

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS



at St. John's Academy



2026-27 Theme Verse:
"Encourage one another and build each other up."
1 Thessalonians 5:11



NO SCHOOL MONDAY

Mass Attire on Tuesdays will be enforced starting this coming Tuesday. If a student does not have the required attire, a call will be made home to bring it. Thank you for helping us dress our best for worship!



Volunteer Hours

Be sure to submit your Volunteer Hours through our website!

>Parent Information

>>Forms

>>Volunteer Hours Form



SJA Office Email:
sja.office@k12.nd.us

Tara & Wanda both use this email

Office Hours:
M-F 7:45-4:00
or by appointment

stjohnsacademynd.org





CAPTURED BY KAYLA

About Me

Hello, my name is Kayla
Grounds, I am a Jamestown,
ND lifestyle photographer. It's
that time of year again and I
cannot wait to capture those
sweet smiles of your kiddos!



Be Prepared

The picture above is the black
backdrop that will be used.
Choose your outfit accordingly!

Schedules

Sept. 9:

***Grades - K, 1, 2, 7, 8,
and PM Pre - K***

Sept. 10:

***Grades - 3, 4, 5, 6,
and AM Pre - K***

***Sept. 30: Make up day,
Kids Kingdom, Staff***

Contact Info

If you have any questions or
concerns please reach out to
St. Johns first, but if you need
me you can contact me at
*capturedbykaylaphotographs@
gmail.com*.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

IMPORTANT DATES

September 7th - No School - Labor Day
 September 9th - 6th grade ECO Ed. Day
 September 17th - FACTS & Parent Speaker Night
 September 18th - No School - Teacher Inservice
 October 5th - Grandparents Mass 1:00 at Basilica
 October 5th & 6th - P/T Conferences
 October 9th - No School
 October 15th & 16th - No School
 October 24th - HOPE Dinner & Auction

See full
 Calendar
 on our
[WEBSITE](#)



Next Week's Activities:

Mon

9/7

- NO SCHOOL
Labor Day

Tue

9/8

- 6-8 Chapel
Mass

Wed

9/9

- 6th Grade Eco
Ed. Day Field
Trip
- School
Pictures
See pg. 2

Thu

9/10

- School
Pictures
See pg. 2
- 7th & 8th Football
game at
Aberdeen
(dismiss at 1:00)

Fri

9/11



Mass Day Attire



WE NEED YOU!



FOR THE
HOPE DINNER

RELAY RACES

IN ADDITION TO THE STUDENT RELAY RACES WE WILL HAVE:

- **TEAM OF SJA MOMS**
- **TEAM OF SJA DADS**
- **TEAM OF SJA TEACHERS**
- **TEAM OF COMMUNITY OF SAINTS MEMBERS**

THESE TEAMS OF 9 WILL COMPETE
AGAINST THE OTHER ADULT TEAMS + THE
FASTEST STUDENT TEAM
(WE WILL NOT FILM AT THE SAME TIME)

WATCH 2025 RELAY RACE HERE



DAD RACE BEGINS AT 17:54



Contact Sarah Sankey (sarah.sankey@k12.nd.us) to join in the fun!

THE FIRST NINE MOMS & DADS TO CONTACT SARAH MAKE UP THE TEAM!

HOPE DINNER

DAD RELAY RACE

2025 CHAMPIONS



FYI: THIS IS A 30-45 MIN TIME COMMITMENT + A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!



36TH ANNUAL

HOPE Dinner & Auction

OCTOBER 24, 2026



What is HOPE Dinner & Auction?

HOPE Dinner is a celebration of faith, generosity, and shared commitment to Catholic-Christian education. Its success is invaluable to the school's longevity.

Every dollar raised directly impacts the students and staff of St. John's Academy. Proceeds support keeping tuition low, helping to ensure that every child has access to a high-quality, faith-filled education. Funds also strengthen teacher retention efforts, allowing us to recruit and sustain excellent educators who guide our students both academically and spiritually. In addition, the HOPE Dinner makes possible special projects that enrich the learning environment and advance the mission of the Academy.

For 36 years, this event has brought together families, alumni, parishioners, and community members who believe in the transformative power of Christian education. By joining us, you are investing not only in the future of our students but also in the growth and vitality of our entire community.

Who's invited?

Everyone! All families, friends, alumni, & supporters of Catholic-Christian Education are encouraged to attend and participate and support in any way. While we do send out physical invitations (email sarah.sankey@k12.nd.us to get on the mailing list) - **ALL tickets must be purchased through our website: stjohnsacademynd.org/hope**

How can I participate & support?

