



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

Blessings and Happy Spring from the LEAP team!

As we celebrate the changes that come with the spring season, we are excited for changes and new beginnings within LEAP as well! With warmer weather (hopefully) on the horizon, we are looking forward to another summer golf outing at The Ridge Golf and Gardens. Please begin spreading the word and keep an eye out for more information soon. As you will see in the dates below, we have opted to move the LEAP Benefit Gala to the fall this year and separate it from the Golf Outing. We hope that this alleviates strain on people's schedules, and will allow us to reach school families during the school year.

In addition to our annual Golf Outing and Gala, we will be hosting the first Alumni and Friends Social Hour on April 15th! Our intent is to spread these smaller, less formal events throughout the year to stay in touch with fellow alumni, school and church families, and friends of LEAP on a more regular basis. The first event is meant to be informal and social, and will be held in the clubhouse at The Ridge. Light appetizers will be provided, and The Ridge will have a full food and drink menu available for purchase. Come out and socialize, play some darts, grab a bite to eat, and see friends old and new! Keep an eye out for announcements for other similar events in the future as well. Upcoming social events may include trivia night, euchre tournaments, alumni networking events, and more. If you have ideas or would like to organize an event, please see a LEAP member or reach out to us at LEAPStJohns@gmail.com.

In this season of change, one thing that will stay the same this year is our officer team. After thoughtful consideration and discussion, we passed a motion to extend the current terms of officers through 2023. This is due in large part to our small group and lack of available people to step into those rolls. That being said, WE NEED YOU! We are working hard to actively recruit new members to our team. You don't have to be an officer, come to every meeting, or lead a group, we just want diverse input and fresh thoughts on our team. We have a lot of ideas that need manpower to execute and are looking to add members to help us make those goals a reality. If you or someone you know are interested in being a part of LEAP, please reach out to myself or any LEAP member. We would be happy to have you!

We are so excited for the upcoming year and everything it has in store for us. We continue to be abundantly blessed. Through the grace and guidance of God, we will continue to work hard to pass on those blessings to the best of our ability. We hope to see you at our meetings or events this year, but either way we ask for your continued prayers for LEAP as well as the school, its staff, and its students. Thank you for your continued support!

In Christ,

Austin Clarridge, LEAP President

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Apr 15- Alumni and Friends Social Hour @ The Ridge 6:30-9:30 PM

July 15- LEAP Golf Outing @ The Ridge

September 30- LEAP Benefit Gala @ St Johns, time TBD