

ROMANS 12:2

# TRANSFORMED

SJLS 2017

Do not be conformed to this world,  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind



## St. John's Lutheran School News October 27, 2017



On October 31, Christian churches throughout the world will mark the 500th anniversary of the **Protestant Reformation**. Martin Luther challenged the law-oriented teachings of the church of his day by opening up the Bible to teach that we are saved by Faith Alone, by Grace Alone, and by Scripture Alone! His courage changed the face of the Christian church for generations to come! On "all hallows eve," Luther nailed 95 statements of Biblical truth against the false teachings of his day. The Protestants or "protestors" who aligned themselves with Luther and identified with this new movement which started in Germany, began calling themselves "Lutherans." 500 years later, we continue to teach that we are not saved by works that we do, but by the grace and mercy Jesus Christ won for us in His death and resurrection! May we all be strong and courageous in standing up for the truth of God's Word.

We are very excited to announce that **Joel Malaki and Alice Akundaeli** will be visiting SJLS the week of November 3-11. They are both leaders of our Makumira Kilala School in Usa River, Tanzania. They have been working through a difficult visa process and should be cleared for their trip. St. John's will host a special reception for them on Sunday, November 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Worship Center Lobby. This will give them an opportunity to share about the impact we all have made in the lives of their students and community. Their time will be spent visiting our classrooms and Children's Center to learn more about our educational program and what can transfer to their learning environment.

Next week, students in grades 1-8 will complete the **Iowa Test of Basic Skills**. These assessments help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards and measure achievement in several content areas (i.e., Reading, English, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies). The results help teachers identify a student's strengths and those areas that may need additional emphasis. These tests also measure student growth and progress in the content area assessed from year to year. The results produce information that enable sound decision-making and provide a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction.

### Upcoming Calendar Events

- Oct. 23-Nov. 3 ITBS Testing
- November 3 School Oral Language Competition (Grades 4-6, 9:15 a.m; Grades 7-8, 1:00 p.m.)
- November 4 A Bountiful Affair – Kern County Fairgrounds
- November 10 Veteran's Day – No School



The next SJLS STEM Class taught by Graphics Being will be on **Coding and Programming** and will run November 15 through December 15, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Watch for more information next week.



**Prayer Box** – We are pleased to announce that we have begun a prayer ministry for our school and families. There is a prayer box located on the counter in the school office that you can submit personal requests. A team will take that request and pray throughout the week. All requests are kept confidential. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4: 6-7.



**Tanzania student sponsors** are needed. October is the month St. John’s designates for recruiting sponsors for children to attend Makumira-Kilala English Medium School, our Lutheran school in Usa River, Tanzania. For the 2017 school year, the people of St. John's sponsored 201 children range from three-year-old (preschool) through Grade 4. For the 2018 school year, which starts in January, we would love to increase our sponsorship by another 35 children since they will add Grade 5. Please take some time to prayerfully consider this outreach ministry through Lutheran education in Africa. Please contact Patrice at [pappold@sjlschool.org](mailto:pappold@sjlschool.org) for more information.

**Library** – Battle of the Books (BOB) information is being passed out during library times in November. Forms and information are also available on Sycamore links and the school website.

November birthday book forms and box tops are due November 10 for the November 17 assembly.

Book donations... Due to our amazing birthday book program, we are not in need of any book donations at this time. If you have any new or gently used hardcover books that you want to donate, please email Mrs. Pudiwitr about the titles before bringing them to the office. Thank you!

**Sports** – On Saturday, October 28th the 5th and 6th grade teams will be representing St. John’s in the Panama Buena Vista Volleyball Tournament that takes place at Actis and Tevis Junior High Schools. The tournament information was given to our teams earlier this week. All of our tournament games will be at Tevis Junior High this year. The first games begin at 8:00 a.m. Come out and cheer us on. The Junior High girls Black team will be representing St. John’s in the Kern County Small Schools Tournament on Saturday, November 4. Details will come home next week. And I am so proud of our 5th/6th grade boys football team. They are just fun to watch. Their skill level has greatly increased, and they have such good sportsmanship. They play on Tuesdays. Come out and cheer them on. Go Saints!



## St. John’s PUMPKINFEST

**Saturday, October 28, 4-7 p.m.**

Come to PUMPKINFEST! St. John’s church, school, children center and surrounding neighborhood come together to enjoy games, food, and a time of celebrating the season as a community. This event transforms St. John’s campus. Non-scary costumes are welcomed. Invite your friends, families and neighbors.



We have **scrip** right here at the school office (and also available on Sunday mornings in between services in the lobby). Purchasing scrip gift cards at face value for your regular shopping, travel (including gas), and gift-giving needs supports our school as a percentage of each purchase goes directly to the school. Order forms are available in the school office or on the website at [www.sjlschool.org](http://www.sjlschool.org). Thank you for supporting our school while you shop!