



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.

Letter from the President

LEAP's mission is to educate and equip current and future students at St. John's, and we truly believe that once a Jaguar, always a Jaguar. As such, one way we achieve our mission is through the engagement and empowerment of alumni. St. John's is a truly special place where young people build lifelong relationships with peers, teachers, and mentors. The alumni community is strong, diverse, and extensive, and as we near the end of yet another school year, we look forward to welcoming another stellar group of young people into the alumni family. This year's 8th grade class has worked hard and achieved so much over their time at SJLS and are sure to experience continued success into their future wherever they go. As graduation quickly approaches, we wanted to take the time to honor these 8th graders and welcome them to the alumni family. If you see any of them in the coming months, make sure to congratulate them and wish them the best in their next phase of life. And on behalf of LEAP and as a fellow Jaguar alumnus—I wish you, our newest alumni, nothing but happiness and success in the future and we can't wait to see all that you accomplish.

While alumni engagement is an important part of what we do, we are strong believers in the adage "It takes a village." Our church and school families, community members, corporate partners, and friends of LEAP play a critical role in the success of St. John's and its students. When we invest in the children in our community, we invest in the future success of that community, and that is more important now in our ever-changing world than it ever has been. We continue to be immensely blessed by the support and encouragement of each and every one of you as we continue to advance our mission.

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family well, and we wish you all a blessed Easter season. Keep an eye out for open registration for our annual LEAP Golf Outing and our LEAP Benefit Gala in the coming weeks. If you are interested in more information about LEAP, what we do, where your money goes, or how to get involved, please feel free to reach out, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook and sign up for a free membership at www.leapstjohns.com to stay up to date with all that is going on.

Thank you for your time in checking out our newsletter and honoring our upcoming graduates and have a great Easter. HE IS RISEN!

In Christ,

Austin Clarridge, LEAP President

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ALUMNI ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



Alyssa Ireen Ball, the daughter of Brian & Svetlana Ball

Alyssa will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Proverbs 31:25. While at St. John's, her favorites were language arts; pepperoni calzone for lunch and favorite memory is her first day of school in the 7th grade because she got to meet all her classmates and teachers. Also got to experience her first day at "our wonderful school". She will miss hanging out with her friends in every class and getting to go outside and play at recess. LEAP congratulations Alyssa for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Alyssa, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Hannah Joy Boehm, the daughter of Bob & Mary Boehm

Hannah will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Psalm 27:1. While at St. John's, her favorites were math; popcorn chicken bowl for lunch and favorite memory is all of their fun field trips that they took as a class (LMC Camp, Creation Museum, Statehouse). She will miss friends, small classes, sports, good food and teachers. LEAP congratulations Hannah for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Hannah, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Jackson Dean Burns, the son of Trevor & Michelle Burns

Jackson will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Romans 15:13. While at St. John's, his favorites were math; French toast for lunch and favorite memory is Lutheran Memorial Camp. He will miss all the care from the teachers and students that helped him through his years at St. John's. He will miss the sports and playing with an amazing team. LEAP congratulations Jackson for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Jackson, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Connor Dively, the son of Christopher & Leslie Dively

Connor will be attending a Dublin school this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 4:13. While at St. John's, his favorites were art; Hamburger, fruit, vegetables, and fries for lunch and favorite memory is when Mr. Moran dressed up as someone who was 100 years old named Mr. Moses. He will miss all the care from the teachers and students that helped him through his years at St. John's. He will miss the friends and teachers. LEAP congratulations Connor for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Connor, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Brinley McKay England, the daughter of Christopher & Christina England

Brinley will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Jeremiah 29:11. While at St. John's, her favorites were algebra; spaghetti or salad bar for lunch and favorite memory she wasn't sure on. There are many memories that are good, but if she had to go with one it would be the walkathon last year or their Martin Luther project. She will miss a lot, probably most her friends and her teachers. LEAP congratulations Brinley for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Brinley, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Matthew Bryan Ferrell, the son of Matthew & Brenda Ferrell

Bryan will be attending Marysville High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is John 3:16. While at St. John's, his favorites were math; pizza for lunch and favorite memory is the Walkathon. He will miss all the care from the teachers and students that helped him through his years at St. John's. He will miss the people that he has met here. LEAP congratulations Bryan for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Bryan, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Avery Nicole Gallmeyer, the daughter of Dan & Kelly Gallmeyer

Avery will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 4:13. While at St. John's, her favorites were science; biscuits & gravy for lunch and favorite memory is going to Lutheran Memorial Camp in 5th grade. She will miss the people and teachers. LEAP congratulations Avery for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome, Avery to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Adalyn Jean Jenkins-Castle, the daughter of Abbey Castle & Anthony Jenkins

Adalyn will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Roman 5:8. While at St. John's, her favorites were social studies; breakfast for lunch and favorite memory is playing volleyball while winning the state championship and playing basketball and winning third place in state for three years in a row. She will miss the close atmosphere at St. John's and all of the teachers giving her personal attention for what she needed. LEAP congratulations Adalyn for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Adalyn, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Cara Marie Leng, the daughter of Jesse & Marie Leng

Cara will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Psalms 23:4-5. While at St. John's, her favorites were language arts; pizza for lunch and favorite memory is Lutheran Memorial overnight camp, having a trace bag fashion show. She will miss the family/community they are all in and all the friends and teachers. LEAP congratulations Cara for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Cara, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Sara Renee Lynch, the daughter of Jim & Becky Andrews; and the Late JR Lynch

