

The Falcon NEWSLETTER

November Newsletter: Volume 3

Angel Tree Tags

Winston-Salem ranks 20th in the nation for the highest child poverty rates in the newest census numbers reported by Triad Business Journal. Angel Tree Tags are tags that list a child's name, their age, their gender, and a few of their likes, and interest. We then have the honor of blessing them with gifts for the child to receive on Christmas morning. With Winston-Salem children living in poverty, it's with great pleasure we are able to participate in this organization each as it brings joy and happiness to each year and every one of the children's faces.

We have 35 Angel Tree Tags that are still needing to be selected. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in participating, the tags are located on the Christmas tree in the school's front office. The gift drop off will be no later than **Friday, December 1st**.

Falcon Family Night

St. John's Lutheran School is having a holiday ornament painting party. There will be two sessions, the first session starting at 5 PM and the second session starting at 7 PM. Tickets will be \$20 for two people, additional \$5 for each person added onto your ticket. There will be hot chocolate for \$1 a cup as well. This is a night of spending time together before the holidays and getting a chance to talk and meet with one another. You can purchase your tickets in the front office. This is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner) event. You can have something delivered to the school, grab takeout, or bring something from home. Please reach out to Ms. Autumn for more information! We hope to see you there!

LUNCH ORDERING!!

Lunch ordering will be open from the 10th-25th of each month, for the upcoming month to ensure the kitchen manager can order and provide enough food for students. There will be no, day of lunches this year.

Come worship with us!

We have Chapel each Wednesday in the sanctuary from 8:15-9:00am. Please join us for songs, devotions, and prayer. There is nothing quite like hearing children singing songs of praise and worship!

1st Annual Food Drive

One of St. John's Lutheran School's core values is 'Serving Communities', so we are beginning our first annual Food Drive, and are sending out bags to our neighbors to collect non-perishable food items. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, we will be collecting items on Friday, November 17th. We will be asking for parent volunteers to help our students when going around our neighborhoods to collect the food items.

We hope that you will join us in serving our community at large. Whether you participate in this event or not, we are grateful you are apart of our Falcon Family!

Trades of Hope

Trades of Hope is a missional business that empowers women in 16 countries out of trafficking, abuse, etc.. through fair trade jobs, making jewelry, bags, home décor (including Christmas décor!) and coffee. Jill Ball, a partner with Trades of Hope will come to St John's on November 14 at 12 PM and again on November 27 at 7PM to share stories and show how a mother and her daughter saw a need and were determined to do something about it. Jill will bring some of their beautiful artisanal pieces which can be purchased as part of a fundraiser for St John's Lutheran School. Come out and learn how you can be a part of the world and change without leaving N.C.! 20% of all items sold or ordered will be donated back to St. John's Lutheran School so come and hear about Trades of Hope and do some fun, early, Christmas shopping.

Contact Kathleen Sawicki on Kathleen@kb-promotions.net or Lori Bahuk on loribahuk@gmail.com.

Dates To Save:

- Wednesday, November 8th**- Falcon Family Meeting (6PM) VIA ZOOM
- Thursday, November 9th**- Bobo's Deli & Grill Spirit Night (5PM-8PM)
- Friday, November 10th**- Veterans Day Chapel at 8:15AM
- Sunday, November 12th**- K-2 Grade Singing for Church
- Monday, November 13th - Friday, November 17th**- Thanksgiving Can Food Drive
- Thursday, November 16th**- Picture Retakes
- Friday, November 17th**- Falcon Family Night (5-8PM)
- Wednesday, November 22nd - Friday, November 24th**- Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

- Christmas Programs -

Thursday, November 30th - Third-Fifth Grade Christmas Programs (6PM)

Thursday, December 7th - Kindergarten- 2nd Grade Christmas Programs (6PM)

Preschool & TK Christmas Programs TO BE DETERMINED...

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

St. John's Lutheran School is still participating in Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. All shoe boxes must be turned into the front office, no later than, Monday, November 15th. Please reach out to Ms. B if you have any questions!

HAT FRIDAY!

The last Friday of each month, bring in \$1 to wear a hat of your choice! All proceeds will go towards technology in the classrooms! This month, we will wear our hats on Friday, November 17th!

