

BACK TO SCHOOL



Spirit Express

September 2018

St. John's Lutheran
Church & School

From the desk of Mr. Rausch

Dates to Remember!

- * Sept. 10th- Fall Sports Picture Day
- * Sept. 14th- 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip- Stratford Ecological Center
- * Sept. 18th- Picture Day PK T/TH AM, ALTK AM, Gr. 5 & 6
- * Sept. 19th- Picture Day PK M/W, ALTK PM, Gr. K-4/7-8
- * Sept. 19-21- 5th & 6th LMC Camp
- * Sept. 21st- 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip- Marmon Valley Farms
- * Sept. 21st-CEA Drive In Movie- 7:30pm
- * Sept. 26th- PK Ice Cream Social-6pm
- * Oct. 3rd- Limited Bus Service
- * Oct 8th, 9th & 11th- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Whoh! The crazy train is off and up the first hill. There are times when the roller coaster seem fun; the hills and the anticipation of the wait come to a head when you hear the clanking of the chain as the car moves to the top of the hill.

As school is nearly a month in, the "newness of the ride" wears off. Or does it? Much like the Church calendar our school year has many turns, tunnels, corkscrews, and upside down turns. We understand that while the ride is fun often many emotions create feelings that we may or may not like.

One thing is steady though, His word. This a.m. I was reminded of this when I listened to the daily Lutheran Hour devotional that is sent to me via email. The scrip-

ture from 1 Peter 2:9-10 states "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellences' of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people., but now you are God's people; once you had not received **mercy**, but now you have received mercy. "

Through the ups and downs I pray that this year is filled with many things for you, your family, and our students: leaning through the word, being challenged academically, and growing in grace to love each other and the world in which we live.



Please join us in Chapel
Please join us in a service project in our community.
Please pray for us!

Mr. Rausch,

Mission of the Month

The mission of the month for September is Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). St. John's Chapel offerings during the month of September, along with the mite boxes at the end of the month will go to assist with missionary work around world.

What are Mites? Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), mites are monetary gifts placed in the Mite Box, sacrificially given by supporter of the LWML. These gifts are offerings above and beyond the support given to our congregations and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. You may read more

about this at www.lwml.org. St. John's church welcomes your family to join us for our LWML Services on October 6th and 7th.



Welcome new SJS staff members!

Mrs. Darragh Huston Preschool/Art Teacher

Hi! My name is Mrs. Darragh, and I am the three year old preschool teacher, as well as the art teacher for kindergarten through eighth grade. This is my first year teaching, and I am very excited for the start of school! I believe that learning through play is very important in preschool, and I hope to help my students discover the fun they can have while learning in the process!

I have lived in Marysville all my life, and I even attended St. John's from preschool through eighth grade. In April of 2018, I graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Grand Canyon University, where I attended classes online. This allowed me to work here at St. John's in the preschool department as an aide for the last four years.

In my free time I like to read, and explore the outdoors with my husband. We also love to travel, and have big dreams to travel around the world someday.

I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know each of you!



Mrs. Annie Nicol School Counseling



I feel very blessed to begin serving at St. John's as the new School Counselor. I grew up on my family farm in Marysville and attended church and school in the SJS community.

My bachelor's degree is from Cedarville University and my master's degree is from Edinboro University. I have been counseling children and adolescents since 2012 in outpatient, hospital, church, and private practice environments. At St. John's, I look forward to helping students recognize and use their God-given strengths and abilities.

My husband Matt and I attend Marysville Grace Church. In our free time, we enjoy traveling to new places, eating Chipotle, and playing with our two puppies.

Mrs. Rebecca Rhoden Teachers Aide

My name is Rebecca Rhoden. I am excited to be the third grade teacher's aide this year! God provided an opportunity for our family to move from South Florida back to my home state of Ohio this summer.

I graduated Concordia University, Chicago in 2003, and after teaching for 8 years I decided to be a stay at home mom when my older daughter was born. My husband James and I have two daughters that will be attending St. John's. Lydia is in Second Grade and Madelyn is in Alt-K.

Teaching children about the Lord and the amazing world He has created for us is a passion of mine, and I am blessed to have the opportunity to do that with Mrs. Monroe this year!



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Miss Taylor Spark Music Teacher

My name is Taylor Stark, and it is my privilege to be serving as the music instructor for all grades here at St. John's. My father was an LCMS pastor, and I am originally from California. I went to middle school and high school in southwest Missouri, and I attended college near Chicago. I've been playing the flute for twelve years, and singing for most of my life. After studying music education at Olivet Nazarene University, I am very excited to start my first year of teaching in an environment where I can impart not only my love of music but my love of the Lord to my students. I believe music connects us to ourselves, each other, and to God, and I can't wait to share that in each of my classes!