There are many ways to support HOPE Dinner!

- **Purchase tickets & attend**
- **Donate an auction item, package, or experience**
 - This is a great way to showcase your business or favorite things!
- **Participate in the Online Silent Auction or Live Auction at the Dinner**
- **Volunteer to be on one of our amazing HOPE Committees**
 - Banquet ◦ Decorating
 - Auction ◦ Bartending
- **Many other volunteer opportunities the week of HOPE Dinner such as:**
 - Set up auction tables & items
 - Assemble auction items
 - Dishwashing
 - Purchasing an item for your child's Class Basket
- ****Pre-K & 3rd Grade Families are always on the Clean-Up Duty the Sunday after HOPE**

This event is an All-Hands-On-Deck Type of Fundraiser. A sign-up will be coming out in October for volunteer opportunities.

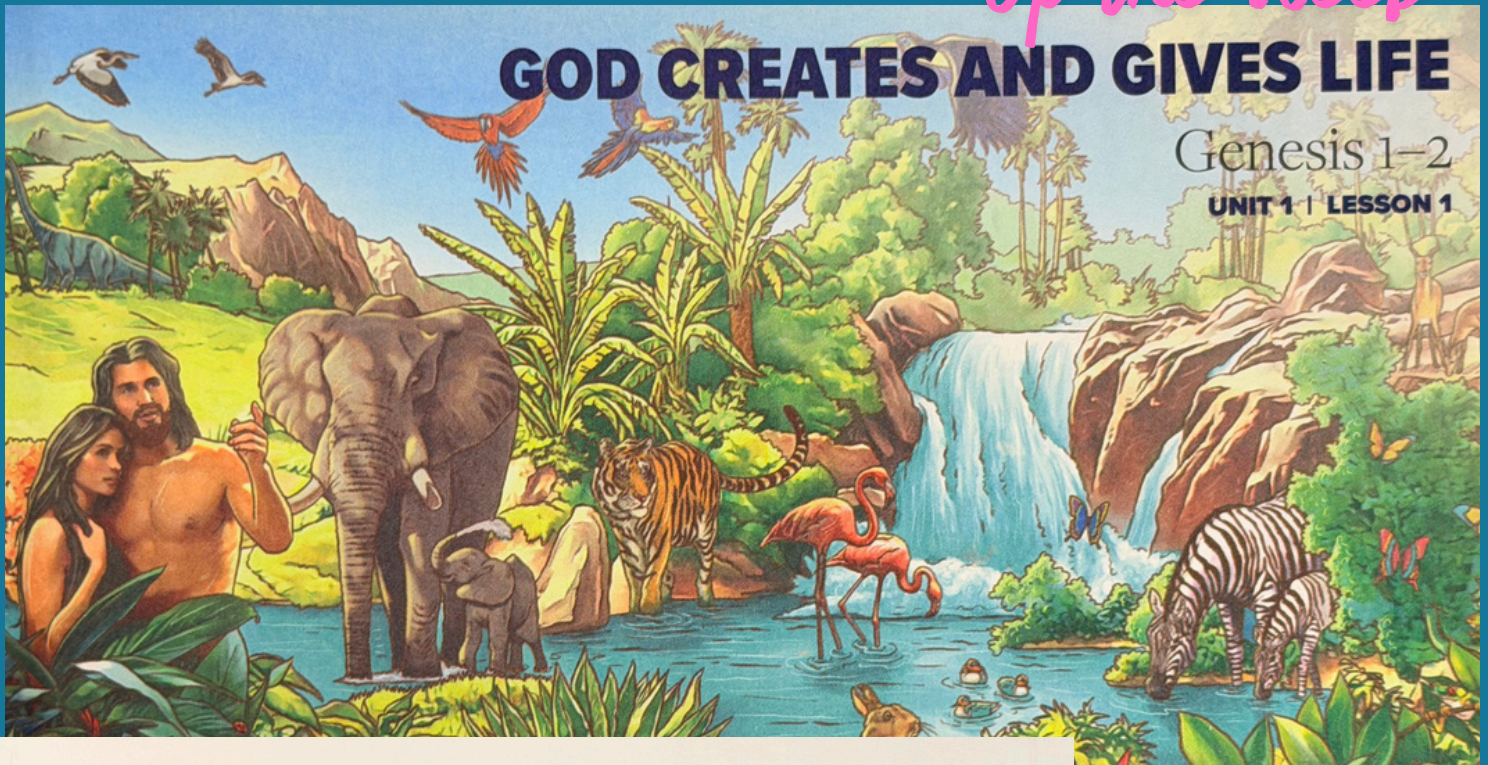


Questions? Call the office or send us an email - 701.252.3397

Pam Perleberg: advanement@stjamesbasilica.org Sarah Sankey: sarah.sankey@k12.nd.us