Sara will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Exodus 14:14. While at St. John's, her favorites were history; cheese pizza for lunch and favorite memory is from 7th grade when her group made their Greek gods video with Mr. Meeker. She will miss her classmates. LEAP congratulations Sara for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Sara, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Camryn Louis McGinley, the daughter of Mark & Kellie McGinley

Cami will be attending Marysville High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Exodus 15:2. While at St. John's, her favorites were science; chicken patty sandwich for lunch and favorite memory is last year's walkathon. She will miss her friends. LEAP congratulations Cami for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Cami, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Chloe Jillian Nicol, the daughter of John & Jodi Nicol

Chloe will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Malachi 4:2. While at St. John's, her favorites were math; she said that she never had lunch but imagined the calzones were good and favorite memory is learning to cross cancel fractions in math. She will miss the teachers. LEAP congratulations Chloe for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Chloe, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Mia Concetta Pagan, the daughter of Ron & Jill Pagan

Mia will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Isaiah 43:2. While at St. John's, her favorites were math; pizza for lunch and favorite memory is Lutheran Memorial Camp in 5th grade. She will miss the really close friendships. LEAP congratulations Mia for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Mia, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Victoria Frances Schlueter, the daughter of Paul & Julie Schlueter

Tori will be attending Emmanuel Christian Academy this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Revelation 2:10. While at St. John's, her favorites were math; breaded chicken sandwich, green beans, graham cracker and peaches meal for lunch and favorite memory is Lutheran Memorial Camp. She will miss her friends, teachers, and the relationship she made with everyone. LEAP congratulations Tori for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Tori, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



Lincoln Scott Thrush, the son of Scott & Michelle Thrush

Lincoln will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Jeremiah 1:19. While at St. John's, his favorites were math; popcorn chicken for lunch and favorite memory is winning the basketball game against New Hope on a $\frac{3}{4}$ court shot for the win in 6th grade and getting a game winner against New Hope in 8th grade. Also making it to the championship game in 8th grade. He will miss being able to have such good relationships with everybody and all his teachers. LEAP congratulations Lincoln for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Lincoln, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!

Come celebrate these 8th grade students at their graduation on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium! Also, on May 18 at 6:00 p.m. is the preschool graduation and May 19 at 6:00 p.m. is the Alt-K & Kindergarten celebration.

Save the Date

July 15, 2022

LEAP Annual Benefit Gala

July 16, 2022

LEAP Annual Golf Outing
Held at The Ridge; Marysville

The 2022 Gala and Golf Outing planning is starting! We need individuals who care about the mission of LEAP to join us in this effort. Some of these opportunities will only be in the planning stages, some during the events, and some will continue through the entire process. For all school parents, remember all these can count towards your engagement hours. Opportunities include designing print material, decorating committee, advertising the event through social media and other ways, running technology during the event, gathering auction items and sponsorships, photography during the events, check in during the events, childcare during the gala, etc. We will be collecting silent auction/raffle items for both events along with sponsorship opportunities. Please reach out to leapstjohns@gmail.com if you would have any interest or questions on any of these opportunities.

We will give you a sneak preview of some of the plans that we have started to make. The theme for the Gala will be "St. John's Through the Years". We would like to have as many past/current teachers in attendance as possible to recognize their work at St. John's. If you have contact information for past teachers, please email us that information and also share this information with them so they can reserve this weekend in their schedule! We would love to have them join us Friday evening for the gala and then a great time on the golf course Saturday morning.

Our goal is to provide daycare during the evening of the Gala for children of attendees. We would ask that the children that would be dropped off would be of the age where they are potty trained. If you would be willing to help with this daycare, we would love to hear from you!

We are hoping to start the Gala evening off with a mocktail hour. This will give the attendees an opportunity to mingle with each other, check out the silent auction/raffle items and enjoy appetizers with mocktails before being seated for dinner and the program.

Stay connected with us as more details will follow!! Make sure that you save this weekend on your calendar. It really is a great weekend! We hear every year how people are so surprised how great of a time they have. So please join us and help support the students of St. John's Lutheran School!



L.E.A.P. MISSION STATEMENT

"Lutheran Education Advancement Partnership" (LEAP) exists in Christ to educate and equip current and future St. John's students by engaging family, friends and alumni through the investment of charitable resources and spiritual guidance.

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverb 22:6

Your contributions at work:

We continue to thank you for your support to LEAP. We are able to help the students at St. John's Lutheran School in so many ways because of each of you. Our eyes keep being opened by so many opportunities to teach our students Christian based curriculum. Government funds are not able to be used for any curriculum that has a Christian base. Therefore, the school needs to find ways to fund these programs. LEAP is always open to hear what opportunities we can help with.

In our March meeting, LEAP approved using LEAP funds to purchase a Biblically Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum for K-8, Friendly. The Friendly Program teaches the five-core competencies of SEL through the lens of Scripture. These competencies include self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision making, social awareness and relationship skills.

Teaching friendship skills supports students in managing their emotions, improving ability to set and achieve positive goals, feeling and showing empathy for others, maintaining positive relationships, and making responsible decisions.

Please visit our website www.leapstjohns.com or the church website to donate so we can continue to offer our students these opportunities that they are not able to receive in public schools.

Partnering with LYF:

LEAP partnered with LYF for the March 23 Lenten Dinner. We would like to thank all of you that came out for the evening of fellowship and delicious hot soup. LYF received a nice donation from all of you to help support their 2022 mission trip to Port Huron, Michigan on June 19-26. Thank you for all of your support to St. John's youth!



STAY CONNECTED WITH LEAP & JOIN OUR TEAM

Go to 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 with any questions.