



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL – LOMBARD
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Watch Your Words

EAGLE NATION

We Are His Workmanship

I received this today from Lois Stewart who works at the Northern Illinois District. I thought it was a good message for all of us.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which Christ prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.' Ephesians 2:8-10

We do good works because of who we are in Christ. Fruit trees bear fruit and Christians do good works. Of course, we know that doing good works is not a bad thing, rather an expectation for Christians with a willingness of spirit, as we desire to show love and compassion out of thankfulness to God. We reach out to help others as we are able. When we just shovel the neighbor's snow, take a welcome gift to a new family on our block, send a note of care to a friend, spending extra time with a student that is struggling, etc... we are acting as Jesus' hands and feet in our little corner of the world.

In this passage of Ephesians, we are reminded by Paul that God gave each of us life in order to serve others out of love for Christ. The plan laid out for our lives was prepared in advance for us to serve. God knows exactly where, when, and how we would serve, but we don't. God provides ways of service for us that we don't understand and are not aware of. This is another mysterious way God uses us. Whether called workers in the church, lay leaders, or volunteers, we have a special place of service. Each is a special calling and blessing to others.

As we place our faith and trust in God (no matter the stresses we face), we can all be thankful that God holds us in the palm of His hand and gives us what He knows is best for us. So, when trials come (including the stresses of COVID19, keeping our school safe, or taking care of those in need), step back and know God's plan is perfect. Stay in the Word. Take care of yourself to be Well. Use your words and life as a Witness.

Remember each day – Christ loves you and holds you close.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr. Kalal

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 12- NO SCHOOL

Most of our teachers are scheduled to receive their second dose of the COVID 19 vaccine on Thursday, March 11. We anticipate that some may have a reaction and not feel well on the following day. We are sorry for any inconvenience this change in schedule may cause. Thank you for your understanding.

READ ACROSS AMERICA- STRIPES DAY



Read Across America Spirit Day: On March 2nd we will be celebrating Read Across America along with Dr. Suess' Birthday. Students may wear stripes on this day to celebrate! Join us for a virtual Dr. Seuss trivia night at 6:30!

**MONDAY, MARCH 1st = CINDY IBELING DAY
EVERYONE WEAR ANY SHADE OF BLUE!!**

Our dear friend and Extended Care worker Mrs. Ibeling is battling Leukemia. We want to show her some love by wearing her favorite color, blue! As we continue to lift her and her family up in prayer, we are mindful of the blessings God has given them and pray for her continued health and complete healing. If you would like to send a card to Mrs. Ibeling, please drop it off at the school office. The family has set up a GoFundMe page for Cindy's medical expenses:
[Mrs. Ibeling's Go Fund Me](#)

**DID YOU KNOW THIS?
THE ORIGIN OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH - WHY FEBRUARY?**

Here is a brief history lesson regarding the beginnings of Black History Month. It all began in February of 1926 with historian Carter G. Woodson. He began what he called Negro History Week. Woodson chose the second week in February because both President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Fredrick Douglass had birthdays that week. It was Woodson's belief that all children should be educated about African American history. Woodson's entire purpose was to educate and highlight African American culture as well as fight for equality through the positive celebration of black heroes. Thanks to Woodson's work, the 1920's saw a heightened interest in black culture and led to what was known as the Harlem Renaissance. Many communities across the United States set aside a period of time to celebrate black history and in 1976 President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month, and he encouraged Americans to participate in a month-long observance. Black History Month is observed in the US in February, and serves as an important conversation point in schools and in our communities.

**Dr. Seuss Trivia Night
Tuesday, March 2nd, 6:30 p.m.**



Hello St. John's Families!

Usually, at this time of the year, we are busy preparing for math or literacy night. This year, due to COVID, we will be unable to host our annual event. However, we are not going to let that stop us from having some fun. This year, in lieu of our in-person event, we will be having a virtual literacy trivia night. Here's what you need to know about this "can't miss" event:

1. Our theme for the night will be "Dr. Seuss." All of our questions will be related to Dr. Seuss in some way. They may be a question about one of his books or a fact about his life. We are encouraging you to read the following titles in order to prepare for the night: *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Foot Book*, *Fox in Socks*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, and *Horton Hears a Who*.
2. The trivia will take place on a virtual platform. The link will be emailed out before the event. It will be helpful to have two devices readily available--one to be on the Zoom/Google Meet with and one to be answering questions with.

3. This event is open to families with children in preschool through 3rd grade.
4. The top three families will win a prize!

We hope that you will be able to join us for a night of family, friendly competition, and fun!

Reminders.....