Leigh Wade Middle School Math Teacher



I am very excited to be joining the fabulous staff and students here at St. John's for a second year in an expanded role. I am looking forward to sharing my love of math, education, and Christ with the middle school students and hope their love of these things will grow throughout the year! I received my bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University and my Master's degree from Wright State University.

I started my teaching career at Elgin High School in Marion before making the decision to stay at home with my children for a few years. Once my youngest was in school, I went back to teaching part-time as an adjunct professor at Clark State Community College before returning to a full-time online position with K12's National Math Lab. I then spent a year teaching part-time online with VCS Ohio before joining St. John's in a part-time position last year.

While at Wittenberg, I met my husband Dustin on the baseball field and our love of baseball has carried on with our three children, Sydney, Bailey, and Damon. They have been active in a number of different sports including football, basketball, softball, and soccer as well. We enjoy watching and cheering them on in all their sports. We are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church where we have served and volunteered in a number of ways including helping lead Upward Basketball and Cheer.

Important Attendance Information

Call-In/Notes: It is important for every student to attend school every day. Regular school attendance is an important ingredient in students' academic success. In the event that a student is absent from school, a parent/guardian **MUST notify the school office by 9:00am at 937-644-5540 or via email at office@sjsmarysville.org to report.** A written excuse must be submitted to the school the day your child returns. (A note must be provided regardless of the length of absence full day/partial day). In December 2016, the Ohio General As-

sembly passed House Bill 410 to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy. For more information please visit ODE's website.

Assignments for Absent Students: When a student is absent, the student or parent should access the teacher web page to gather missing assignments. If assignments are not available please contact the school office or teacher to request assignments. Please allow 6-8 hours for assignments to be gathered.

Summarization of House Bill 410:

The state of Ohio is now tracking *hours* of attendance rather than *days*. The state guidelines are as follows:

Excessive Absence is defined as 38 or more hours missed in one school month and 65 hours in one school year. ***This applies to hours missed for tardies, early dismissals and time missed with or without legitimate excuse.***

Habitual Truancy is defined as 30 or more consecutive hours missed, 42 hours missed in one school month, or 72 hours in a school year without legitimate excuse. Please watch for updates regarding school policy in regards to attendance compliance.

Closings and Delays

St. John's will **ONLY** follow the calamity schedule of the Fairbanks school district; when it comes to weather related delays or cancellations.

To stay informed, tune to any of the local news channels on the television and or local radio stations. Look or listen for St. John's Lutheran, Marysville. We will also send out Text/Voicemail and/or email Alerts

through Gradelink. If your email address or phone number should change please contact the school Office.



Join Our Preschool Family!

It's not too late to enroll your kiddo in St. John's Preschool! If you have any questions please contact our Preschool Director, Alex Blewitt, at ablewitt@sjsmarysville.org or [937-240-3007](tel:937-240-3007).



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SCRIP



SCRIP is a term that means "substitute money". In more practical terms, St. John's SCRIP is gift cards and certificates from many retail vendors. When you buy St. John's SCRIP you are purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. St. John's purchases these gift cards at a discount and resells them at face value. The difference between the two is earned money.

Drop Off/Pick Up Reminders

Drop off for all K-8 students needs to be done at the side gym entrance between the Church and school (accessible by turning off of St. Rt. 736 to Kandel Road.). Regular dismissal pick-up for all K-8 students should also take place at this same location. For student and parent safety it is best practice for you to "go through" the pick up line and not exit your car.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Waiting in line is usually never fun, but necessary as their are many children moving and their safety is our utmost importance.

Distractive Driving

Distracted driving is a concern for everyone, everywhere! For the safety of all, please use caution in our School Zone and also refrain from using your cell phone while driving through the pick- up/drop off line.



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**Equipping the family of God to
joyfully and boldly
Make disciples of Christ as we
KNOW Jesus and one another
GROW to be more like Him
SOW His love in word and deed.**

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**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
(LC-MS)**

Traditional Worship at 9:00 am in the Church Sanctuary

Out Abounds Contemporary Worship at 11:00 am in the Church
Sanctuary

Adult & Young Adult Bible Study and Youth & Children

Sunday School at 10:00 am

Saturday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm in the Church
Sanctuary

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GOD.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1 ESV