BIBLE STORY

of the week



GOD CREATES AND GIVES LIFE

Genesis 1–2

UNIT 1 | LESSON 1

In the beginning, there was only God and darkness.

On Day 1, God said, “Let there be light!” And there was light! God called the light “Day,” and He called the darkness “Night.” **And God saw that it was good.**

On Day 2, God said, “Let there be a great big sky to separate the waters.” And there was a great big sky. **And God saw that it was good.**

On Day 3, God said, “Let there be land.” And there was land. God said, “Let there be green grass, trees, bushes, and flowers.” God made trees, bushes, flowers, and all kinds of plants. **And God saw that it was good.**

On Day 4, God said, “Let there be a bright, shining sun in the sky for light and heat. Let there be a moon and stars to shine at night.” The sun appeared in the day, and the moon and stars came out at night. **And God saw that it was good.**

On Day 5, God said, “Let there be sea creatures living in the water! Let there be birds flying in

the air!” And there were fish and octopuses, hummingbirds and geese, and every other creature that lives in the sea and flies in the air. **And God saw that it was good.**

On Day 6, God said, “Let there be all kinds of land animals!” God made foxes and squirrels, horses and lizards, and many, many other kinds of animals that live on the land. **And God saw that it was good.**

Then God made people to take care of His world. God made a man, Adam, and a woman, Eve. God made them husband and wife, the first family. **And God saw that it was very good!**

On Day 7, God rested. God wasn’t tired from all His work of creation. He was showing us how we should take a day to rest and to worship Him, the Creator of all things.

Sunday is the special day that we set aside to worship God, listen to His Word, and thank and praise Him for all that He has done to care for us. We thank God for creating us and all things. We thank Him for sending Jesus to be our Savior.

AT HOME:

Read Together:

- Genesis 1
- Psalm 139:13–14

Talk about:

1. Do you notice any patterns?
2. Why did God create in this order?
3. What job did God give Adam?
4. What job does God give us?

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MEMORY VERSE

of the month

HELP YOUR STUDENT MEMORIZE THIS VERSE FOR SEPTEMBER:

“In the end, these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love, but the greatest of these is Love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

*This flyer is approved for distribution, but this activity is not sponsored by JPS

PROWL HOCKEY

Register NOW @ www.jamestown-hockey.com

A pre-season development camp is held the month of September. Regular season begins in October and runs into March. Games and tournaments begin November throughout North Dakota and Minnesota.

Boys and Girls age 3+



Two Rivers Activity Center is excited to announce our upcoming Flag Football program for kids in Grades K through 4!

This four-week program will introduce your child to the fundamentals of Flag Football. Participants will practice fundamentals the first half of the sessions and play a game during the second half. An emphasis is placed on teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the program.

Sessions are scheduled on Saturdays, September 12th through October 3rd at Two Rivers Activity Center. Grades 3 and 4 are at 9:00am and Grades K through 2 are at 10:10am.

Registration cost is \$38.40 for TRAC Members and \$48.00 for non-members.

Register by phone at 701-252-3982, in person at TRAC or Jamestown Parks and Recreation office, or online.





COME SKATE WITH US!

2026-2027

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

AGES 3 & UP

SESSION 1: September 8th - October 25th

SESSION 2: October 27th - December 15th

SESSION 3: January 5th - February 16th

SKATE RENTALS AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST

REGISTER ONLINE: www.JRFSC.org



JRFSK

JAMES RIVER FIGURE SKATING CLUB

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

YOUTH TRAVEL BASKETBALL



Jamestown Basketball Boosters Youth Travel Basketball runs from October to March for kids in grades 2-8. Athletes will train to increase their skill level, work hard, and earn playing time while learning teamwork, sportsmanship, success, and resilience. Teams will practice twice weekly and travel to various tournaments throughout the season. 2nd grade will practice mid-November to early March doing 2-4 local tournaments. Your child's coach will be in touch with you regarding practice days and times by the beginning of October.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 11

Late fee of \$25 after 9/11 - no registrations accepted after 9/18.

