

ROMANS 12:2

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



St. John's Lutheran School News February 16, 2018

Priority enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is open through March 2. Detailed information on the registration process was sent out in a previous email and may also be found on the school website at <http://www.sjlschool.org/admissions-new>. Please contact our school office if you have any questions about this process.

This week the Christian church began the season of Lent. This traditional season began in the 4th Century and takes place 40 days or 6 weeks prior to Easter Sunday. The church focuses on the passion and suffering of Jesus, who gladly bore the pain of our sin in His journey to the cross on Good Friday. Lent is a reflective time that calls us to repentance and recognition that we are dependent on the grace and mercy of God's faithfulness. People often consider "giving something up for Lent" as a personal "sacrifice." A better understanding would be to eliminate a habit or routine and replace it with prayer or devotional time. This creates some space for personal time with Jesus. Others use the 40 days to begin a better habit or recognize individuals who have helped shape their spiritual lives. This gives time to reflect on the great sacrifice Jesus came to make for you and me.

For those seeking tools to aid them in their meditation, there are many Lenten devotions found in the YouVersion Bible app - <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans>. Have a blessed journey through Lent.

SJLS will be making a change in our food service provider at the conclusion of this school year. We are in the process of forming a task force to consider other vendors for the 2018-19 school year. Please contact Ms. Appold if you are interested in being part of the evaluation process.

Upcoming Calendar Events

February 19	Presidents Day – No School
February 24	Honor Music Festival, 7:00 p.m. at Rabobank
February 23-25	St. John's 2nd Annual Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament
February 26-3/2	Book Fair
March 2	Priority Enrollment Ends
March 9	End of Quarter 3 – Minimum Day

Yearbook – Online ordering closes today! Yearbooks can be purchased online at <http://shop.balfour.com/smi85974/> through today, February 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.

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 the book fair. kpudiwitr@sjlschool.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 – Congratulations to our 7th grade boys who brought home a 3rd place trophy from their tournament this past weekend! Next weekend, February 23-25, we are hosting our 2nd Annual St. John's Invitational Basketball Tournament. There will be many ways you can help out. Please look for details to come home soon. If you are able/interested in helping please contact Mr. Spiva. On March 2-3 the Junior High Girls will be traveling to Sacramento to represent St. John's in the Nor-Cal Lutheran Schools Tournament. On the same weekend, the Junior High Boys team will be participating in the Kern County Small Schools Tournament. The weekend of March 9-10, the Junior High Boys team will be traveling to Redwood City to represent St. John's in the Roundball Lutheran Schools Tournament. Look for information to come home. Come out and cheer on our teams on Tuesdays for our elementary teams and Thursdays for our junior high teams.

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 or Hailey Smidt 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.



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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.