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS

Drop off and pick up reminders. We have had some very close calls in the last few weeks in the morning at drop off. Just a reminder that ***no one*** should pull into the parking spots along the school side during drop off or at pick up. Lincoln Ave is meant to be a drop off area in the morning. If you must get out of your car to assist your child please park in the parking lot or on Maple Ave and use the crosswalk to walk your child to the patio. We understand that with the cold weather, snow and slush this is not the most convenient or desirable idea, but it is necessary for the safety of our students and parents.

At pick up we ask that you remain in your car, however, if you have to get out to buckle your little one in, please do so in a safe and quick manner.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS...TELL YOUR FRIENDS

If you're happy and you know it...tell your friends!! St. John's School enjoys a long-standing history and excellent reputation in the community. We gladly serve students from all over DuPage County. Do you have friends who are looking for a solid, reliable, Christian education for their children next year? Do you know other parents who are looking for stability and a sense of belonging for their child? Let them know we are giving tours and taking applications for enrollment now! We appreciate all you do to help our school!

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT WEAR YES WE DO....

SJS ONLINE SPIRIT SHOP IS OPEN!

We are so excited to announce our new SJS Spirit Wear ONLINE Shop is OPEN! We have partnered with Positive Impressions in Villa Park to bring you an awesome variety of spirit wear clothing and accessories. Simply click on this link <http://sjspositiveshop.com>

All orders will be shipped directly to your home, most orders ship in 7 days.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION TIME IS HERE!

Let's think about warm, sunny weather!! John's Summer Day Camp could be the answer and cure to summer boredom for your child. We offer flexible scheduling, affordable pricing, and fun times! We will adhere to Illinois Department of Public Health and DuPage County Health Department guidelines for safety. Whether you need a few days during the summer or several weeks...we are here for you. Please let your friends and family know about this opportunity. Camp is open to children who are or will be three years old by September 1, 2021 through those entering 4th grade. For more information, or to request a registration packet, please call or email the school office. 630-932-3196 msalzman@sjleagles.com.



2021 Updated Calendar - REVISED

February	26	Mid-term
March	12 26 29-April 5	NO SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30, End of 3rd Quarter NO SCHOOL Spring Break
April	6 9 23 24	School Resumes Report Cards ???? Grandparents Day (tentative)- EARLY DISMISSAL 11:30A Confirmation 8th Grade
May	5 28 31	Mid-term Last Day of Preschool 9/01/2020 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
June	2 2 2 3 4	11:15 8th grade Clap out 11:30 7th grade dismissal 8th Grade Banquet - tentative 11:30 dismissal, 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 PM Closing Service (Awards) 10:30 AM dismissal

DISMISSAL ON MONDAYS IS 2:00PM

COVID REMINDER We are following IDPH and DuPage County Health Department regulations regarding the mitigation protocols for COVID. We communicate with the Covid-19 Team at the County weekly, to remain up to date with our procedures and policies regarding quarantining students and staff at St. John's. Therefore, it is imperative that if anyone in your home feels any symptoms and/or if anyone in your home is awaiting COVID test results you should **KEEP YOUR CHILD(REN) HOME!** keep this virus from entering our school. Contact the school office as soon as possible and let us know what is happening. Your information will be kept confidential; and our teachers will work with your child(ren) to make sure they are getting their assignments. Please keep us aware of any contact your child has with a COVID positive person. Stay home if you have any cold or flu symptoms, if you have a fever, if you feel sick...We are working extremely hard to keep this from affecting our school in a negative way, and we need everyone's help. Thank you

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCH

REGISTRATION for Sat., Feb. 27th 5:30p, Sun., Feb. 28th 8:00a & 10:30a and separate link for Lent Wednesday services can be found below. Those with limited web access may call the church office and leave a message to be put on the registration. Not registered? No worries, we would love for you to come even if last minute!

*Regular Worship services Saturday 5:30p Contemporary; Sunday 8:00a Traditional & 10:30a Contemporary
Sunday Adult Small Groups at 9:15a (At this time no Kids of the King "Sunday School")*

As a reminder:

- **Masks are to be worn at all times by persons 2 years and older over both the nose and mouth.**
- **No food or drink is allowed**
- **If members of your household are or have been traveling, we expect that you take all necessary precautions while traveling and if there is any question of exposure while traveling we ask that you delay your return to in person worship.**

IN PERSON REGISTRATION SIGNUP for this coming Saturday and Sunday here. Please include ALL names attending in the comment section:

[St. John's Lombard: Worship Service Registration \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

PAST WEEKEND ONLINE VIEWING (not present in church) ATTENDANCE LOG below (deadline to enter is following Monday by 8a):

**Sunday, Feb. 21st ONLINE Viewing Worship Attendance log link:
<https://sjl.breezechms.com/form/c54b9d638465602016242844956360228668>**