



# The L.E.A.P. Ledger

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Lutheran Education Advancement Partnership (LEAP) is an organization that partners with St. John's Lutheran School with the mission to provide strong, Christ-centered education opportunities for families in our community. For more than 175 years, St. John's has been a leader in education in the Marysville community, and LEAP aims to ensure those opportunities continue long into the future. We achieve that goal through non-operational funding for

the school and its students including scholarships and tuition assistance, curriculum funding, and the support of needed projects and upgrades throughout the school. We also engage with community members, current school families and SJLS alumni, because we truly believe it takes a village. Our goal with this newsletter is to keep each of you connected with what LEAP continues to offer in their mission.

**2023 LEAP Benefit Gala** planning is in full go! We are excited to bring you an evening once again full of socializing, raffle, silent auction, dinner music while enjoying a Heflin's catered meal, followed by a short program and a small live auction. Childcare will be provided on site with advanced registration. (Children must be 3 years old and potty trained.) Tickets for this event will be \$20 to help offset the cost of the catered meal and must be purchased in advance.

## SAVE THE DATE:

*Annual*  
**LEAP  
GALA**

**PASSING ON THE BATON OF FAITH**

5:00 Doors open & appetizers  
6:00 Dinner by Heflin's Catering

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 30**

Childcare available  
with registration  
Tickets \$20 per person

*Psalm 78:6*  
SO THE NEXT GENERATION WOULD KNOW THEM, EVEN  
THE CHILDREN YET TO BE BORN, AND THEY IN TURN  
WOULD TELL THEIR CHILDREN.

## Remembering Last Year's Gala:



## TO BUY GALA TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased on our website at [www.leapstjohns.com](http://www.leapstjohns.com) or by scanning the QR code below. Payment will be processed through the Vanco system accessed by visiting <https://www.stjohnsmarysville.org/giving>, selecting Vanco, then "LEAP Gala Tickets". You could also mail your check along with names of guests attending and your email address to the school office (12809 State Route 736; Marysville 43040). If you would like to take advantage of our onsite childcare during the Gala, please make sure you register for the childcare on the registration link. To make it easier, the registration form and description include a direct link to the payment system. Of course, if there are any questions, we are always available to help and answer questions.

### REGISTRATION:



### PAYMENT:



## GALA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

### Gold Sponsor - \$1,000.00

- Reserved Table with 8 Complimentary Gala Tickets
  - 20 Raffle Tickets
- Logo Displayed in Program

### Silver Sponsor - \$500.00

- 4 Complimentary Gala Tickets
  - 10 Raffle Tickets
- Name Displayed in Program

### Event Sponsor - \$250.00

- 2 Complimentary Gala Tickets
  - 5 Raffle Tickets
- Name Displayed in Program

Raffle/Auction Donation - (Services, Filled Baskets, New Items, Etc.)

- Name displayed on item

*\* If donated value is in the realm of above sponsorships, appropriate gala tickets will be included*

If you would like ideas for a raffle/auction donation, a sign-up genius has been created  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FADA62EA6FDCF8-stjohns#/>

Sponsorship check can be mailed or dropped off to the school office. Please note if you will be using the complimentary gala tickets, along with the names of who will be attending. Raffle/auction donations can also be dropped off at the school office. If you would like to make arrangements for us to pick up any of these, please email us at [leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com).

## *Letter from the President*

Happy school year to all the parents, teachers, and staff! This is such an exciting time of year for everyone, including us. We recently wrapped up our Golf Outing, and I can't extend enough thanks to all the golfers, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make the event a success once again. It was truly a special day of camaraderie and charity. Now as we roll into the end of summer, we are deep in preparation for our 2023 LEAP Benefit Gala, and I couldn't be more excited for everything we have planned for the evening from an awesome lineup of raffle and auction items, a great food spread, and a full program, we know it will be an amazing evening. Please help us spread the word about the night and let's fill the gym!

Thank you all for your continued support of LEAP's mission. As you see below, we continue to be blessed with opportunities to disburse funds to help perpetuate the strong Christ-centered educational opportunities that St. John's offers. As times change and hard decisions are made around the future of the school, we will continue to hold to our mission and our purpose as an organization. We have always been and will always be focused on one thing—the success of each and every student that walks in the door at St. John's. Thank you for helping us achieve that goal.

In Christ,

Austin Clarridge, LEAP President

### **Your contributions at work:**

We continue to thank you for your support to LEAP. We are able to help the students of St. John's Lutheran School in so many ways because of each of you.

LEAP will be funding the religion curriculum for the 2023-24 school year. State funding dollars are not allowed to be used for any curriculum that has a religious content. LEAP is so honored to be able to continue to help bring religious based curriculum to our students.

The funding for a "Back to School" Professional Development program for St. John's teachers and board took place before the students returned to the classrooms. This professional development program was on reconciling relations and resolving conflict. The goal is to empower teachers and board members in a way that promotes positive, Christian interaction in relationships. In turn, the teachers can use this with one another and to also teach students the same principals.

Please visit our website [www.leapstjohns.com](http://www.leapstjohns.com) or the church website to donate so we can continue to offer our students with so many opportunities. With your support, we are able to do so much for the students of St. John's but funding of any curriculum that is religious based is one of the best opportunities we have.



**2023 LEAP GOLF OUTING** held at The Ridge Golf & Gardens on July 15 was a huge success! There were 112 golfers that arrived for an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. After their round of golf, they all met in the pavilion for a delicious meal prepared and served by AO Backyard BBQ (Andy Owens). As always, he provided some of the best BBQ around! While they enjoyed their lunch, the winners for the raffles, silent auction, individual and team awards were announced.





**THANK YOU TO OUR GOLF OUTING SPONSORS:**

**Gold Sponsor:**



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Benny's Pizza

***Thank you to all who participated, volunteered & donated to the  
2023 LEAP Golf Outing!***

***It took all of you to make this event a great success!***

## **STAY CONNECTED WITH LEAP & JOIN OUR TEAM**

*Go to [leapstjohns.com](http://leapstjohns.com) and register for a free membership. This website will keep you up to date with what is happening.*

*LEAP is looking for additional committee members. You can become a part of our overall LEAP committee or just be a part of an event committee. We would love to hear from you. Are you in need of engagement hours? This could help you get to your goal.*

*Please send an email to [leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com) with any questions.*



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