

ROMANS 12:2

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SJLS 2017

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



St. John's Lutheran School News January 26, 2018

Priority enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is now officially open for our SJLS families! Detailed information on the registration process was sent out in an email this morning. Please contact our school office if you have any questions about this process.

The staff is spending time during staff development learning about the **Next Generation Science Standards**. K-12 science standards have been developed that are rich in content and practice and arranged in a coherent manner across disciplines and grades to provide all students an internationally benchmarked science education. These standards have been created to emphasize investigation, collaboration, inquiry, and a hands-on approach with performance expectations that demonstrate understanding of curricular objectives. The staff is familiarizing themselves with the standards as well as examining curriculum resources that support this instructional model.

Upcoming Calendar Events

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| January 26 | St. John's Night with the Condors! |
| January 29 | Priority Enrollment Opens |
| January 31 | Deadline for Staff Created Yearbook Ads |
| February 6 | Kindergarten Information Night, 6:00 p.m. in Kidz Connection |
| February 7 | Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal |
| February 19 | Presidents Day – No School |

We welcome **Ms. Jennifer Newton** to our SJLS staff! We received word that **Mrs. Shay Cawthon** has been placed on bedrest for the remainder of her pregnancy. Everything is fine, but this was done in the interest of the health of both mother and child. In anticipation of Mrs. Cawthon's leave we had decided that Ms. Newton would be our choice to substitute during her leave. We keep Mrs. Cawthon and her baby boy in our prayers for the remainder of her pregnancy and a safe delivery.

Honor Band and Orchestra – We are pleased to announce that the following students were accepted to the Kern County Honor Band: **Vee Aggarwal, Kailey Churchwell, Benjamin Young** and Honor Orchestra: **Karis Braun, Sophie Khuu, Alysa Liu, and Sam Wisnoff**. Congratulations! This is a great honor! They will be performing with other Kern County students at the Kern County Honor Music Festival on February 24.

2nd Quarter Report Cards are able to be viewed on Sycamore and will require an electronic signature. Report cards will be found in the Documents section of your student's profile. The student's profile may be easily accessed from the list that appears by hovering your cursor over the student's icon, located in the upper right of your Sycamore home page. Please open the document titled 2017-2018 Report Card - Q2. Once open, you may view the report card in full size or print for your records. Both the student's profile and the report card will open in separate, pop-up windows. If these do

not appear, you will need to configure your browser to allow them. These instructions are part of the Welcome Aboard protocol, and can be found in the left hand menu under System Help.

Employment Opportunity – We have an immediate opening for a lunchtime recess duty attendant. Hours are 11:30 - 1:15 daily. Please contact Patrice Appold for more information.

Yearbook – LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK ADS! This is the final few days of ad sales. Go to balfour.com to purchase ads. If it is a "staff created" ad, photos and google form (in item description) is due January 31.

Ads & Book Sales are Open Now at <http://shop.balfour.com/smi85974/>

Yearbooks can be purchased online through Feb 16, 2018 for \$25. Online purchases allow for personalized yearbooks and accessories. After that time, yearbooks can be purchased in the office for \$35 until sold out.

JANUARY IS AD SALES!!! This is your time to advertise your business, write a message for graduates, or celebrate a sports/academic team accomplishment. You can design your own ad online or purchase a "staff created ad" google form (link on Balfour website under the description of item) for Mrs. Pudiwitr to design it. If you are having the ad designed for you, all photos and information must be submitted by email to Mrs. Pudiwitr by January 31, 2018. See the prices below.

Library – SEEKING PHOTOS! If your student enjoys reading with their pet at home, please snap a photo and email it to me. I will be displaying them in the hall as we prepare for book fair. kpudiwitr@sjschool.org

Book Fair (Feb. 26-Mar. 2) "Paws & Read" – No library during the week of the book fair. The book fair will be open after school and at lunch recess Tuesday-Thursday. Final purchases can be made on March 2 immediately after chapel before books are packed-up. Volunteers can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4da5ad2daaff2-book1>

"All for Books" book donations will be going to "Miracle Mutts" that provides therapy dogs to students, as well as encourages reading through "Barks & Books."

Sports – The basketball season is underway. We have had some exciting games just in this first week. We remember and teach our student athletes that God gets all the glory – win or lose. For away games, your child will have directions to the host school and will be dismissed from the school office. You will need to sign out your child and any other child you might be transporting. The junior high boys and girls have tournaments this weekend. The girls are at Salem Lutheran School in Orange and the boys are at Zion Lutheran School in Anaheim. We pray for safe travel and much success to our teams. The junior high once again will have the opportunity to earn money for the Washington, D.C. trip by running a concession stand for the basketball season. We just need a couple of parents who can coordinate this endeavor. Please contact Mr. Spiva if you are interested in taking this on for our school and your trip.



Spring Bible Study – There's a seamless thread woven through every story in the Bible. Ready to replace insecurity that holds you back and move forward with clarity and confidence in your understanding of Scripture? JOIN US for Seamless, a 7-session Bible study by Angie Smith, Tuesdays 1:30-3:00 p.m., February 6-March 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church Worship Center Lobby.

Questions? Call Jenny Lewis [661-900-3904](tel:661-900-3904) or Hailey Smidt [916-769-5825](tel:916-769-5825).



There is a **Prayer Box** located on the counter in the school office for prayer requests. A team will take requests 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.

First Presbyterian Church, 1705 17th Street, has an Indoor Soccer League for students in grades 1-6. Online registration begins January 17 with a deadline of February 17th. Please pick up a flyer at the front desk for more information.



Make shopping easy with St. John's scrip. Use scrip for your groceries, gas, and other purchases. It's easy! Simply download the order form from the school website at www.sjlschool.org/fundraising-events or get a form from our school office. Popular gift cards are in stock now, including Starbucks, Target, & Amazon. A portion of each purchase goes directly to our school. Thank you for supporting our school while you shop.

St. John's Lutheran Church has a number of ministries and studies available to suit your needs and schedules. Please take a moment to view the website, www.sjlchurch.org/ministries, as we invite you to join us in worship, study, and community.