St John Child Development Center

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MR. TOM'S TALK

We have a busy and exciting month ahead of us here at the CDC! The children are getting ready to prepare for our Art Walk which will be held on Monday, November 23, from 6:15p.m.-7:15p.m.. This will be a time for families to come through the center and see the way art is used as a learning tool. There is so much more to art than putting colors on paper. As it states in the Early Learning Guidelines, "Creative arts activities allow children to use individual ideas, feelings, and expressions to engage their minds, bodies, and senses". By providing children with the opportunity for creative activities we are emphasizing the process not the product. It is the experience not the outcome that we learn from. Please plan to join us on the Monday before Thanksgiving. All are welcome!

On the day after the Art Walk we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. This celebration will occur on Tuesday, November 24, from 7:00a.m.-8:00a.m.. This is another opportunity for us to gather with friends and family to give thanks to God for all He has blessed us with. As a staff here at St. John Child Development Center we are thankful for the children in our care and the families that entrust us with providing that care. As a new director I am thankful for such an amazing staff that dedicates their lives to showing and telling the love of Jesus.

Lastly, I want everyone to be aware of our change in our Christmas programming. As listed in previous newsletters we will be hosting a Midweek Family Advent Worship Service this year. This will happen on Wednesday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m.. The children will be involved in leading this service as we spend time preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of Baby Jesus. Look for more information on this service coming soon. We are so thankful to have all these opportunities to gather and celebrate what is happening here at the CDC!

God's Blessings,
Tom Koffarnus
Director

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2026-2027 St. John CDC Calendar

NOVEMBER

5	Chapel with Paul Soulek
12	Chapel with Pastor Bruick
19	Chapel with Ms. Merterns
23	Art Walk, 6:15-7:15 PM
24	Thanksgiving Breakfast 7-8 AM
24	STJ Early Dismissal

25-27 CDC CLOSED for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

9	Midweek Family Advent Worship Service, 5:00 p.m
18	STJ/Seward/STV Early Dismissal
21-22	STJ/Seward/STV No School Days
23-31	**CDC CLOSED for Christmas Break**

JANUARY

1	**CDC CLOSED for Christmas Break**
4	STJ/Seward/STV No School Day

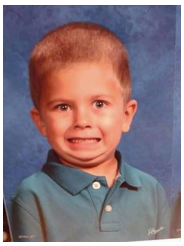
CDC CLOSED

The CDC will be CLOSED Wednesday, November 25th - Friday the 27th for Thanksgiving. Also, December 23rd - January 1st for Christmas Break.

SCHOOL AGE

Please watch your email for a Google Form to sign-up for the half day at St John on Nov. 24th. There is a $30 no school day fee for all that sign-up. Note the CDC will be CLOSED the 25th - 27th for Thanksgiving.

PICTURE RETAKES



Picture retakes are scheduled for Monday, November 2nd, starting at 8:15. Please let your teacher or the office know if you would like your child to have retakes. If you have already received your pictures, please send the package with your child on retake day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 23 - Art Walk @ 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

November 24 - Thanksgiving Breakfast @ 7:00a.m.-8:00a.m.

December 9 - Midweek Family Advent Worship Service @ 5:00 p.m.

February 11 - Love Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

TBD Wednesday in Lent - Lenten Meal

April 29 - Touch and Feel Truck Fair @ 6:15p.m.-7:15p.m.

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UPDATED INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

13.0 Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, St. John Child Development Center will make every effort to remain open as usual. If the weather impacts the safety of the children, families, and staff then the administration will make a decision on whether or not to adjust our operating hours. Our administration will monitor local road conditions, winter weather advisories, and the National Weather Service's forecast to determine whether or not to operate as normal. Families will be notified of closures via Facebook post, email, and Procare.

- **Should St. John Lutheran School be closed for a snow day then the Child Development Center will operate under a late start with opening at 8:30 a.m..** Parents should notify staff by 9:00 a.m. if their child will be attending to allow for proper staffing and meal count.
- However, if the weather is forecasted to bring hazardous road conditions and will not allow for roads to be cleared in time for a late start then a decision will be made by 6:00 a.m. as to whether or not to be open for the day.
- In the event of inclement weather forming during the day, the administration will provide a minimum of a 2 hours notice before implementing an early closure to allow for families and staff to travel home safely.
- If any unforeseen emergency, severe weather event, or utility disruption compromises our facility's safety or ability to operate as normal then a decision regarding closures or modified hours will be made immediately.

While closure of any sort may be an inconvenience for families who rely on our care, we must put the safety of the children, families, and staff at the forefront of everything we do.

Updated: September 21, 2026

ADULT HANDS ONLY

Please remember that all doors and key pads are for **Adult Hands Only**. This is for the safety of the children so they do not enter or exit the building without an adult.

WELLNESS POLICY

Children must be fever/vomit/diarrhea free for 24 hours without the aid of medication before returning to school.

BEFORE 7AM CARE

If your child needs care before 7AM please let the office know, CDC@stjohnseward.org or 402-643-3122, no later than 3PM the day before. This gives us enough time to make sure that only the classes that need care are staffed before 7AM. Thank you for helping us keep our staffing cost down!

HOT LUNCH

To ensure that your child gets a hot lunch ordered, please make sure you let us know **no later than 8:20AM** if your child will be coming in late. Students arriving after 8:20AM, who did not call or make arrangements with their teacher, will need to bring a cold lunch. Remember we are a nut free facility.

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SCHOOL YEAR BREAKFAST

School Age breakfast is served from 7:00-7:20am. Toddler and preschool breakfast is from 7:30-7:50am. If you are running behind and won't make it to the classroom before 7:15/7:45, please consider bringing an alternative breakfast/snack for the car if they weren't able to eat at home. **No outside food inside the classroom please!**

ABSENT

If you know your child is going to be absent, please let your teacher know in advance or through the ProCare App by 8:30am, so we don't order them lunch.

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. **No drop offs or pick ups between noon and 2:30.** This is when children are napping and it's very disruptive to the rest of the class. Please check with your child's teacher for their room's specific nap schedule.

BE ACTIVE THIS FALL

Children of all ages enjoy when their parents join in the fun, even if it's met with groaning or eye rolling. Show your children that it's okay to be playful at any age.
Be Active this fall

PARENT HANDBOOK

CDC Parent Handbook 26/27 Updated 7/20/26

EDUCATION BOARD

The next meeting of the 26-27 school year will be November 16th at 7 pm in the Heritage Room . Please feel welcome to review the Education Board Visitor Policy by clicking the link in this form.

MEET PASTOR SCHECK



Meet Pastor Nathan Scheck, our associate pastor! You may be seeing him at drop-off and pick-up, or hear your kids talk about him visiting their classroom. Take a moment and introduce yourself! If you or your family should need any pastoral care, please feel free to reach out to your teacher, Mr. Tom, or Pastor Scheck directly. nathan.scheck@stjohnseward.org or call 643-2983 ext. 120.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St John Lutheran Church
919 N Columbia Ave
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Newsletter

Pastor Scott Bruick
Pastor Nathan Scheck

Sunday Worship	8:30AM & 11AM
Sunday School	10AM - 10:45AM
Saturday Worship	5:30PM

To reach our YouTube channel, please visit stjohnseward.org and click on the link, or click here: www.youtube.com/channel/StJohn

Show and Tell the Love of Jesus