Scholarships available with scholarship application deadline of 9/1/26

**Register
Here!**

BOYS & GIRLS GRADE 2 \$100

GRADES 3-6 \$175

GRADE 7-8 \$100

Grades 5 & up: Earned not equal playing time. Depending on numbers and coaching there may be two teams per grade level.



Learn more here:

Website: Jamestownbasketballreg.sportngin.com

Facebook & X @ Jamestown Basketball Boosters

Questions: jtownbluejays@gmail.com



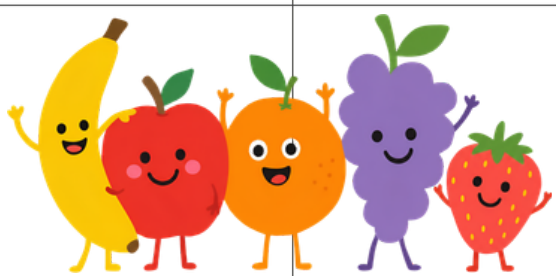
September 2026



St. Johns Academy Breakfast Menu

All Meals Served With Fruit, Juice And Milk

W E D

MON	TUE		THU	FRI
	1 SCRAMBLED EGGS AND CEREAL	2 PANCAKE SAUSAGE WRAP AND CEREAL	3 BREAKFAST PIZZA AND CEREAL	4 STRAWBERRY PASTY AND CEREAL
7 NO SCHOOL	8 EGG - CHEESE BAGEL AND CEREAL	9 YOGURT AND CEREAL	10 CHEESE OMELET AND CEREAL	11 CINNAMON ROLL AND CEREAL
14 YOGURT AND CEREAL	15 BREAKFAST PIZZA AND CEREAL	16 NUTRIGRAIN BAR AND CEREAL	17 SCRAMBLED EGGS AND CEREAL	18 NO SCHOOL
21 MUFFIN AND CEREAL	22 CHEESE OMELET AND CEREAL	23 YOGURT AND CEREAL	24 EGG-CHEESE BAGEL AND CEREAL	25 WAFFLES AND CEREAL
28 YOGURT AND CEREAL	29 SCRAMBLED EGGS AND CEREAL	30 PANCAKES SAUSAGE WRAP AND CEREAL		

September 2026

St. Johns Academy Lunch Menu

All Meals Served With Fruit, Veggies, And Milk

MON	TU E	W E D	TH U	FRI
	1 CHICKEN BURRITO BOWL OR DELI SANDWICH	2 BBQ RIB SANDWICH POTATO SMILES OR DELI WRAP	3 SPAGHETTI BREAD STICK OR DELI SANDWICH	4 CHEESE PIZZA OR SUNBUTTER/JELLY SANDWICH
7 NO SCHOOL	8 CORNDOG BAKED BEANS OR DELI SANDWICH	9 SLOPPY JOE CORN OR DELI WRAP	10 ORANGE CHICKEN FRIED RICE OR DELI SANDWICH	11 FISH FILLET CHIPS (FRIES) OR SUNBUTTER/JELLY SANDWICH
14 CHICKEN STRIPS STEAMED BROCCOLI OR DELI SANDWICH	15 STUFFED CRUST PEPPERONI PIZZA OR DELI SANDWICH	16 CHICKEN BURGER BAKED BEANS OR DELI WAP	17 TACO IN A BAG OR DELI SANDWICH	18 NO SCHOOL
21 MINI CORNDOGS CORN OR DELI SANDWICH	22 CHICKEN QUESADILLA OR DELI SANDWICH	23 CHEESEBURGER BAKED BEANS OR DELI WRAP	24 POPCORN CHICKEN BREAD STICK OR DELI SANDWICH	25 PIZZA STICKS MARINARA DIP OR SUNBUTTER/JELLY SANDWICH
28 CHICKEN NUGGETS BREAD STICK OR DELI SANDWICH	29 SOFTSHELL TACO OR DELI SANDWICH	30 BBQ PORK SANDWICH CORN OR DELI WRAP		



2026-27

ATTENDANCE

Regular and prompt attendance at school is important for your child's success.

At 10 days of absence a letter will be sent home to parents notifying of days. This letter will be placed in student's file.

At 15 days of absence there will be a parent meeting to develop a plan for regular attendance.

