

St John Child Development Center



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COVID and All of Its “Glory”

The changes in society and people are very noticeable since COVID has entered our world. Of course, the masks, the vaccinations, the lack of normal activities, and the task of thinking through everything that goes on for safety is now part of our lives. We don't really know how all of the extra stress affects us.

Some good things have happened. People have had to spend more time at home with their families, flu was not a big thing this past winter, and more cooking was done at home.

The negative effects of money, jobs and the ability to have life as we knew it have taken their toll. On top of this, there seems to be more resistance and frustration among those who don't want to follow the rules that are in place. Some things have not changed. We still don't all have the same opinions. We still all want to do what we love to do.

As a teacher and a leader for teachers of young children, I have been wondering about what our children are learning from all of this? It is great that they are learning that there are different opinions and that we can think differently. God gave us minds that have wonderful capabilities. It is also wonderful that our

children have had more time with family. We have a wonderful opportunity to teach our children respect for others and for rules. The Bible tells us in the first verse of Romans 13, “Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. ²So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. ³For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you.” (It is also a known fact that children who are able to follow rules do much better in school.) We don't have to agree with everything, however, as role models for our children, we can show them how to use respect for those around us. By doing so, we are setting them up for success!

Blessings,
Lisa Aring
Director



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BLOOMZ APP



Please continue to use the Bloomz app or whatever communication method your child's teacher prefers to keep the drop off and pick-up process running smoothly. If you are having trouble with the app, please let your teacher know.



MAY

- 3 No School Seward Elem.
- 6 Chapel Pastor Schermbeck
- 7 St. John 11:30 Dismissal
- 13 Chapel Pastor Meyer
- 20 St. John/Seward 11:30 Dismissal

28-31 CDC CLOSED

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Reminder that that the CDC will be CLOSED on Friday, May 28th for a Professional Development Day and Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day.

SCHOOL AGE

St. John and Seward schools have an early dismissal on Thursday, May 20th. Please watch for a Google Form to sign up for care for this day and the rest of the May.

TAX STATEMENTS

The end of year tax statements were emailed out January 7, 2021. They were sent to the email address that your tuition statements go to. So please check with your spouse if you don't see it before letting Mrs. Huntington know.

BEFORE 7AM DROP OFF

Beginning Monday, Oct. 5th if your toddler or preschooler needs care before 7AM please let the office know, CDC@stjohnseward.org or 402-643-3122, no later than 9am the day before. This gives us enough time to make sure that only the classes that need care are staffed before 7AM. The school age room will always be staffed at 6:30AM. Thank you for helping us keep our staffing cost down!

HOT LUNCH

To insure that your child gets a hot lunch ordered, please make sure you let us know **no later than 8:30am** if your child will be coming in late. Students arriving after 8:30am, who did not call or make arrangements with their teacher, will need to bring a cold lunch.

BREAKFAST

School Age breakfast is served from 7:05-7:20am. Preschool/Toddler breakfast is served starting at 7:30am and ends promptly at 7:50am. If you are running behind and won't make it to the classroom before 7:45, please consider bringing an alternative breakfast/snack for the car if they weren't able to eat at home.

ABSENT

If you know your child is going to be absent, please let us know in advance or give us a call by 8:30am, so we don't order them a lunch.

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DROP OFF/PICK UP

If someone other than a parent will be doing drop off or pick up, please let your child's lead teacher know. This is the best way to get the information to our afternoon staff.

SUMMER HORIZONS

We are so excited for the St. John Summer Horizons Enrichment Program!! Please follow the link below to see the catalog for this summer! If you have any questions please contact Elizabeth Owens at summerhorizons@stjohnseward.org LET THE FUN & LEARNING BEGIN!!

<https://stjohnseward.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-Summer-Horizons-Paper-Catalog.pdf>

****All registrations must be postal mailed to the address listed.****

ST. JOHN VBS

This year, Vacation Bible School will transition into an Evening with Family and Friends. On the evening of June 9, St. John will host an event on the grassy field, around the cross and stage, with music, activities for all ages, and intergenerational time together learning and sharing. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs, sit together in groups, and enjoy the time together. Invite neighbors, friends, and extended family. Watch for additional information.



COVID TESTING

Four Corners Health Department recommends if you or any member of your household is tested for

Covid-19, your entire household should self-quarantine at home until results come back negative.

How do you know the difference between COVID and colds and the flu?

Here is a chart from WHO that might help:

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

WORSHIP OPORTUNITIES

St John Lutheran Church
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Sunday Livestream Worship	8:30AM
Sunday In Person Worship	8:30 & 11AM
Saturday In Person Worship	5:30PM

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