Program as well as the next school year. We want to continue to improve our program here at First St. John Day School, offering a quality Christian education for our young children. We know parents have many choices for their children's educational and child care needs. We want to provide your child an age appropriate environment in which he or she can grow spiritually, emotionally, academically, socially, and physically. That is our biggest reason for applying for the Step Up to Quality program - we want to continue to offer the best in early child care education.

### Screenings

The Day School feels screenings are very important to the overall health of a child. Talk with your child's pediatrician to determine which screenings are most important for them. The Lucas County Health Department ([www.lucascountyhealth.com](http://www.lucascountyhealth.com)) can do many of them.

As children grow and are able to discriminate, their vision and hearing should be evaluated by age 4. This insures optimal learning as they begin letters, sounds, shapes, colors, etc. We are fortunate to have Dr. Michael Crawford O.D. coming to complete a vision screening for our pre-kindergarteners on Feb. 20. A note will be sent home with the results. We are looking for a few parents to assist with the screenings. If you can help please call the school office.

Upon your child's arrival at the school, the teachers take note of any unusual symptoms or behaviors that are not normal for that child. As always, please keep your child home if they have had a fever within 24 hours before attending the school program. This is the time of the year when germs multiply and spread fast!

### Save the Date!

- March 3-9 - National Lutheran Schools Week – watch for more information
- March 3 - sing at First St. John Church
- March 9 – Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast 8:00-10:00 am; served by the teachers!
- March 5 – Open House 6-7:30 pm
- March 11-15 Spring Break – School Closed; Extended Care Parents see flyer



## Snow Days and School Closings

**First St. John Day School does not delay any of our programs. If the weather is snowy or icy and classes are closed, the notice will be posted on channel 13abc and an email will be sent out to everyone from the school office. When classes are closed, it means that preschool children who attend between 9-12 and the Begindergarten class are closed. The Extended Care classes (Miss Bonnie and Miss Jennifer and Begindergarteners who regularly attend before and after school) will remain open for child care. Extended Care will only close when LUCAS COUNTY issues a Level 3 travel alert. 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. Their cost will be \$25 for the day.**



## Reminders of Safety

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. Please label the items! 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! Also, when driving around back to drop off or pick up children, please follow the driving pattern – come in along the west side of the church and depart by the garage down the shared drive with Genacross, along the east side of the playground. We have had some near collisions at the back corner of the church with cars coming in and going out.

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. Monthly School and teacher newsletters and calendars are posted for your convenience. It bothers the children when they come to school and are not prepared for special activities. Keep that calendar handy till the end of the month. School Forms are also available on the website.

## Souper Bowl of Caring



Throughout February the children will collect money and canned goods to help the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry program. LSS provides food for over 15,000 people each year. Every dollar you donate goes directly to purchase food for the pantry. This program is supported entirely by donations of food and money from local congregations. Use the attached envelope to send in money if you are able or send in food to fill the grocery cart that will be set up in the basement. Whatever you can do to help support this important ministry is greatly appreciated!

## Summer and Fall Registration for FSJ Day School

Fall registration for the Day School for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Classes are available for children ages 2 ½ (must be potty trained) to 5 years 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.

Pre-K Registration



### 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 just in time for the holidays too!



### Upcoming Walk-a-thon

We wanted to create a one-day fundraiser which focuses on physical activity, school spirit, and fun! The walk-a-thon is simple – all students 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 45 minutes on February 21 or 22, depending on their days of attendance. 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 children had a great time last year! We are starting to get some great prizes, but the more I have, the more I can give away!

## NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

NLSW is March 3 - 9, 2019. The theme for the week is "Jesus Changes Everything." As a Lutheran School, we understand how God changes everything about our life. His call, love, grace and hope motivate us to reach out to others and share His good news. Teachers and children will be sharing and learning how we, as part of God's family, facilitate change. There will be an Open House on March 5 to come in and see the work the children are doing in the classrooms, and to invite family or friends who may be interested in enrolling their children in our school in the fall. This is a great opportunity for the parents of the 3 year olds to talk with our prekindergarten teachers. Watch for a list of the crazy days we have planned for the week!

## Miss Jennifer's Class News



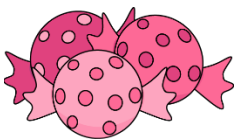
February will start off with Valentine's then change over to the Circus. Games and centers will reflect the themes. Making some heart art projects for that Valentine holiday and then change to some fun circus art like popcorn buckets and a circus train. Looking forward to the fun activities, a Valentine celebration with the teachers and taming some animals in our class this month:)

## Miss Dawn's Class News

As we move into February we are making some fun changes in our classroom. Our dramatic play area will be transformed into a fairy tale theme where the children can pretend to be knights and princesses and put on a puppet show for their peers. With February being healthy heart month we will be talking about and sharing healthy foods and how to keep our bodies heart healthy. Our art projects will be based off of some of the popular Fairy tales and nursery rhymes. We will discuss the parts of a story and the children will be able to dictate and illustrate their own fairy tale. The children will celebrate Valentine's Day with a class party. We will talk about love... with an emphasis on God's love for each of us.

## Miss Bonnie's Class News

With February being National Heart Month, we are focusing our fun on healthy activities. We are eating very nutritious snacks, learning about dental and heart health, and exercising in new, fun ways. We do cardio drumming, yoga, and now the walk-a-thon! And the best activity of all - be happy! Why would we not be happy - with God we have the very best! We are sharing valentines and God's love to friends and family. We are learning our letters and numbers, and now our addresses in a fun way as we continue to prepare for kindergarten.



## Beginndergarten News



At the beginning of the month we will explore God's love for us during our Valentine/post office theme, along with the origins of how this holiday was begun. The children will work on learning their addresses and will engage in conversation heart graphing. Our Valentine's Day celebration is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the month the children will be learning all about dinosaurs. During circle time, we will be discussing the earth's climate, how it has changed, and what scientists think happened to the dinosaurs. We will also be learning which dinosaurs were herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores.