



St. John's Lutheran School PARENT BULLETIN

APRIL 18, 2024



WHAT IS PTO?

Our school sponsors a Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). This organization serves as an arm of the school, helping to foster communication between the school and home. The PTO works closely with the principal and staff to provide needed assistance.

A large part of what our PTO does is fundraising and coordinating events at our school. They handle the EIBT Basketball Tournament, Grandparent's Day celebration, Gingerbread House Sale in December, Dine and Donate nights, "special" lunch days for our students, Daddy/Daughter dance, Mother/Son outing, and Room Parents to name just some of the things that they do. They are currently working on our Teacher Appreciation Week activities.

This year, our PTO held an informational night with Dr. Mullaney regarding public school Sex Education, purchased eclipse glasses for our students, supported school field day, paid the registration fee for teachers to be members of the Lutheran Education Association and gave money to teachers to purchase supplies for their classrooms.

All parents are automatically members of PTO! If you would like to become a member of the board and help our school continue to be a great place, consider running for a board position. The term for a PTO Board Member is just two years. You may speak to any of our current board members to learn more about the PTO. They are: Joddee Baker, Sara Gouwins, Katie Turner, Andrea Brock, Ashley Vargas, and Cheryl Backus.

Thanks for all you do, PTO!

Enjoy your weekend,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4/19

Upper Grade
Musical 6:30p

4/27

8th Grade
Confirmation Service
10:30a

5/5

K-4th sing at
10:30a Service

5/22-24

7th & 8th Class Trip

5/29

8th Grade Banquet
(7th grade invited)

*Have you submitted
your enrollment form?!*





PTO NEWS

**Volunteers
needed**

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

PTO is responsible for fun events at school and raising money to support our school and teachers. We are responsible for events such as; Grandparents Day breakfast, Gingerbread House Sale, Trunk or Treat, EIBT, Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Outing, staff gifts and special meals, Teacher Appreciation week, dine and donates, etc. We are completely volunteer run and unfortunately without more volunteers we will need to cut down on events that our families love! Here's your chance to get a piece of the action! **We have 3 open board positions that need to be filled!** We are seeking candidates for Vice President, Secretary and Communications spots. We encourage both new and familiar families to get involved! Please email us at stjohnsPTO@sjleagles.com if you are interested or know someone who might be! **PTO needs nominations for all 3 positions before May 9th to ensure all events for the 2024-25 school year can be organized as usual.**

TEACHER APPRECIATION



Watch for communication from your room parent regarding the schedule and fun things we have planned for **Teacher Appreciation Week running May 6th through 10th.**



MOTHER-SON OUTING

Join us at Fox Bowl on Saturday, May 18th at 3pm for our annual St. John's Mother-Son outing! Tickets are \$15/person and include bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. Registration is open! Sign-up here and submit payment to the school office (cash or check made to St. John's PTO). [Mother-Son Registration](#)

SPRING FUNDRAISER!



Back by popular demand, **SJ students will be selling Lou Malnati's pizza coupons from April 26th to May 3rd!**

Watch folders for order forms coming home soon!

This year we're adding **an additional way to support the fundraiser, dine-in or order from Lou Malnati's in Oakbrook Terrace, Elmhurst or Addison on May 1st!** Just mention St. John's when ordering or use promo code GPFUND24 when ordering on the Lou Malnati's website.



PTO NEWS (con't)

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS



Order all your school supplies in one convenient pack and have it delivered right to school! Supply kit sales are done online and delivered to school before move-in day. Kits come with custom name labels included so supplies can be labeled quickly during move-in! Online ordering will begin next week. Watch the bulletin for the website and our school code. **Order deadline will be June 14th.**



UPCOMING

School Supply Kit Sales

April 26 - May 3: Lou Malnati's Spring Fundraiser

May 18: Mother-Son Outing

May 30: DQ Dine and Donate



STOCK THE CART!

We're helping our SJ staff stay energized by keeping a stocked snack cart in the office for their enjoyment! We're assigning classrooms each month to keep it stocked. **2nd-4th grade, April is your turn!** Drop items in the office or order on Amazon and have it delivered right to school! Snack ideas can include (but are not limited to); granola bars, trail mix, candy, chips, pretzels, popcorn, fruit, etc. Please purchase items in individual packs. Staff has recently requested K-Cups for their coffee bar and disposable coffee cups with lids.

~~March- Preschool through 1st grade~~

April- 2nd through 4th grade

May- 5th through 8th grade

SUMMER CAMP **CAMP**

[ST. JOHN'S SUMMER CAMP](#)

[INFORMATION](#) is now available!

Registration deadline is May 24th.

April 29th the registration fee will increase to \$75.00. Questions can be directed to sjschooloffice@sjleagles.com



20TH ANNUAL EQUIP & EXTEND GOLF OUTING

The 20th Annual Equip and Extend Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, June 10th, at Bartlett Hills Golf Club.** The golf day will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please make plans to join us and complete the [REGISTRATION FORM](#). If you need further information, please contact Tom Kalal at tkalal@sjleagles.com



THE BIBLE IN 60 MINUTES OR LESS

St. John's Lutheran School Proudly Presents: "The Bible in 60 Minutes or Less" by Anton Bucher. **Please join us for our 5-8th grade production.** This a quick, lively show full of fun and songs! The **dress rehearsal is Thursday, April 18th at 1:30p and the main performance Friday, April 19th at 6:30p** (Sanctuary). Please join us for one or both of our performances!



YEARBOOK CLUB CHANGE

The last day of yearbook club will be **switched from May 7th to April 30th.**



YEARBOOK ORDERS

If you did not order your 2023-2024 yearbook they can be [ORDERED HERE](#). Orders **placed by May 7th will receive free shipping** to the school office. After May 7th there will be a shipping fee.



YEARBOOK: PHOTOS WANTED!

Have great photos for the yearbook? We are in need of sports photos. Please **send them to Mrs. Garnier** at hgarnier@sjleagles.com. Thank you!

3RD GRADE TEACHER



We are pleased to announce that **Miss Ashley Samuta, a 2016 graduate of St. John's, has accepted our Divine Call to serve as our 3rd grade teacher.** Miss Samuta will be graduating with her Lutheran Elementary Education degree in May of 2024. We are excited to welcome Ashley to St. John's.



VOLUNTEER CHAPEL

We would like to recognize and thank all of you who have volunteered in any way during the 2023-2024 school year. We will be having a **Chapel service on Wednesday, May 15th**, and we would like for you to attend. After chapel, we will have some light refreshments in the school multi purpose room. To prepare for our special volunteer day, please fill out the form [HERE](#). **Please pass along the form to anyone you know who volunteered in our school.** If you are not able to fill out the form, simply call the school office and let us know that you will be attending.



Chapel Offering

\$50.05

Q4 TOTAL Chapel Offering

\$153.76



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! **VBS 2024 is July 15 - 19, 9:30a - 12p.** VBS registration opens on **March 16th! [SIGN UP](#)** early to claim your spot before it fills up!
VBS volunteers needed! [SIGN-UP HERE!](#)

MARY MARTHA



Women of St. John's, please join us on **May 6 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall** as we welcome **Marlene Ceja, The Director of Corporate and Community Engagement with DuPage Pads.** In March 2022, DuPage Pads purchased the Interim Housing Center (IHC) on Butterfield in Downers Grove, the former home of the Red Roof Inn. **Once a month St. John's prepares a meal for the nearly 300 guests served at the IHC on a daily basis.** According to Marlene, St. John's continued support helps "strengthen client successes and connect more families and individuals to the proven solutions that end homelessness."
Marlene will be talking to us about history of Dupage Pads, what it looks like now and how we can serve and aid in their mission to end homelessness.



JOB OPENING: 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

St. John's needs **two adults (high school junior or older) to help with extended care** at St. John's School (**2024/25 school year**). Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 3:00p - 5:00/6:00p. Wednesdays 2:00p - 5:00/6:00p, Helper would be compensated at \$18/hr. Please respond to tkalal@sjleagles.com.

ARTIST SERIES



The final event of the season is just two weekends away! **On Sunday, April 21st at 3:00p (Sanctuary) we welcome the Heritage Chorale,** an adult chamber choir known for performing choral masterworks of many styles and historical periods. As always, this is a **NO-CHARGE event** (a free-will offering will be taken.)
www.heritagechorale.com



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