CHURCH SERVICES:

Contemporary Service 8:30AM

Traditional Service: 10:30AM

Sunday School: 9:45AM

Carolina Classic Fair Art Show Winners

This year, many of our student's artwork was displayed and presented at the Carolina Classic Fair in Winston-Salem.

Here are the winning pieces...

1st Place- Arianna Figueroa

2nd Place- Ella Anderson

3rd Place- Jace Banks

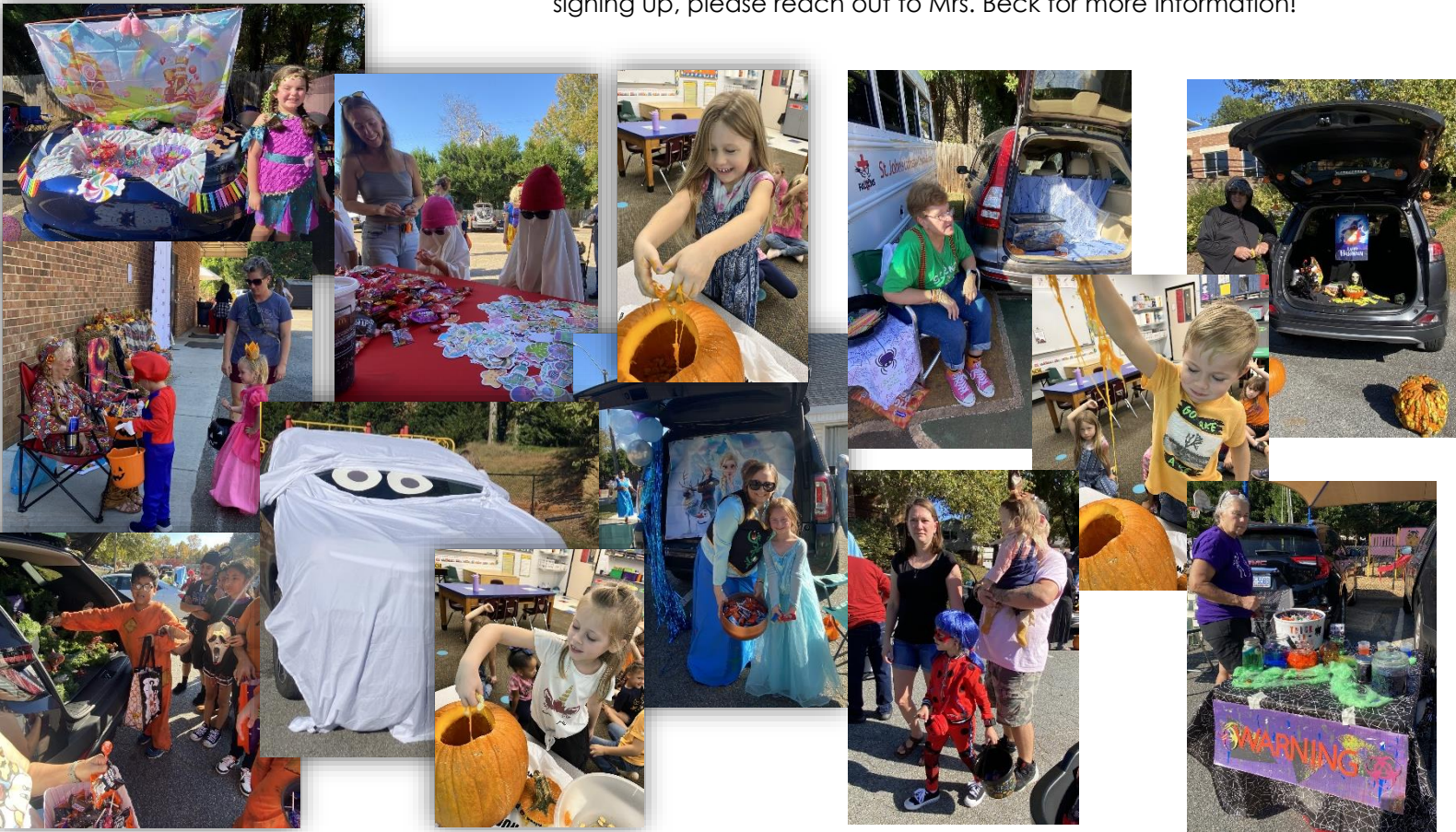


Book Buddies

Starting every Friday afternoon, the third graders will be buddying up with the transitional kindergartners to read with them their favorite books! We look forward to seeing the possibilities this opportunity brings to us!

