



Love is
the Motive!

*2009-2010
Handbook*

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"Teaching, Training and Nurturing God's Children"

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With a great deal of anticipation, we have nothing but excitement for the upcoming year. It is truly a great privilege to gather for another year as a family of God, dedicated to teaching the Word of God, nurturing each child into a child of Christ, and training all to be disciples of God's Word. ***Our theme for the 2009-2010 school year is, "Love is the Motive"***. This phrase is based from Ephesians 4:15-16 which states: "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."

This phrase means that all of our actions and words are to be done out of love and kindness to our brothers and sisters in Christ. When love is the motive we do not just speak with kindness, but we live by the truth. We do not gossip, we are not hypocritical, nor do we speak ill of our classmates, co-workers, neighbors, or anyone else. We let our actions do our speaking. When we see kindness or hear others speak well of another, it is contagious. That love for one another will continue to grow.

Our school is successful, not because of the teachers, the staff, the students, or the parents, but as a whole body. Each part works properly with each other. That is how we at St. John are successful. Every person at St. John is involved and works to do what they can to make sure everything is working properly.

Because "Love is the Motive" we again are doing things to show that we love and care for our neighborhood, city, country, and those around the world. We again will be having the yearlong food drive, the raking project in the fall, our chapel offerings will go to the peace corps to help people around the world, and many other items that will come up throughout the year to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In love, God sent His Son into the world so that we may live forever in His kingdom. Because of this love, Christ commanded that we love our neighbor as ourselves. In Ephesians 1:6 it states God loves each and every one of us as His children and gloriously gives us grace through Christ Jesus.

After the school year, we hope our school family will better understand what "Love is the Motive" is all about and continue to strive to let our actions mimic Jesus' actions and show ultimate love towards one another.

2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1 – First day of School
September 3 – Orientation
September 7 - Labor Day (No School)
September 18 – Camp Luther – All School (Grades K-8)
September 21 – Picture Day
September 28 – Fall Food Sale Begins
October 2 - Teacher Inservice Day (No School)
October 9 – Fall Food Sale Ends
October 27 – Picture Retakes
October 29- November 3 - Teacher Convention (No School)
November 5 - First Quarter Ends (School in Session)
November 6 - Teacher Inservice Day (No School)
November 7 - Delivery of Fall Food Sale Items
November 9 – Second Quarter Begins (School in Session)
November 20 – Science – Learn & Laugh (All School Assembly)
November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Vacation
December 10 -11 – Holiday Mall
December 20 – Day School Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
December 24 – January 1 – Christmas Vacation
January 21 – Second Quarter Ends (School in Session)
January 22 – Teacher Inservice Day (No School)
January 25 – Third Quarter Begins
February 26 – No School
March 7-12 – Lutheran Education Week
March 15 – No School (MAPS is in session though)
March 25 – Third Quarter Ends (School in Session)
March 26 – Teacher Inservice Day (No School)
March 29- April 2 – Easter/Spring Break
April 5 – Fourth Quarter Begins
April 7-16 – Achievement Testing
May 2 – Eighth Grade Confirmation
May 31 – Memorial Day – No School
June 6 - Graduation
June 8 – Last day of school

SCHOOL HOURS

7:30 A.M. Doors Open
7:55 A.M. Children allowed in hallways
8:05 A.M. Children in Rooms
8:10 A.M. School begins
11:00 A.M. – 12:10 P.M. Lunch & Recess for Grades K-3
12:00 P.M. – 12:45 P.M. Lunch & Recess for Grades 4-8

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