

St John Child Development Center



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NOTES FROM MRS. ARING

Summer is Coming!

As I walk through the classrooms, I can sense the need for outdoor play. It is as if the young bodies feel a bit of warm weather and then begin to produce more energy! Our teachers respond by creating more active learning and more outside time to make use of that energy. The learning and development don't stop for summer. Reading together every day is still important. Making the learning activities match the energy and the location by getting creative is necessary. Children are continually developing and giving them the play opportunities to expand their own learning is extremely beneficial.

Our faith also needs to be nurtured to grow over the summer. God doesn't ever take a vacation from us, and it is important for us to feed the seeds of faith in Him continually. It is such a pleasure to watch the faith-growth of children in our center. In the Bible, Jesus says in Matthew 18:3, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." This verse emphasizes how important it is

to simply trust and believe. It is rewarding to see this faith every day at the Child Development Center. I hope that the children are sharing it with you at home, also!

Blessings,

Lisa Aring

Director



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HELP SUPPORT ST. JOHN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

GOAL: \$5000

WHY: CLASSROOM FURNITURE
TO SERVE MORE STUDENTS

WHEN: APRIL 26TH - MAY 3RD

HOW: WWW.SEWARDCOUNTYGIVES.COM



*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR HELPING US
"SHOW AND TELL THE LOVE OF JESUS!"*

Show and Tell the Love of Jesus



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[2025-2026 St. John CDC Calendar](#)

[2026-2027 St. John CDC Calendar](#)

MAY

- 1 No School Seward Elementary
- 1 No Magnolia Preschool
- 7 Chapel with Pastor Rempfer
- 14 Chapel with Ms. Mertens
- 19 Last Day Magnolia Preschool
- 19 Seward 11:30 Dismissal
- 21 Chapel with Tim Oberbieck
- 20 No School Seward, STV, STJ 11:20 Dismissal
- 21 No School STJ, STV, Seward
- 21 Last Day 2025-2026 Session
- 22 **CDC CLOSED Professional Development**
- 25 **CDC CLOSED Memorial Day**
- 26 First Day 2026-2027 Session
- 28 Chapel with Mrs. Aring

June

- 1-5 VBS Week @ St John and CDC
- 8 **CDC CLOSED CUNE Education Conference**

CDC CLOSED

The CDC will be CLOSED Friday, May 22nd for Professional Development and Monday 26th for Memorial Day.

SCHOOL AGE

Please watch your email for a Google Form to sign-up for the No School Days on the 1st and the 19th - 21st. We are limited to 25 students, so please plan accordingly. There is a \$20 no school day fee for all that sign-up.

MAGNOLIA

The Magnolia room will not meet on May 1st, due to the No School Day for Seward Elementary. Magnolia's last day has changed to the 19th, due to Seward moving up their last day of school to account for the unused snow days.

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.



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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.

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.

COPING WITH PICKY EATING

Picky eating is typical for many children as they grow up and become more independent. Here are a few tips to help:

- Lead by example
- Don't force it
- Try new foods
- Get creative
- Let kids help with meals and snacks
- Make healthy food fun to eat

[Coping with Picky Eating](#)

PARENT HANDBOOK

[2025 CDC Parent Handbook](#)

EDUCATION BOARD

The next meeting of the 25-26 school year will be May 18th at 7 pm in the Heritage Room . Please feel welcome to review the Education Board Visitor Policy by clicking the link in [this form](#).

ST JOHN PTL FUNDRAISER

The St John PTL is selling Summer Fun Punch Tickets for \$5. Tickets can be purchased through the school or CDC offices.

KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Ticket

GREAT PTA/PTO FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY! Your school has elected to sell the **KFOR/KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets**. On the tickets you will find "punches" which are good for summer activities for kids. One ticket per child. Please note restrictions for each location. As of now, punch activities on the ticket include:

Lincoln Children's Zoo 1 Punch: Good for one FREE train ride OR Zoo admission. Ages 12 & under. One punch per ticket per person.	Sun Valley Lanes & Games 6 Punches: Buy 1 admission of Combat Zone Laser Tag and get 1 round of Lucky Ball Mini-Golf (prior miniature golf) for FREE. Limited to groups of 8 or less. One punch per ticket per day.	Lincoln Children's Museum 1 Punch: Buy one get one FREE admission. No cash value. Buy one admission get second admission of equal or lesser value free. Cannot be combined with other offers.
Lincoln Saltdogs 3 Punches: Each punch is good for one FREE admission to a Home Game. Ages 12 & under. Must be accompanied by a paying adult for each punch ticket.	Paint Yourself Silly 3 Punches: Each punch is good for one FREE hour of painting (max \$3 value). Ages 14 & under. Pottery must be purchased. Pottery prices start at \$3. One punch per ticket per day.	BONUS! There are extra activity, food, and miscellaneous coupons too!

These activities and coupons are valued over **\$100**, but through this special promotion with participating PTA/PTOs, your cost is only **\$5** each! That's **\$5** per ticket for over **\$100** worth of fun for your kids this summer.

What a value, but here's the best value of all ... **100% of the proceeds of all tickets sold, go to your school's PTA/PTO. Every penny stays in school! Not only a great value, but a great cause!**

Don't miss out! Get your ... **KFOR / KFRX Summer Fun Punch Tickets NOW!**

Tickets will be available for sale at participating schools through your PTA/PTO from April 20 - May 21, 2026. Tickets are valid from May 22 through August 12, 2026. Tickets cannot be purchased after May 21, 2026. No refunds on tickets after purchase. Tickets cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed and cannot be redeemed for cash. Children cannot share a ticket - 1 ticket per child.



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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, Mrs. Aring, or Pastor Scheck directly. nathan.scheck@stjohnseward.org or call 643-2983 ext. 120.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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[Newsletter](#)



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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

