

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL SPIRIT EXPRESS



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*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*  
*Romans 12:2*

## "Capturing the Present Moment"

*Philippians 3:13-14 - "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenly in Christ Jesus."*

On Monday night I had the pleasure of being a part of a traditional celebration at St. John's. Monday was eighth grade recognition night for the winter sports athletes. Mrs. Hartmann and I were blessed with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade son who was a part of the festivities. As I was getting ready for this a parent asked me if this was a joyous moment or a sad moment. My answer was both. I cannot believe that we were going through this for the last time.

This thought reminded me of the Van Gorden family. A couple of weeks ago Mr. Van Gorden came in to serve in the kitchen. For him it was also a bittersweet moment. That was the last time he would need to assist after having been a part of it for 13 years. I was also reminded of the Hurst family. Three years ago they had their last child graduate from St. John's. They had a child in St. John's for 27 years; yes you read that correctly – 27 years! Imagine the thoughts they had.

All this reminds me that we need to take daily time to enjoy the moments. Daily we should enjoy all that God gives us whether He gives us pain, suffering, challenges, joys, blessings and more. I encourage everyone to live life to the fullest, not for you, but for Christ. After all, He is the one who gives us these moments.

I would like to end with portions of a prayer in a book that was given to me. We pray – Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for this present moment. Help me to capture it and to live it to the fullest for you. I choose to forget those things in the past and to press on from this moment forward in your service. I choose to accept each succeeding moment as a gift from your hands. Any sufferings in this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory you will reveal in us. Help me not to be preoccupied with either the past or the future but to live fully in the present moments of my life. The devil wants to distract through guilt and fear, but I will not listen to him. Whether the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come, all are mine in you, Lord. Nothing will be able to separate me from your love—not things past, present nor yet to come. Praise your name Jesus! I claim your promise and I appropriate it to my life in the NOW. Amen.



## *St. John's Open Houses*

St. John's will be offering two Open Houses. One on **February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 pm—JEC (Latchkey), Preschool and Kindergarten only**, and one on **February 21st from 5-7pm—Preschool through grade 8** - St. John's is proud

to offer high achieving, Christ-centered academics in preschool through 8th grade. Invite everyone you know to this event. Please help us spread the word about the high quality academic and spiritual learning taking place at St. John's Lutheran School.

## *Forward Steps in Education Days*




Families having students currently enrolled in St. John's preschool through 1st Grade will experience the "Forward Steps in Education Day." Mark your calendar for Monday, February 21st & Tuesday, February 22nd. This will take place during the school day. Please contact the school office for more information 937.644.5540. Parents are invited to attend this event.

# Announcements

**Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for health for our families during the ups and downs in the weather.
- Praise the Lord for the partnership of parents and teachers during the conferences.
- Pray for safety and success for the basketball teams during the last part of the season.
- Pray for the family of the Creekview 6<sup>th</sup> grader who committed suicide.
- Pray for the Power of the Pen team that is competing/writing this Saturday.
- Pray for Erika Baum to have a blessed last couple of weeks of her pregnancy.
- Pray for a Preschool parent who has a grandparent dealing with cancer.



**January:**  
*The Hope Center in Marysville*

**February:**  
*Hearts for Jesus*

**Thank you for your continued support through your child's chapel offerings.**



Greetings from Kroger Community Rewards. We earn money when you use your Kroger Plus card. For more information contact Marie Van Gorden at 614.736.7172 or marievangorden@gmail.com.



**St. John's Referral Program**

St. John's has established a referral program that allows families that assist in bringing other families to St. John's to receive some financial credit for doing so. If you refer a family to St. John's and a new student registers, in grade K-8 you will receive a \$75 discount good toward your tuition. If a preschool student registers at St. John's due to your referral, you will receive a \$50 discount good toward your tuition. Please help spread the word about St. John's.

If you know of someone who would benefit from the schooling received at St. John's and are not sure how to communicate that with the family have them look us up on the website at [www.sjsmarysville.org](http://www.sjsmarysville.org) or giving them the school phone # 937.644.5540.

Come join us for worship here at St. John's as we focus on the meaning of Lent and Easter and grow together in our spiritual walk during this special season.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

The Wednesdays of Lent at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 22** 1st Wednesday  
Ash Wednesday (*communion*)

**Feb. 29** 2nd - 6th Wednesday's  
**March 7, 14, 21 & 28**

Join us for a Lenten Supper served by various St. John's ministries from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**April 1** Palm Sunday  
8:00 am Traditional Worship (*communion*)  
10:30 am Youth Confirmation Sunday (*no communion*)  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Praise Band (*no communion*)

**April 5** Maundy Thursday Worship at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

**April 6** Good Friday  
1:00 pm Afternoon Worship  
7:00 pm Tenebrae - Service of Darkness

**April 8** Easter Sunday  
8:00 & 10:30 am Traditional Worship (*no communion*)  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship with Praise Band (*communion*)



**Transportation changes**

Please note the following transportation changes for the month of February 2012:

**Marysville**

February 20—No School—Presidents Day  
February 17—No School—Prof. Day—No Busing Provided

**Fairbanks**

February 15—Scheduled 2 Hr Delay—Late Busing Provided  
February 20—No School—Presidents Day



# Upcoming Events



## Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events:

