



Welcome Back to School!

The Eagle Express

August 28, 2026

Welcome back to the 26/27 school year! Our Theme Verse for the year is: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11) For All + For Jesus + Always

News + Updates

The Eagle Express Newsletter will be sent out each week on Friday. You can also find daily news and updates on Sycamore and on the school website sjlseagles.com!

Picture Day

Harmann Studios will be at SJL to take student's pictures this year on Monday, Sept. 21st starting at the beginning of the school day (7:30am). Re-take day is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th. Stay tuned for more information to come .

Library Helpers

Our School Library is seeking additional volunteers to assist with the upcoming school year. Duties would include checking out books, checking in books, and shelving books. Teachers will be in the library with the students, so volunteers do not need to worry about managing students. Time slots are available on Wednesday afternoons, Friday mornings, and Friday afternoons. The commitment level is flexible. Email sarahschultz@sjlplymouth.com if interested!



Find this year's school supply list [HERE](#)!

Next Week's Events

Monday, 8/31/26 - 4:00-5:30pm Girls B Volleyball Practice
6:30pm Worship

Tuesday, 9/1/26 - No Extra Events Taking Place

Wednesday, 9/2/26 - 9:07am Chapel with Pastor Thompson
3:45-5:15pm Girls B Volleyball Practice
4:00pm Cowbell Cross Country Meet
5:15-6:45pm Girls A Volleyball Practice
5:30pm Confirmation Meeting in Church

Thursday, 9/3/26 - Sheboygan County Fair Begins
2:45-3:45pm Cross Country Practice

Friday, 9/4/26 - NO SCHOOL

Saturday, 9/5/26 - 4:30pm Worship

Sunday, 9/6/26 - 8:00am Worship
9:30-10:15am Bible Studies Between Services
10:30am Worship

This Year's School Theme



This year, we will explore what it means to trust God's promises, follow His direction, and step forward in faith. We will learn from the men and women in Scripture who moved forward when God called them, even when the path was uncertain. We will celebrate the ways God has blessed us in the past while looking ahead to the future He is preparing for us. As a church and school community, we trust that God goes before us and walks beside us every step of the way. Let's go forward!

All Youth Group Meeting



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | AFTER SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE | SJL CAFETERIA

We will be holding an all-Youth Group meeting for students and parents to learn about events and activities that are planned for the 2026-2027 school year. Please save the date for August 30th beginning about 11:30 (after second service concludes). This hour(ish) long meeting will include lunch. Katrina will also start taking names for those interested in going to the 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering at this meeting.

Bible Blessing for 3rd Graders



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 10:30 AM SERVICE

We value lifelong learning for all ages. On Sunday, September 13, we will pray over, bless, and hand out Bibles to our 3rd Graders (who attend Lutheran School, public school, homeschool). We want to celebrate with our 3rd Graders and we pray for God to bless their reading and learning. Katrina Johns: kjohns@sjlplymouth.com

PTO Meeting Schedule



All parents/guardians are welcome to join the SJL PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization). Meeting times are 5:45pm on the second Monday of each month. They will be held in the SJL Music Room, except for the Sept. 14th New Member Party which will be held in the cafeteria.

Monday, September 14th
Monday, October 12th
Monday, November 9th
Monday, December 14th

Monday, January 11th
Monday, February 8th
Monday, March 8th
Monday, April 12th
Monday, May 10th

Oktoberfest Auction

SATURDAY, OCT. 10 | DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM | SJL GYMNASIUM

Join us for this year's St. John Lutheran Church & School Oktoberfest Themed Auction – an evening of fun, fellowship, and supporting Christian education! Whether you joined us last year or are planning to attend for the first time, we can't wait to welcome you! This exciting evening will feature a traditional German feast, festive music, joyful fellowship, and a mix of silent and live auction items. Doors open and Silent Auction will begin at 4:30pm, Dinner at 5:30pm, and Live Auction at 8:00pm.

Purchase your tickets today at this [LINK](#). If you'd like to purchase your tickets with cash or check, please call or visit the SJL office. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, October 2nd. Please click this [LINK](#) if you are able to VOLUNTEER at the event!

Annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our Annual Cookie Dough Sale Fundraiser is underway, supporting our school field trips here at SJL!

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Options:

- \$12.00 – 32 oz. Container (makes about 3 dozen cookies)
- \$15.00 – 32 oz. Container Gluten Free (makes about 3 dozen cookies)
- \$5.00 – (1) Dozen Balled
- \$6.00 – (1) Dozen Balled Gluten Free

How to Order:

- Order from any SJL student
- Fill out an order form found on the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall
- Or contact the School Office at 920-893-5114 to place an order

Sales will run through Friday, September 18th

Pickup: Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00 am–10:00am at SJL

Thank you for your support—it helps make special field trips possible for our students!

Another LUMOS Concert Opportunity

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 | 4:30 PM | ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Another Lumos Concert is being offered at 4:30 PM on Friday, September 25 to help meet popular demand! With the concert a full month away, seats for the 6:30pm and 8:30pm shows are nearly sold out, so Lumos would like to offer another concert at 4:30pm. Please see their website: www.lumos-experiences.com, to order tickets.

Sycamore Payment Fee Reminder



With our new online payment system, electronic processing fees are passed along to the family. Under our previous system, St. John absorbed all ACH fees and half of credit/debit card processing fees. Families who would like to avoid processing fees are always welcome to pay by check. As a nonprofit, St. John is able to process checks at no additional cost to us. Thank you for your understanding as we work to provide convenient payment options while being good stewards of St. John's resources.

Youth Ministry Volunteers



As more youth become involved at St. John, there are so many ways you can be a blessing to our kids, teens, and families. Whether you can drive to activities, provide snacks and treats, pray for our students, be a caring adult presence at events, lead a Kids Ministry group, help Katrina plan events, or share your time and talents in another way, there's a place for you! Please take some time to pray about how God might be calling you to serve at St. John. Find out how you can get involved in Kids Ministry or our Middle & High School Youth Groups by visiting this [LINK](#) or by contacting Katrina Johns.

Sign Up to Acolyte



At St. John Lutheran, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders serve as Acolytes. It is a joy to serve the Lord and our church family. Acolytes serve on a rotating basis in the weekly worship services. Also, acolytes will have the opportunity to serve at special services (such as Midweek Advent Services, Midweek Lent Services, Christmas, and Holy Week). 6th Grade Acolytes will be trained before they begin serving. Acolyte Training will begin in September (at the start of the school year). Please sign your child up for three slots during the following schedules. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

No School for Labor Day Weekend



There is no school Friday, Sept. 4th through the 7th for Labor Day. School will resume again on Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

St. John Lutheran

Book Fair

September 9 – September 15



PTO SPONSORED EVENT



Our earnings will be used to purchase library books for the school.



TEACHER/CLASS PREVIEW

Wednesday 9/9
7:45 – 9:15 AM



TEACHER/CLASS SHOPPING

Friday 9/11
7:45 – 9:15 AM



BOOK FAIR HOURS

WED
9/9

2:30 – 5:00 PM

THU
9/10

2:30 – 3:45 PM

FRI
9/11

2:30 – 5:00 PM

SUN
9/13

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
(following worship)

MON
9/14

2:30 – 5:00 PM

TUE
9/15

2:30 – 3:45 PM



Kick off the school year with a Blue Ribbon Book Fair!



TEACHER WISH LISTS:

Purchase a book from a teacher's wish list and we will add it to their classroom library.



STUDENT WISH LISTS:

If you cannot stop by the fair, send in your child's completed wish list with payment and we will help fill it.



FORMS OF PAYMENT:

Cash, checks, and credit cards. E-Pay at Readola.com.





SJL YOUTH GROUPS

Please support the SJL Middle and High School Youth groups!

Mum SALE

Order Name: _____

Order Phone: _____

Choose size AND color 9" mums are **\$15** ea 14" mums are **\$40** ea

9" Mum Colors - place the number of mums next to your choice color

_____ White/Cream

_____ Orange/Bronze

_____ Red/Crimson

_____ Pink/Purple

_____ Yellow/Gold

14" Mum Colors - place the number of mums next to your choice color

_____ White/Cream

_____ Orange/Bronze

_____ Red/Crimson

_____ Pink/Purple

_____ Yellow/Gold

12" Tri-color Mums - \$30

*Bring order sheet to the office by **9/7**, make checks out to SJL

Mum sale on the memo line

PICK UP:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026



SJL Parking Lot

2:45-5:00PM

MORE INFO: KATRINA JOHNS

920-892-0090



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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COMMUNITY FAMILY FAIR



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2-6 PM

**SHEBOYGAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL
3323 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SHEBOYGAN**

FREE TICKETS AT THE WELCOME TENT!



LUTHERANHIGH.COM/FAMILYFAIR

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JUNIOR CRUSADERS BASKETBALL



INFORMATION MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 @ LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL - 1:00 PM
SEASON INFORMATION, JERSEY FITTING AND MEET THE COACHES!

REGISTRATION IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2026



PRICE:

3RD - 4TH GRADE - \$125

5TH - 8TH GRADE - \$150

If you have any questions, please contact
Mr. Jake Jurss at jjurss@lutheranhigh.com

Use this QR code to access
our Google Form for sign-up!



This program is not intended to conflict with any middle school teams, and we ask that you prioritize your school teams first.

FAITH - FITNESS - FUN - FELLOWSHIP!

COME JOIN JUNIOR CRUSADER CROSS COUNTRY!

Practices will be held at Sheboygan Lutheran on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:15PM with the High School team and coaches.

PRACTICE DATES: SEPTEMBER 9, SEPTEMBER 23, SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 7, OCTOBER 14

MEET DATES: SEPTEMBER 24 (MISHICOT); OCTOBER 9 (LUXEMBURG-CASCO); OCTOBER 17 (HILBERT)

COST & SIGN-UP: The cost to participate in Junior Crusader Cross Country is free!
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