



# The L.E.A.P. Ledger

May, 2023

*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*

First and foremost, CONGRATULATIONS to our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The hard work and dedication over your years at St. John's have prepared you for a successful future regardless of where you're headed, and the friendships and memories you have gained will stick with you forever. From a fellow alumnus – welcome to the family! In a time with so much change, we have been talking within LEAP about our goals and where we fit into the larger picture. We always end up at the same resolution—our mission focuses fully on the success of the students at St. John's. While we remain excited for the future, we also remain focused on the here and now, and how we can help set the current students up for success. There's no better time to reflect on that vision than as we prepare to send another great class of young people out into the world!

We are also very excited to have dates set for this year's Annual Golf Outing and LEAP Benefit Gala. This year, the events will be on separate weekends with the Golf Outing staying in the summer (July 15) and the Benefit Gala moving to the fall (September 30). Registration for the golf outing is currently live on the website and information for the event is included in this newsletter. Keep an eye out for information on registration for the Benefit Gala soon. We are in need of volunteers and sponsors for both events, so if you are interested or need Engagement hours, please reach out to a LEAP member for more information. Whether you attend one or both events, volunteer, or sponsor, or if you are unable to do any, please keep these events in your prayers and please help spread the word!

Lastly, we continue to look for new additions to our committee. We recently voted to extend the terms of the current executive board for another year while we attempt to grow our committee and determine the best way forward. If you or someone you know may be interested in attending our regular meetings, helping on one of the event committees, or volunteering in another way, please reach out to one of us!

We are so thankful for your continued support and support of SJLS and its students! Make sure to follow us on Facebook and visit our website at [www.LEAPStJohns.com](http://www.LEAPStJohns.com) to join our mailing list to stay up to date with everything happening!

In Christ,

Austin Clarridge, LEAP President

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ALUMNI**  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023**



**Clara Barbara Andrews**, the daughter of Jim & Becky Andrews and the Late Erin Andrews

Clara will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Romans 8:18. While at St. John's, she loved doing things with her class like at recess or playing sports or games. LEAP congratulations Clara for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Clara, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Connor Jeffery Boyd**, the son of Jeffrey & Deb Boyd

Connor will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 4:13. He loved the opportunity to play basketball all four years of middle school. 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!



**Cody Byrd**, the son of Brent & Eva Byrd

Cody will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Isaiah 41:10. While at St. John's, his favorite memories are going to the Concordia High School on the Golden Eagles trip, kayaking with Mr. Mo, going to camp and the D.C. trip. LEAP congratulations Cody for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Cody, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Hailey Rose Crabtree**, the daughter of Elizabeth McPershon;  
the granddaughter of Gene & Deb Duran

Hailey will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Romans 2:3. While at St. John's, her favorite memories are going to Indiana, spending time with friends, playing bingo and going to the zoo. LEAP congratulations Hailey for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Hailey, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Carolyn Mae Marcellus Feick**, the daughter of Adam & Lisa Feick

Carolyn will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Timothy 4:12. While at St. John's, her favorite memories are going to LOMO Camp, going to Fort Wayne with the Golden Eagles and hanging out with her class. LEAP congratulations Carolyn for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Carolyn, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Mary Elizabeth Grimm**, the daughter of Paul & Amy Grimm

Mary Elizabeth will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. Her best memories of St. John's are going to Camp LMC, Golden Eagles trip to Concordia University, their trip to D.C. and getting to grow as a family with her classmates. LEAP congratulations Mary for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Mary Elizabeth, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Cameron Lake Lynn Leng**, the daughter of Jesse & Marie Leng

Cami will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Psalms 46:1. While at St. John's, her favorite memory is the D.C. trip. She enjoyed hanging out on the bus with her friends, visiting the monuments, going canoeing with Mr. Mo and ringing the bells. 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!



**Madison Angel Lowry**, the daughter of Ben & Amara Lowery

Madison will be attending Marysville High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Proverbs 3:25-26. While at St. John's, her favorite memory is going caroling where she ate way too much food. LEAP congratulations Madison 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!



**Emily Joy Odor**, the daughter of Richard & Melissa Odor

Emily will be attending Marysville High School this coming school year. Her favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 4:2-7. While at St. John's, her favorite memories are going to camp for the first time, ringing bells in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and going to Indiana with the Golden Eagles where they visited the high school and zoo. LEAP congratulations Emily for her many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to her staying connected with us. Welcome Emily, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Cooper David Phelps**, the son of Brian & Summer Phelps

Cooper will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Isaiah 53:5. He loved the opportunity to learn about Jesus at St. John's. LEAP congratulations Cooper for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Cooper, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Reid Borden Phelps**, the son of Brian & Summer Phelps

Reid will be attending Fairbanks High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Roman 8:39. His favorite St. John's memories are Mr. Moran's religion class and learning about Jesus. LEAP congratulations Reid for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Reid, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**McClellan Thomas Rausch**, the son of Rich & Kristine Rausch

McClellan will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Isaiah 41:10. While at St. John's, his favorite memories are going to the Concordia High School on the Golden Eagles trip, kayaking with Mr. Mo, going to camp and the D.C. trip. LEAP congratulations Mac for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome McClellan, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!



