

# St. James Lutheran School



## Newsletter

September 12, 2025

### Christ at the Center Truth in All Things

#### VIP DAY FRIDAY OCTOBER 3

The event starts with lunch. If any of the VIPs wish to have the school lunch that day please notify the school office by **Thursday, September 25** so that we can plan accordingly. After lunch, the VIPs may accompany their special student(s) to their classrooms. At 1:15 we will all gather in the church for a special chapel service. If the VIPs will be providing transportation home for any of the students, be sure to let the teacher know that day.

**Praise the Lord for the Parent Teacher League.** Our PTL group consists of parents and teachers dedicated to the mission of St. James Lutheran School. We organize volunteer opportunities and events for our current school families. Our aim is to support students and teachers. We're seeking additional parents to attend and be involved.

We realize that parents are busy. But, I challenge you to be BUSY with St. James this school year.

**Busy=Because U Say Yes!**

Say yes to attending at least one PTL meeting this year.

Say yes to leading one school activity.

Say yes to assisting with the Gala.

Say yes to helping make copies for teachers.

Say yes to donating desserts for VIP Day.

Say yes to praying for our school's teachers and students.

**Be busy this year. Why? Because U Say Yes.**

There are many opportunities (and likely more) to share your time and talents with our schools. Consider

**signing up via the SignUpGenius**

**link [https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0](https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0B4EAF8A28A02-58404358-volunteer)**

**[B4EAF8A28A02-58404358-volunteer](https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0B4EAF8A28A02-58404358-volunteer)** or feel free to reach out.

Sunday, September 14

8:00 a.m.

Grades 5-8 Choir

**Chapel Service: Wednesday, September 17**

8:20 a.m.

Pastor Loder

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

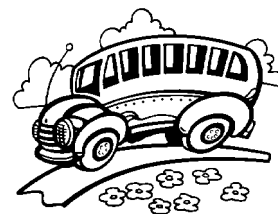
- † For those who are facing any type of health issue, especially Diane Odenbrett and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For Mrs. Olsen's family as they mourn the passing of her father.
- † For the bus drivers who bring us to and from school safely each day.
- † For electricity, running water, and the many things we can easily take for granted in our day to day lives.
- † Thank you for volunteers who willingly help in so many ways around our school and church.
- † For the thousands of people around the world impacted by armed conflicts, wildfires, floods, and hurricanes.

#### **Spirit Wear:**

**The link to the site for ordering St. James spirit wear is: <https://appsigns.company.site/St-James-Saints->**

#### **Gear-c61493008**

**The QR code is.**



**Monday, September 22**

**grades 1-8** will be heading to Outdoor Ed Day sponsored by the Three Rivers Park District. Be certain that your child(ren) are dressed for whatever

weather may come, because it is held rain or shine, warm or chilly.

### Next Week at St. James:

Sun., Sept. 14

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

Mon., Sept. 15

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

7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting

Tues., Sept. 16

3:45 p.m. Home VB game vs. Chaska

Wed., Sept. 17

8:20 a.m. Chapel

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

Thurs., Sept. 18

Library

4:00 p.m. VB game @ Cologne Academy

Sun., Sept. 21

10:30 a.m. Grades 3-4 choir

**The 5-6 grade volleyball season opened with a home game on Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup>.** Our Saints team took on Trinity, Waconia. Even though there had been time for only 5 practice sessions, the girls showed growing teamwork and won one of the sets. Thanks for all the support in the stands and those who helped things go smoothly from officiating to concessions and scoreboard control. Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> is the next home game vs. Chaska at 3:45 p.m.



### At the reception desk:

- Yearbook order forms
- 4-H information
- Girl Scout information grades K-8
- Menus
- Choir Schedule
- School Newsletter

### Picture Day:



The photographer will be here on Tuesday, September 30.

The date for retakes and students who weren't able to be here on September 30 is

Friday, November 14. More information about online ordering will be coming as soon as the company has sent us the details.

**Chapel offerings:** This quarter's chapel offerings will be sent to Annunciation Catholic School. This week's total was \$36.75. That's a great beginning!



**School Directories** should be completed and sent home with the youngest child of each family next week. Please check the listings for accuracy and contact the school office about any changes or additions that should be made.

**4-H Open House Events** – Tues., Sept. 30 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at 3500 Braddock Ave. NE Buffalo

Sun. Oct. 5 Noon-3:00 at Fresh Acres Corn Maze 8102 72<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Monticello, MN with free pumpkin painting. Maze admission is an additional cost.

### **From the Family Handbook:**

**ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS** Though the Word of God is a foundational focus and priority at St. James, students' academic achievement is significant. As it is realized that each student will vary in academic achievement, St. James wishes to instill the integrity of working faithfully and diligently as stewards of the life God has given. Each student does well to be nurtured and challenged to obtain the highest level of academic achievement of which they are capable. Further, the family is expected to support, nurture, and assist the classroom teacher in ensuring that the student works within the scope of their responsibilities. Academic expectations are monitored throughout the year. Parents/guardians can access their student's grades throughout the school year using FastDirect. Teachers will regularly contact parents and are willing to discuss student progress as necessary.

### **Presenting the 2025-2026 Kindergarten class**

