

# St John Child Development Center



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## NOTES FROM MRS. ARING

### Fall Beginnings

As we all look forward to new starts in school, new friends, new school clothes, new school supplies and maybe even some new activities for fall, we always have hopes of things being better. People hope that the new teacher(s) are inspiring. Nebraska football fans hope for a better Husker season, farmers hope and pray for good crops, teachers hope for the “best class yet,” and we all hope and pray for good health this fall through winter.

We are all looking for “better” things in life. Human nature always has us looking to have something newer and better, however, our sinful world doesn’t work that way. That new car is great until it gets its first scratch, or somebody spills something in it. That new furniture or new flooring is so exciting until we see the signs of wear. This life isn’t perfect and while we can strive for better, those things will not last. Our forever hopes can only be successful in Jesus.

Each day, he gives us the ability to start fresh as a forgiven person. Even better, he gives us the best forever gift of heaven with Him. That is the foundation we want for our children in this crumbling world. This is why we have our Lutheran

schools; we are giving children the hope that lasts the way our things, our health, and our world can’t. We thank St. John for the chance to teach about this wonderful hope throughout each day!

Blessings,

Lisa Aring

Director

A yellow sticky note with the text "MARK YOUR CALENDAR" written in red and black marker. The text is underlined.

[2023-2024 St. John CDC Calendar](#)

## AUGUST

- 3 Chapel with Pastor Bruick
- 10 Last Day Summer Session
- 10 Chapel with Pastor Bruick



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## 11-15 CDC CLOSED for Professional Development and deep cleaning

- 15 Fall Open House 4-6pm
- 16 First Day Fall Session
- 16 1:20/30 Dismissal STJ and Seward
- 17 Chapel with Lisa Aring
- 24 Chapel with Pastor Scheck
- 31 Chapel with Deaconess Jeri

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 CDC CLOSED for Labor Day
- 18 No School STJ/Seward
- 18 No Magnolia Morning Preschool
- 29 11:20 Dismissal for STJ

## CDC CLOSED

The St. John CDC will be **CLOSED August 11th-15th for Professional Development and deep cleaning. Also September 4th for Labor Day.**

## FALL OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to our Fall Open House, Tuesday, August 15th from 4-6pm. If you are new to our center or moving to a new classroom and a little nervous, this is a great time to come check out the rooms and meet the teachers!

## SCHOOL AGE

Please watch your email for a Google Form to sign-up for care for Wednesday, August 16th. St. John and Seward have early dismissals, 1:20/1:30pm. There is not an \$18 no school day fee since lunch will not be served at the center.

## BEFORE 7AM CARE

If your child needs care before 7AM please let the office know, [CDC@stjohnseward.org](mailto: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 8:30am** 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. Remember we are a nut free facility.

## 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 us know in advance or through the ProCare App by 8:30am, so we don't order them lunch.

## WELLNESS POLICY

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

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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. **No drop offs or pick ups between noon and 3.** 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.

## PLAYGROUND PLANNING

The Child Development Center is participating in a program that helps with natural playgrounds called ECHO. We need people who can be involved with some planning, recruiting some help and giving some expert advice. If you have experience with outdoor environments, playgrounds, or have an interest with helping with this, please email Lisa Aring, director, at [lisa.aring@stjohnseward.org](mailto:lisa.aring@stjohnseward.org)

## PARENTING RESOURCES

Using data from the National Survey of Children's Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new estimates that show:

Almost half of kids ages 1–5 do not eat a vegetable every day,

About a third of kids do not eat a fruit every day, and

In the last week, more than half of kids drank at least one sugar-sweetened beverage.

Based on this research, it's more important than ever to make sure our kids eat fruits and vegetables to support optimal growth and brain development.

[Picky Eaters](#)

## NEBRASKA BEEF IN SCHOOLS

We are blessed as a ministry to have the opportunity to be serving 100% pure Nebraska beef as a part of the Nebraska Beef in Schools program.

Did you know...

- The school partners with local farmers and knows exactly where the beef comes from?
- The Beef in Schools logo is featured on the school lunch menu to note where Nebraska beef is used in school meals?
- The program costs approximately \$5,000 each year?



We sincerely appreciate the extra work done by our kitchen staff to make this possible, as there certainly is some additional preparatory work involved with using pure beef!

While there are significant costs associated with this program –it's worth it. Students are fed what we would also feed our families at home. We ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to this program. You can use this [attached donation sheet](#) or call the day school (402-643-4535) to inquire about how you can help us cover the purchasing and processing costs. Thank you to all who choose vocations associated with the beef industry and thank you to all who have helped make Nebraska beef available through our school lunch program.

## 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.**



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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](mailto:nathan.scheck@stjohnseward.org) or call 643-2983 ext. 120.

First day of Sunday School: September 10

To reach our YouTube channel, please visit [stjohnseward.org](http://stjohnseward.org) and click on the link, or click here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/StJohn>

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St John Lutheran Church  
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Pastor Nathan Scheck  
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(402)643-2983 ext 120

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

Sunday School (2 years old to 6th grade) Rally Day:  
Sunday August 27, 12-2:30, outside, includes lunch and activities.

