



St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

September 5, 2025

Christ at the Center Truth in all things

This is the new motto for St. James Lutheran School. The theme verse for this year is Psalm 98:4, Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Save the Date:

This year's VIP day will be on Friday, October 3. VIPs may start the festivities by joining their special child(ren) for lunch and then following them for the afternoon concluding with a special chapel service at 1:15.

Volunteering opportunities

We at St. James are blessed with many caring parents, grandparents, and friends who help with a multitude of tasks and requests, and we are SO grateful for all that you do.

This year we are encouraging each of our St. James families to volunteer 8 hours if possible in any area that they appeals to them and works into their schedule. Please check out the link that Pastor Loder sent to all school families earlier this week for the many opportunities available for volunteering.

PTL NEWS

The first meeting of the PTL for this school year was held on Wednesday, September 3. The next meeting will be on October 1 starting at 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings to share ideas and talents, or just learn more about what the PTL does.



We welcome new students:

Braxton Borrell in seventh grade,
Kane Holmquist, Lorraine
Rickard, Robert Rickard and
Brody Wrobbell in kindergarten,
and Cameron Cardinal, Loretta

Davis, Titus Diers, Jacob Hallock, Everett Hennen, Marcella Miller, and Isaiah Painschab in preschool. We are glad to have all of you joining our family here at St. James and pray for a great school year for all.

THANK YOU to the dedicated lawn mower who kept the church and school grounds clean and neat all summer.

THE SCRIP PROGRAM

Has been discontinued for the time being. We may look at starting it again in the future.

Sunday, September 7

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Chapel Service: Wednesday, September 10

8:20 a.m. Vicar Hallock

In Our Prayers: This upcoming week please add these prayer requests to your daily prayer time:

- † Thanks for the blessings of a new school year.
- † Thanks for the volunteers who graciously give of their time and talent to help our staff and students.
- † For all students and staff, to grow in faith and knowledge day by day throughout this year.
- † For all who are impacted by recent earthquakes, landslides, storms, and wildfires.
- † For comfort and healing for the families of Annunciation Catholic School.
- † For those who are in need of healing, especially Diane Odenbrett.
- † For God's care for St. James church and school families and staff.



Looking for a way to get moving, and help educational freedoms?

Opportunity for All Kids (OAK) and the Center of the American Experiment are offering a "7K for Kids Fun Run" in support of education freedom in Minnesota on Saturday, September 20th, in Minnetonka. The family-friendly day includes a Raffle drawing for a \$7,000 scholarship toward the family's choice of K-12 private school, promoting the ongoing \$7k for kids campaign for a Minnesota Education Savings Account (ESA).
<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/109267/7k-for-kids-fun-run>

ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS: All 4th graders got to try each band instrument during their first week of school; now they tackle the tough decision of choosing just ONE to play, with your guidance and permission, of course. Information regarding Eckroth Music's instrument leasing program has gone home; as you ponder and pray about this exciting opportunity for your child, reach out to Mrs. Loder with any questions or concerns. Beginner Band will start September 16. Please notify Mrs. Loder by September 15 whether or not your 4th grader plans to participate. Students are not required to have an instrument in order to come to the first rehearsal, but should have a plan to secure one by the end of the month.
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Next Week at St. James School:

Sun. Sept. 7

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Mon., Sept. 8

3:15-4:45 p.m. VB practice

Tues., Sept. 9

3:15-4:45 p.m. VB practice

Wed., Sept. 10

8:20 a.m. Chapel

3:00-4:30 p.m. VB practice

Thurs., Sept. 11

Library

4:00 p.m. Home VB vs. Trinity Waconia

Sun., Sept. 14

8:00 a.m. Grades 5-8 Choir

Available at the front desk:

- school calendars
- lunch menus
- yearbook order forms
- school newsletters

Remember to check out the website at

www.stjameshl.org On the site under the school tab you can find links to the Fast Direct site and the lunch payment site, along with the weekly newsletter, and PTL information.

Parents of preschoolers: Milk payments made out to District 2687 are as follows:

Three year old cost for the year is \$20.00

Four year old cost for the year is \$36.00



Congratulations to our Summer Stars! Eleven band students participated in the "Summer Stars" program, learning and playing new songs for family and friends. Great job staying motivated to practice over the summer, kids! And parents, thanks for listening! Back row (l to r): Nayvie Laage, Audrey Ogle, Olivia Koosman, Lila Hennen, Lillian Doten, Tanner Koch, Logan Frich; Front row (l to r): Averi Nowak, Lilian Olson, Eden Koosman, Codee Laage.



First Day back as 7th and 8th graders!

LUNCHES: Although all students are able to have a free breakfast and a free lunch each day, it is a good idea to make sure you have your family account set up with HLWW. If you do not already have a lunch account, contact Michelle Johnson at the high school (320-543-4600). Each morning the students will be asked if they are having hot lunch, or brought their own, so that our cook will have the right amount of food prepared. The only charges made to your account this year will be: \$.50 for a carton of milk to go with a lunch brought from home, or if the student wants a second milk to go with their school lunch. Grades 5-8 are able to purchase a second entrée at a cost of \$2.00.

By going to the school website and using the Lunch payment tab, families can do online payments directly to HLWW. If you prefer to use checks for lunch payments, please make them out to ISD #2687, and drop them off in the school office. We will then deliver the check to HLWW.

As always if you would like to join your son or daughter at lunch, let the office know by 9:00 a.m. **Cost for an adult meal is \$5.05** and may be deducted from the family account as long as there is money in the account.

Yearbook order forms for the current school

year may be turned in to the school office. Cost is still \$15.00 per book.



From the Family Handbook

PICK-UP PROCEDURES

No student will be permitted to leave the campus unless prior arrangements have been made with a parent/guardian and school administration. Students riding the bus will be released first. Once the bus has left the front of the school, the remaining students will be released to their parents/guardians.

Parents are to place their name sign in the passenger window and form a line that pulls up to the front of school. Students will be released in the order of the line. If parents choose to park in the parking lot, please come out of your vehicle and pick up your student.

Parents arriving early to pick up their student(s) should not park along the curb in front of the school until after the bus has arrived and departed.

Following this procedure will greatly help the teacher in charge of dismissal for that day. Thanks for your help!

