

St. James Lutheran School Newsletter

May 22, 2026

Christ At The Center Truth In All Things

Preschool moving up was held on Tuesday, May 19.



The students walked to the kindergarten room, got balloons and were congratulated by the rest of the student body on their way through the halls. Class members are front to back: Isaiah Painschab, Mia Young, Cameron Cardinal, Loretta Davis, Titus Diers, Addie Young, Adaline Workman, Thea Wagner, and Marley Skelly. The boys and girls also sang some songs and had an interview with Ms. Holz.

Kindergarten Graduation, May 21, 2026. Moving to first grade are: Emma Dickens, Kane Holmquist, Amelia Kilpela, Dorothy Koosman, Lorraine Rickard, Robert Rickard, Tyce Wahl, Millie Workman, Brody Wrobbel, Parker Zander. Ms. Brundin prepared a video of Kindergarten memories and shared thoughts about each of the students before the diploma presentation. Congratulations!

Parents Remember to check your lunch balances with HLWW to be certain you are paid up. You may pay online with them or send a check payable to ISD #2687 to Mrs. Butterfass in the school office.

End of Year Tuition All outstanding balances need to be paid. This will allow us to prepare our records for the next school year. If you have any questions about your account please contact the School Office.

Sunday, May 24

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

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

- † Thanks for rain and sunshine, blooming flowers and leafed out trees.
- † Thanks for all the blessings of another school year at St. James where students and staff can grow in their faith and knowledge of the Savior.
- † For our eighth graders moving on to high school, that they would keep Christ at the center of their lives and be salt and light to everyone they meet.
- † For students, their families, and our staff and their families to have a safe and fun summer keeping Christ at the center of life.
- † For all pastors, missionaries, and teachers that they would faithfully teach the Gospel message of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension.
- † For all who are ill, especially Nathaniel's baby brother, Anthony, Mrs. Kotila's niece, Amanda, Mrs. Olsen's father, Miss Sonia's father, and Pastor Loeslie.
- † For the many people who are mourning the loss of loved ones and/or property from severe storms.



Board of Education: next meeting June 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Lost and Found: Check to see if any missing items for your family happen to be there. Anything still left after the last day of school will be donated to charity.



THANK YOU!!

To everyone who has helped make this school year better for us all. We've been blessed with willing volunteers to sit at the front desk, help in the classrooms, listen to students read, chaperone field trips, mow the lawns, shovel the snow, help with events like craft night, book fair, fine arts expo, the gala, field day, etc., etc. We so appreciate your readiness to help in our ministry here at St. James.

Breakfast on the Farm: June 13 from 7a.m.-1p.m. at Halquist Farms in Belle Plaine. Free will pancake breakfast served from 7-12. Free shuttles from Cologne Academy. No parking on site. No pets. Live music, food samples, ag experts, farm tours, machinery – all there to enjoy. For more information go to Breakfastonthefarm.com.



Second graders at the scoops toss station.



The St. James Bands gave their final concert, Tuesday. Beginner and advanced bands performed separately, and as joint ensemble. There were also many solos, duets, and trios. For the final piece friends and family of the band members who play an instrument joined in. Thank you to Mrs. Loder for teaching, encouraging, and inspiring these young musicians all year. Well done everyone.



Third grade showing their strength in the tug of war.



The eighth grade band members receiving their special recognition for five years of dedicated musicianship.



Triple jump by the fourth grade.

Field day fun!



Kindergarten accuracy throw event.



Preschool girls enjoying the day.

Our 2026 Field Day was a beautifully sunny day!

Girls in first and second grade taking a break in the shade.



CONGRATULATIONS!

This year's eighth grade graduates are: Emma Cardinal, Lillian Doten, Logan Frich, Odin Johnson, Olivia Koosman, Oliver Nikko, and Evan Smith. Emma Cardinal is the class valedictorian and Logan Frich is the salutatorian. God's blessings to you as you move on to the next stage of your education.



Lillian Doten received the Fruit of the Spirit Award.

And there go the balloons!



Thank you to the seventh grade parents who handled the reception for our graduates!

4th Quarter Honor Roll

“A”

“B”

Grade 5

Bradley Dickens
Mikaela Johnson
Kaitlyn King
Averi Nowak
Lilian Olson
Noah Reich

Lucian Koch
Bentley Krueger
Codee Laage
Camden Meehan

Grade 6

Owen Davis
Fischer Eckhoff
Tanner Koch
Eden Koosman
Nayvie Laage
Audrey Ogle
Josh Teske-Holmgard

Rowan Johnson
Bryce Koosman

Grade 7

Allison Estrem
Lila Hennen
Max Kilpela
Nora Morrissette
Micah Reich

Grade 8

Emma Cardinal
Lillian Doten
Logan Frich
Olivia Koosman
Oliver Nikko

Odin Johnson

Congratulations to these students!!

Memorial Day Celebration Options

Howard Lake: 9 AM at the new veterans memorial near the library.

Waverly: Parade at 10:30 followed by the ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

Winsted: 10 AM at the cemetery.

Third graders visited Pioneer Park in Annandale on Monday the 18th. One of the buildings there is the schoolhouse. A general practice in a school room at that time would have been to put a “dunce” cap on a student who wasn’t keeping up with their work!

Another favorite part of that park was the jail.



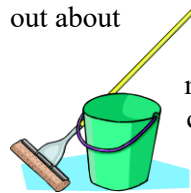
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Earlier this year the fourth, seventh and eighth graders visited the science museum.



Preschoolers were able to spend time in the kindergarten room one day in May to see what class time will be like next year.

Watch your email during the summer. Messages will go out about help needed for emptying the classrooms for major cleaning and moving furniture back in when cleaning is complete.



The staff of St. James Lutheran School pray that it is a safe and relaxing summer vacation for everyone. See you in the fall!!