At 20 days of absence it may be reported as educational neglect

Students who have not attended a minimum of 160 days shall be required to demonstrate minimum academic achievement. The school will recommend retention should class work not be completed satisfactorily, or the student shows a lack of ability for the next grade.

Excused absences shall include:

1. Illness - Students are to complete all assignments. Arrangements need to be made with the teacher to pick up homework for the student.
2. Doctor or Dental Appointments -if a medical appointment is scheduled during the school day, reach out to the teacher(s) and provide a doctors note to the office upon return to school.
3. Family Need/Trips -- Parents are expected to arrange at least three days in advance with the classroom teacher for students to be excused. Students will be expected to complete all assignments. Arrangements need to be made with teacher(s).
4. Inclement Weather -- Students absent when rural buses do not run will be marked absent but are considered excused.

Approved 6/10/03

Revised: 2/2026

grades

K - 8

September 2026

Box Topics

Bring on the back to school
earning opportunities!

Monthly Bonus Offers

Offers are valid on a single transaction from 9/1/26–9/30/26.
Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.



Buy 3, Earn 5
on Betty Crocker products



Buy 3, Earn 5
on Annie's products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Nature Valley products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Old El Paso products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Chex & Chex Mix products



Find offers near you
Check out the Box Tops app!

SAVED BY THE BOX TOPS

Back to school bonuses at Costco

Earn 10 Bonus Box Tops for your school when you buy a participating product at Costco and scan or submit your receipt. Plus, 5,000 club members will also win 100 Bonus Box Tops (that's \$10!) for their school. Winners will be chosen at random. Ends 9/30.†

Learn more at [BTFE.com/Costco](https://www.btf.com/costco) †Terms and conditions apply; see official rules

TRIPLE the BOX TOPS
TRIPLE the GOOD **BOX TOPS X3**

Earn triple at Walmart

Participating products earn triple at Walmart from 6/1 to 9/20. Stock up on your favorites this summer and add a little oomph to your earnings!

Learn more at [BTFE.com/Walmart](https://www.btf.com/walmart)

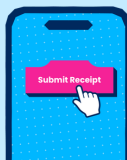
Ends soon!

3 easy ways to earn for our school



Scan

Qualifying receipts
in the app



Submit

Qualifying digital
receipts in the app



Connect

Your Walmart and
Box Tops accounts



Look for Box Tops on hundreds of products!

For the most current list of
products, visit the Box Tops App.



ST JOHN ACADEMY
JAMESTOWN, ND



Referral Code: N7VP5729



St. John's Academy 2026/2027 School Year Calendar

August 2026 (8 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2026 (20 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2026 (19 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026 (17 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2026 (14 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 17-19	Teacher Inservice
August 20	First day of School

September 7	*Labor Day (No School)
September 18	Teacher Inservice (No School)

October 5-6	P/T Conference Elementary
October 9	P/T Comp Day (No School)
October 15	Teacher Inservice (No School)
October 16	No School
November 11	Veteran's Day (No School)

November 25	Teacher Inservice (No School)
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December 21	Holiday Break Begins
January 4	School Resumes
January 18	Martin Luther King Day (No School)

February 8-9	P/T Conference Elementary
February 12	P/T Comp Day (No School)
February 15	Teacher Inservice (No School)

March 12	Teacher Inservice (No School)
March 26 & 29	*Easter Holiday (No School)

April 14	Teacher Inservice (No School)/Storm Makeup Day 1
April 15	Snow Storm Makeup Day 2
April 16	Snow Storm Makeup Day 3

May 20	Last Day of School (11:00 AM Release)
May 21	Teacher Workday

January 2027 (19 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2027 (18 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

March 2027 (20 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2027 (19 Days)

S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2027 (14 Days)

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Additional Information

End of 1st Quarter - October 23 (42 days)

End of 2nd Quarter - January 8 (40 days)

End of 3rd Quarter - March 19 (42 days)

End of 4th Quarter - May 20 (39 days)

168 days of instruction

Last Day of School Dismissal K-8 (11:00AM)

Legal Holidays: Labor Day, Veterans Day, and Good Friday

Five Storm Days will be forgiven in the SJA School Calendar. If six Storm Days occur in the academy the Academy will utilize the days indicated beginning with the first available designated Storm Day.

Elementary Requirements

Instructional Hours - Elementary	1032
Required Hours - Elementary	962.5

Secondary Requirements

Instructional Hours - Secondary	1099
Required Hours - Secondary	1050

