



St. James Lutheran School

Newsletter

October 9, 2026

Christ at the Center

Truth in All Things

REMEMBER: No School on Thursday, October 15 or Friday, October 16.

St. James Students and their families...are invited



to enjoy the ever-popular LWML baked Chicken Dinner with all the fixings of mashed potatoes/gravy, stuffing, cranberries, vegetables, coleslaw, buns and beverage being served in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 11 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Take-outs will also be available as well as a Drive-thru pick-up in the back of the school. A donation of \$15 or more per meal will be gratefully accepted to support mission projects and Christmas gifts. Shop the Country Store for some goodies and hand-crafted items too. The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) welcomes you!

PTL NEWS Middle School Activity Night **Tuesday, October 20. 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Students in grades 5-8 are invited to enjoy a fun evening of pizza and a puzzle competition. An RSVP form should have gone home with your student. We hope our middle school students will join us for a night of food, fun and friendly competition.

St. James families, we are excited to offer a new fundraising opportunity for our school. We're partnering with KwikTrip to sell Car Wash Cards. Each card is \$40 and includes 5 Ultimate car washes to use at any Kwik Trip location. This new opportunity runs now until November 11th. We are asking that all order forms and money be returned to the office before the 11th. We expect the cards to be in our hands *before* Christmas break. (hint--- these make excellent gift ideas). St. James will earn \$15.00 for each card sold.

It's truly a blessing to be able to support our wonderful school and create opportunities for our students and families. Thank you to all who make these events possible!

A huge thank you to all who donated desserts for our meal on Friday, to those who helped set up, serve, and clean up after the meal! We truly appreciate your willingness to pitch in.

Sunday, October 11

Choir:

10:30 a.m. Preschool & Kindergarten Choir

Wednesday, October 14

Chapel Service:

8:20 a.m.

Pastor Loder

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

- † For our church, and school, students, and staff.
- † Thanks for our nation and the freedoms that we enjoy here.
- † Thanks for the free gift of salvation from our gracious God.
- † Thanks for the time to share our school with our VIPs.
- † For healing for all who have any health issues.
- † For leaders of countries around the world to work for peaceful solutions to conflicts.
- † For farmers as they harvest their crops.



SYCAMORE SEED:

When you click on **My Family | Students | student's code**, the student's profile will open in a new window. It includes a listing of the student's basic information plus a listing of current and missing assignments. A listing of assignments can be printed off by clicking the blue 'Print' icon. For a shortcut right to your student's information hover over the student icon in the upper right hand corner of your school's homepage | Information area. You can then go straight to Schedule, Grades, etc.

If any discipline logs or detentions have been created for the student, you can view those here by clicking on the 'Discipline' button. Click on the 'violation' in blue to review such things as a description and resolution details. *We include positive behaviors here, as well, not just the behaviors that need correction.*

Next Week at St. James School:

Sun., Oct. 11

10:30 a.m. Preschool & K Choir

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LWML
Chicken Dinner in the Fellowship
Hall

11 AM - 2PM Open House at Fire Hall

Mon., Oct. 12

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

Tues., Oct. 13

3:45 p.m. Home VB vs. CCLS

Wed., Oct. 14

8:20 a.m. Chapel

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

Thurs. and Fri., Oct. 15-16

No School

Mon., Oct. 19

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

7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting

Tues., Oct. 20

4:00 p.m. VB @ Cologne Academy

6:00 p.m. Pizza and Puzzles Middle School
Activity

Wed., Oct. 21

8:20 a.m. Chapel

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

Thurs., Oct. 22

Library

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



At the front desk:

*Yearbook order forms

*Newsletters

*Menus

Wow! We have already passed the middle of first quarter. Have you checked in on the Sycamore website to see how your child(ren) is/are doing in their classes? Are they caught up and doing well? Give them a high five. Are they missing assignments? Encourage them to get things turned in.

Celebrate St. James Drive: \$6110.00 is the total reached so far. We are blessed by your generosity. We will continue collecting through October, so there is still time to donate.

New chapel total: We have reached \$264.00 our chapel offerings so far this year. We are collecting our offerings this year for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to specifically provide Bibles for a church in need in England.

October 11 from 11-2 check out the demonstrations and free hot dogs and hamburgers at the Howard Lake Fire Station.

HANDBOOK HINTS:

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Participation in any extracurricular activity at St. James School is a privilege. To participate, students must demonstrate faithful use of their God-given talents in classroom relationships, attendance, assignments, and all other school requirements. Students must maintain a 2.00 (C) grade point average (GPA) if they wish to participate in any extracurricular activity at St. James School. A GPA of less than 2.00 or receiving an "D" in any subject will make the student ineligible to participate. Participation in extracurricular activities may resume once the necessary responsibilities have been completed to bring the GPA above 2.00 or class grade above a "D". Parents/Guardian are also encouraged to consider this policy for outside extracurricular activities.



The 2026 Girls Volleyball Team:

Front: Hadley Diers, Natalie Eckhoff, Aurora Moorhouse, Hannah Pink, Mya Morrisette.
Back: Averi Nowak, Mya Zillmer, Kaitlyn King, Harper Salmela, Reagan Merges. Coaches: Ashley Nowak and Kelly Salmela. The girls have put in lots of time and energy to improve their skills and are representing St. James well. There is one more home game on Tuesday, October 13. Come and cheer them on!

More PTL NEWS

Planning for the Saints Gala

Planning is underway for the 2027 St. James Gala on Saturday, March 13, 2027. Tickets will be available soon. In the coming months, we will especially be looking for help securing auction item donations and themed baskets for the auction. If you have a business connection, an item to donate, or an idea, we'd love to hear from you

Join Us at the next PTL Meeting

Our next PTL meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Stop on in! We'd love to have your input and ideas as we plan activities and opportunities for our students and families.

Book Fair & Craft Night Thursday, November 5. This year's Book Fair will look a bit different! In the past, we've coordinated the book fair with conferences. This year, we're combining the Book Fair and Craft Night. Book Fair doors open at 6:00 p.m. and crafts will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

VIP Day: The Joy of Family and Special Friends!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for VIP Day! It was wonderful to have so many guests.



The St. James advanced band played Amazing Grace to start the “after chapel music presentations”



Grade 4
Aurora
and Lucas
with their
VIPs

Grade 3 – Julia and her VIP



Grades 5 & 6 had a room full of honored guests.



Second grader Everett with his VIPs



Grades 7&8 interviewing their VIPs



All school choir on VIP Day



VIP Day in kindergarten for Oliver and Karlee



The Howard Lake Fire Department visited the preschool, kindergarten, first, and second grade classes on Monday, the 5th. They explained the difference between good and bad fires. Students learned about the gear firemen use and checked out the fire truck, as the first and second graders are doing here.



Lunch time with VIPs for Marley



Preschool and Kindergarten listening about fire safety practices.