- January 28th—Power of the Pen Competition-New Albany
- January 29th—5-8th grade School Choir sings for both 10:30 Service
- January 31st—Science Club-Gr. 5-8
- February 2nd—Open House, Preschool and Kindergarten 5-8 pm
- February 5th—CEA Bowling Family Fun Event—Marysville Lanes
- February 14th—Valentine's Day Parties (K-4th Grade)
- February 15th—Scheduled 2 Hr Delay
- February 19th—6-8th Grade band performs for both 10:30 services
- February 20th—No School—President's Day
- February 21st—Midterms Sent Home
- February 21st—All School Open House 5-7pm
- February 21/22—Forward Steps in Education Day
- February 22—Ash Wednesday
- February 27—2nd Grade Oral Health Screening

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



### **PRESCHOOL/ JEC OPEN HOUSE February 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-8:00 pm**

Registration information will be available for the 2012/2013 school year. Meet the teachers, view classrooms, and see sample curriculum for 3, 4, & 5 year old preschool classes and our child care program.

Spread the word - Tell neighbors, friends, co-workers who might be interested in learning more about our early childhood programs here at St. John's.

Remember our referral program - if a new family enrolls that you referred, you will get \$50 off your tuition.

### **Notes about our registration process:**

#### **To Register:**

##### **CURRENT SCHOOL FAMILIES AND CHURCH MEMBERS:**

Beginning February 6<sup>th</sup>, Submit to office OR MAIL enrollment form AND registration fee of \$110.00

##### **OPEN ENROLLMENT TO COMMUNITY:**

Beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Submit to office OR MAIL enrollment form AND registration fee of \$110.00

Any questions, please visit our website at [www.sjsmarysville.org](http://www.sjsmarysville.org) or contact Krista Hall at [khall@stjohnsmarysville.org](mailto:khall@stjohnsmarysville.org)

# Music & Band Department

**The annual 1st-4th grade Musical** is coming up on March 8, at 7:00pm. The musical is called *“Destination: America”* and celebrates the musica of the USA. Each class is being asked to bring in a prop for their classes song. By Feb. 15th, please make sure your child has the following items:



**Grade 1: Sunglasses**

**Grade 2: Cowboy Hat**

**Grade 3: Boa (Feathery scarf-any color—(girls only)**

**Grade 4: Play microphone (with or without cord attached, preferably not)**

**Please try to put your child’s initials on their item if possible.**

**Thank you for your help with props for our musical!!!**

**ALSO...**

Students in grade 3-8, be watching for ALADDIN audition information! Auditions will be in February, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information coming soon!!!

**Finally...MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

-January 29th—5-8th grade School Choir sings for both 10:30 Service

-February 19th—6-8th Grade band performs for both 10:30 services

-March 11th—1-8th Grade @ all Services (Lutheran Schools Celebration Sunday)

-March 14th—5-8th Grade Chimes (all 5-8 music appreciation students): at 4:00pm Lenten Service

## St. John’s Sports Programs



Be sure to attend the remaining home game as well as the first round game of the COAL tournament to be hosted in the coming weeks. It has become that time of year when our basketball teams are vying for tournament seeding.

Our girls have been flying through the competition for all but two games. We twice received a loss when playing Patriot Prep; the last meeting ending in a 4 point difference. As it stands now we are 10-2 in league play. This puts us in competition for a first place seeding in the West bracket of the COAL Tournament.

Our boys basketball team added an emphatic tally to our win column this past Monday. After a tied halftime score against Cypress our boys came out ready to play ending with a 20 point win. With our only two losses having been to Patriot Prep as well, the boys team now has a league record of 8-2. If the pattern holds the boys will also be seeding #1 in the West.

If you have attended the games you most assuredly would have noticed our great eighth grade leadership. Our eighth grade winter athletes were recognized last Monday for their years of participation in winter sports. Thank you athletes for all your hard work.

Game Dates!

Thursday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – HOME vs. Polaris @ 5pm

Monday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – First Round COAL Tournament @ HOME 5pm



### St. John’s Athletic Boosters

We would like to extend a very public thank you to Cathy Newlon and Kristy McCabe for taking the lead on the basketball and cheer season concessions. This is a monumental task to make sure inventories are sufficient, supplies are in place, the concessions are set up on time and then, of course, there is the clean-up. These ladies have gone above and beyond to take the lead this year and assure that all runs smoothly. Cathy’s son, George, is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and not yet able to participate in these sports, so her presence at EVERY game from pre-game to clean-up has been a huge blessing and so very much appreciated.

And thanks, too, to all of the parents from all grades who have stepped up for kitchen and gate duty on the days we have hosted home games. Proceeds from concessions as well as gate admissions directly benefit our athletic programs at St. John’s that allow our strong traditions of academic and athletic excellence to continue.



## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!!!**

The **C**hristian **E**ducation **A**ssociation would like to invite you to a fun filled family night at Marysville Lanes.

When: Sat., February 4, 2012

Time: 6-8 pm

The cost for a family of 5=\$35, family of 4=\$30 and a family of 3 and under is \$25. This includes pizza, soda, shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling. You can pay in advance at the school office or at the bowling alley that evening. However, we would like to get a head count ahead of time so we can arrange the lanes. Please fill out below and send back to school with your child by January 27<sup>th</sup>.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay in advance: Yes or No

***Checks made payable to St. John's Christian Education Association or St. John's CEA.***