**Brendan James Route**, the son of James & Laurie Route

Brendan will be attending Marysville Early College High School this coming school year. His favorite Bible Verse is Revelations 1:17. His favorite memories at St. John's are the art classes because he has so much fun with Ms. Jennie and her creative projects. LEAP congratulations Brendan for his many accomplishments at St. John's and looks forward to him staying connected with us. Welcome Brendan, to the St. John's Lutheran School Alumni!

***Come celebrate these 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at their graduation on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium! Also, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. is the preschool celebration and May 18 at 6:00 p.m. is the Alt-K & Kindergarten celebration/graduation. Please come support all these students and their families.***

## Staying Connected with Each Other:

On April 15, LEAP hosted a social hour at The Ridge. The evening was an informal event of connecting with old and new friends of St. John's. Some of the attendees were school parents, teachers, St. John's alumni, church families and friends of LEAP. We all enjoyed the evening that was filled with food, drinks, great conversations, games of euchre, sports on the TV's, and just connecting with each other in such a relaxed atmosphere. Stay connected with us on our Facebook page and website for future events.



## 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 has pledged \$40,000 towards 2023-24 school year worship and engagement scholarships, along with up to \$5,000 in referral scholarships.

LEAP, along with the Board of Christian Education and the Athletic Department, purchased much needed upgrades to the bleachers in the gymnasium. Improvements include new up-to-code railings and automatic motor to help stow and pull out the bleachers. These bleachers will not only be utilized for athletic events but also for school programs which are held during the school day for students; seating for graduations, musicals, and many other school programs; church events; etc.

LEAP has purchased 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation banners that are displayed in front of the school. These individual banners will be presented to the graduates.

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.



6TH ANNUAL  
**L.E.A.P. GOLF  
OUTING**

**JULY 15TH, 2023**  
**REGISTRATION BEGINS 7:00 AM**  
**SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM**  
**THE RIDGE GOLF & GARDENS**  
**17487 ROBINSON RD.**  
**MARYSVILLE, OH 43040**

**Registration**

**\$75 per player- includes cart, 18 holes, lunch and 2 drink tickets**  
go to [www.leapstjohns.com](http://www.leapstjohns.com) to register

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Gold- \$1000 & above:** one team of 4, hole sponsorship, and name recognition

**Silver \$500:** two free golfers, hole sponsorship and name recognition

**Hole \$100:** Name/Log displayed at tee box.

**Raffle Prize Donation**

**To sponsor or for questions please email**  
**[leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com)**

Checks can  
be made to  
St. John's LEAP



Prizes for 1st, 2nd,  
3rd place teams,  
longest drive,  
longest putt

Proceeds benefit the continuation of Christian Education at  
St. John's Lutheran School

**PLEASE CONTACT US,  
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE A SPONSOR  
OR DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE, SILENT OR LIVE AUCTIONS.  
MONEY RAISED FROM GOLF OUTING ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE  
TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL!**  
**[leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com)**

# Save the Date

**September 30, 2023**  
**LEAP Annual Benefit Gala**  
**Held at St. John's School**

The 2023 LEAP Gala planning is starting! Our theme for the evening will be "Passing the Baton of Faith".

We are looking for 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 event, and some will continue through the entire process. For all school parents and grandparents, 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 event, check in, childcare during the gala, etc. Please reach out to [leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com) if you would have any interest or questions on any of these opportunities.

We will be providing daycare during the evening of the Gala for children of attendees who are ages three and above and potty trained.

Come early to check out the silent auction/raffle items, mingle with old friends and meet new friends before being seated for dinner and the program. A live auction will take place after the program.

Stay connected with us as more details will follow!! Make sure that you save this evening on your calendar. It really is a fun evening! 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!

***LEAP will be providing sponsorship opportunities for the Benefit Gala as well as the Golf Outing. We will also be in need of raffle, silent and live auction items.***

### **Benefit Gala Sponsorships**

***Gold Sponsorship - \$1,000 – 8 Benefit Gala tickets; 20 raffle tickets; Logo displayed in program***

***Silver Sponsorship - \$ 500 – 4 Benefit Gala tickets; 10 raffle tickets; Name displayed in program***

***Event Sponsorship - \$ 250 – 2 Benefit Gala tickets; 5 raffle tickets; Name displayed in program***

***Raffle/Auction Donation (services, filled baskets, new items, etc.) – Name displayed on item***

***Please contact us if you would be inclined to be a sponsor of the Benefit Gala or have a donation for us.***

*[leapstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:leapstjohns@gmail.com)*

## **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.*



### L.E.A.P. MISSION STATEMENT

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