Music & Movement Classes

The Preschool Classes are now offering music & movement enrichment classes for \$30 a month! These classes offer communication skills, provides self-love and confidence, builds positive bonds and interactions, helps with cognitive development and gross & fine motor skills. If you are interested in signing up, please reach out to Mrs. Beck for more information!



Welcoming to St. John's Lutheran School!



2-Year-Old Teacher Ms. Natalie

Hello, My name is Ms. Natalie, and I am 23 years old. I was born and raised in Winston Salem. This will be my second year working with preschoolers. I am currently working towards my bachelor's degree in elementary education. I love spending time with my family and friends when I am not in the classroom, I love coffee, hiking, swimming, travelling, and crocheting. I'm looking forward to working with you and your child as we teach them to reach for the stars. I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or comments!

LOST & FOUND ITEMS:



ARE THESE ITEMS YOURS?

These items can be located hanging up in the school hallway!

Keeping Up With The Principal – Tiffany Banks

Happy Turkey Month!

I cannot express with words how grateful I am for each of you! I am so blessed to be the principal at St. John's. I get to work with awesome office staff, fantastic teachers and support staff, see incredible students doing amazing things, and team up with spectacular families! You are what make St. John's the special place that it is.

This year for our door decorating contest, the theme is **abundance** which according to Webster's Dictionary means "an ample quantity" and that is what we have here, an abundance of love, joy, and kindness. The students and staff will be working together to decorate their doors to capture that theme. At the end of the month, the doors will be judged by the Tuesday morning Bible Study group that meets on campus and the winning classes' door will receive a prize! Check in with your child's teacher to see if they need any help with the door decorating.

FALCON FAMILIES ARE THE BEST FAMILIES!!!!

Thank you so much for your generosity with your time, talents, and money with our Trunk or Treat last Saturday. We are estimating that we had about 400 people or more attend and most of them were community members so it was an amazing opportunity for outreach, which would not have been possible with you! Also thank you for your participation in the first of the Staff Birthday Treats which we celebrated last Friday. The Taco Bar was a great success! There will be another signup genius coming out for our November Birthdays shortly.

A few more community service projects we have going on are:

- **"SHOE us the Love" Shoe Drive** - Drop off any shoes that you might have that you no longer use, need, wear, or want to the school and the St. John's Lutheran Church Youth Group will take care of the rest. Ends January.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – These are shoe boxes that get filled with small treats and gifts that go to children all over the world through Samaritan's Purse. Last year we were able to bring in over **50 shoeboxes** and we are still short of our goal of 50 so far. Deadline is Wednesday, November 15th.
- **Angel Tree Tags** – The Angel Tree Tags are on the Christmas Tree in the Lobby. The kids on the tag are children in our area that would not have Christmas gifts without these gifts. Feel free to grab a tag at your convenience. You then buy the gifts for the child as indicated on that tag and bring the gifts back to the school unwrapped or in a gift bag so the gifts are still visible with the tag attached and we will deliver them to City Lights Ministry. Deadline is no later than Friday, December 1st.
- **Community Thanksgiving Food Drive** – We will be delivering empty bags to the community for them to fill with non-perishable foods that we will then pick up and deliver to the local food bank.

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION – we will need wagons to help pick up the goods as well as parent volunteers to help walk the neighborhood with the students.

Speaking of information, please be sure to check your Spam/Junk folder for information from the school. It will come from email@renweb.com since we are using FACTS to send emails. If you are not regularly seeing information from your child's teacher or the school, check your Spam/Junk folder because it is probably there.

As always if you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me or to the office. Thank you for letting us be a part of your child's education and for being partners with us in the process. I am thankful for you!

Heavenly Father,

You are so **AWESOME!** Thank you for the season on Thanksgiving. It gives us a time to appreciate all the good things that You have done and provided for us. Help us to not take those blessings for granted and to share Your love with those around us. Keep us safe this Thanksgiving, be with those who are traveling and those staying close to home. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all good things, and all glory belongs to you!

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen!