



November 15, 2021

Dear Friend of St. John's,

When we started this school year, we didn't quite know what to expect. But we diligently prepared anyway, knowing full well that our procedures could continuously change based on circumstances out of our control. So we created contingency scenarios. And we put a plan B in place. We strategized complex "if, then" equations for a whole host of unforeseen situations. In short, we arranged for it all!

Realistically, though, we could not anticipate it all. Nobody could. We simply did not know how the school year would unfold. What we did know, though, was "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). And that's why "In All Things" was the obvious theme for the 2021-2022 school year.

As many of you know, I will officially retire from my interim principal role at the end of this year. I can say with absolute certainty that the time my wife, Sharon, and I have spent at St. John's is among the most memorable and enjoyable we've experienced in my 40+ years of serving in Lutheran schools. And, as I look back upon my career, the single greatest joy has been sharing the love of Jesus with children. Sure, it's important to teach kids *how* to count, but it's even more important to teach them *what* counts. And we can certainly count on Jesus . . . in all things. Just as I know that God will work through my retirement, I know that He will continue to work through St. John's, too. He has a purpose and a plan for this school and each person who is touched by the faith, excellence, opportunity, and partnership an elementary education at St. John's ensures. It was such an honor to be a part of it.

It's no secret I believe in the importance of faith formation from a young age. I believe in the consistency of teaching kids about Christ. And I believe in St. John's Lutheran School. That's why I am a proud supporter of the St. John's Fund. I ask you to join me in contributing a monetary donation that provides scholarships for our students and day-to-day operational funding for our school. Please find a response card included in this mailing and prayerfully consider a tax-deductible donation. If possible, please also pursue a matching contribution from your company.

Thank you in advance for your support of the St. John's Fund as well as for all the support I've been shown through the years. I will pray for the continued success of St. John's **in all things**.

In Christ,

David Florine
School Principal



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Happy Retirement



We wish Principal Florine the best, knowing God will be with him in all things. But we couldn't let him leave without a special sendoff!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Mr. Florine has worn many hats! Before his career in education, he worked as a newspaper boy, at an ice cream parlor, and as a golf caddie!
- He's got thick skin . . . Mr. Florine has also worked as a basketball and soccer referee and a softball umpire!
- In Scripture, the number seven often symbolizes completion or perfection. It's no wonder that is how long Mr. Florine served as principal at St. John's!
- Mr. Florine's dedication to service is nothing new. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in high school!
- Tying a rope isn't the only thing Mr. Florine mastered! He tied the knot with his wife Sharon 43 years ago!
- Mr. Florine has traveled to 49 states. But now that he's retired, he might find the time to visit one more!
- Boys rule in Mr. Florine's family! He has eight grandsons and zero granddaughters.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PRINCIPAL FLORINE

“Jesus loves you and
Jesus loves me!”

WAYS TO GIVE:

MAIL

Make checks payable to “St. John's Lutheran School” and mail to: 3511 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, MO 63010.

ONLINE

Visit stjohnsarnold.org and designate your one-time or recurring gift to the school fund.

Thank you in advance!



in **all** things
ROMANS 8:28

WITH THE ST. JOHN'S FUND,

we're trusting God in all things as we provide our students the opportunity to discover their academic strengths and individual talents, deepen their faith in Jesus, and develop a lifelong commitment to learning and service.



The St. John's Fund was established to offset the expenses tuition does not cover. It helps fund day-to-day operations of the school and ensures scholarship support for all students who wish to attend, not just the ones who can afford it.

In all things, this fund ensures students will have access to the academic excellence that has become synonymous with St. John's.



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Questions?
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Tuition only covers a portion of the actual cost to educate each student at St. John's. The St. John's Fund was established to offset the remaining expenses, allowing us to offer St. John's families an outstanding education at an affordable price. This fund ensures students will have access to the academic excellence that has become synonymous with St. John's and the joy that comes from incorporating Jesus in all things, including school.

Gifts to the St. John's Fund [support scholarships](#) and the [day-to-day mission](#) of the school.

Your support of St. John's Fund is our single greatest need.

We simply cannot do this without your support.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ST. JOHN'S FUND

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

YES! I want to support St. John's with a gift of:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other _____

☐ Check enclosed (payable to St. John's Lutheran School)

☐ Charge my credit card

Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Number _____ CVC Code _____

☐ My contact information has changed.

Please update your records.

☐ I will donate online at stjohnsarnold.org, where I can give a one-time or recurring gift. (Recurring gift amounts can be changed at any time.)

☐ Yes, my employer will match my gift! Employer _____



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