

*Soaring  
to New Heights*



St. John's Lutheran

**Building** a future.

# Recognizing a need.



St. John's Lutheran School - Home of the Eagles - Soaring to New Heights!  
*"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we promote academic excellence, make disciples, and equip them for service."*

Can you believe it? Can you believe that St. John's Lutheran Church and School started adding first grade and up less than 30 years ago? Can you believe that only six years ago, there was so much demand for a St. John's education that the decision was made to start doubling the classes? Can you believe that the school is serving almost 400 students this school year and is on course to become one of the largest Lutheran schools in the United States? Can you believe that our students represent 36 different Christian congregations and come from 16 different communities, with some traveling from over 20 miles away?

So how has a solid early childhood program expanded to become a preschool through 8th grade school that is having such a positive impact on our community? Only through God. God led people to embrace this idea and put the right people in place to help the school launch and grow. In response, St. John's Lutheran School has been faithful in service to Christ, helping students and families to grow in their faith and being diligent in shining the light of the Gospel. Day after day, we are challenging students to exceed their academic potential through academic rigor, highly sought-after teachers, and supportive programs. We are proud to be part of the St. John's Eagles family.

But we believe that God wants more of us. He's not finished in shaping and growing this ministry.

We believe that God is calling us to continue to grow our middle school and to add a high school. We believe that the impact that St. John's is currently making is small compared to what God is calling us to do here. We believe that the time is right to "Soar to New Heights" and build a facility that will be used to change the lives of even more students and families. We believe that God is calling us to fulfill our mission for students from 3 years old to 18 years old each day.

We know that all things are possible through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We know that God uses people to do the amazing things He desires. We believe that people in this area will come together to help us make the future of St. John's an incredible reality.

Can you believe it? Will you partner with us to do God's will in this place? Will you help us sustain a top-notch academic focus, expanding into the high school grades? We hope you believe it! Let's "Soar to New Heights" together!

Curtis Wudtke  
Principal of St. John's Lutheran School

## The Need for Growth

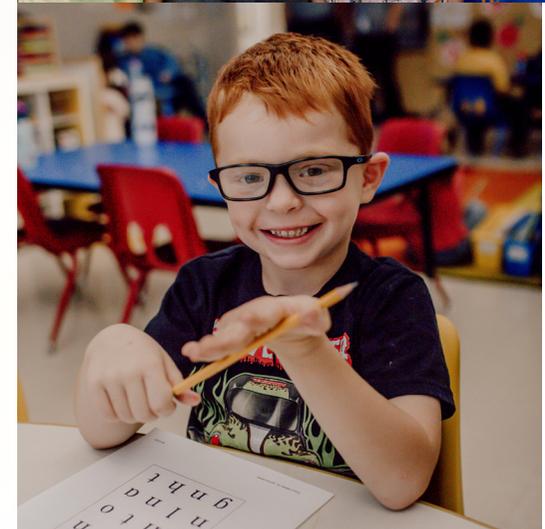
- Expand the St John's campus to meet the growing need for a Christian high school in the community
- Establish more classroom space that can accommodate full-size rosters and maintain current class sizes as they promote to the next grade level
- Provide dedicated environments for music, art, and science labs which are currently held in small generalized areas and used for multiple purposes
- Meet the need for extracurricular activities with the ability to host large academic and athletic events

## The Mission of St. John's Lutheran School

- Dedicate resources to provide a rigorous, quality education while helping students learn about Christ, develop their foundations in faith, and grow as disciples
- Teach the strong moral values of Christ's teachings in an environment that promotes service to God, family, and community

## The Need for a High School

- Extend the journey of academic excellence St. John's provides beyond 8th grade while preparing students to fulfill their potential beyond high school
- Maintain a Christ centered education for students that promotes formation and prosperity of their faith during an impressionable time of their lives



# Making a difference.



## Phases of the Project

### Phase I: Estimated Cost \$7,500,000

- Construct a new 36,000 square foot building that will serve as the high school and will accommodate other grade levels as needed
- Optimize space to allow for 18 full size classrooms, office space, high school size gymnasium and locker rooms

### Phase II:

- Expand classroom space to handle continued growth while also adding an adequately sized cafeteria and other multipurpose spaces

### Phase III:

- Establish an endowment fund to support long term growth and continued operations

Naming Opportunities	Commitment	Available
Gymnasium	\$500,000	1
Court	\$150,000	1
Main Entryway	\$100,000	1
Commons Area	\$75,000	1
Scoreboards	\$75,000	1
Office Space	\$50,000	1
Class Room	\$50,000	18
Music Room	\$50,000	1
Art Room	\$50,000	1
Locker Room	\$30,000	2
Staff Break Room	\$30,000	1
Mechanical Closet	\$25,000	1
Main High School Hallway	\$20,000	1
Main Middle School Hallway	\$20,000	1
Concessions	\$15,000	1
Bench Out Front	\$10,000	2
Rock in Garden	\$5,000	5
Entryway Bricks	\$1,000	unlimited





# Listening to our hearts.



I love that everything is centered around faith at St. John's. Exposure to Jesus and His teachings is sprinkled in throughout each and every day. To have these foundational principles engrained in my kids is huge! When I think about the amazing friendships, teachers, and relationships my kids have experienced at St. John's, I am so thankful for this Christ-centered environment, particularly at one of the most crucial times in their physical, emotional, and spiritual development.

Nicole Wochner Altadonna  
Parent

I love that St. John's allows us to discuss and build our faith in God. Our school staff is always telling us how much God loves us, no matter what, and how much Jesus sacrificed for us.

I love that the staff is fun, supportive, and do a really good job of teaching our classes while setting good Christian examples to follow.

We have a great variety of competitive sports and other activities. We have done really well in many of our sports at state and national levels. Our coaches push us to be the best we can be. They work hard to make sure everyone learns and improves while teaching us to be respectful athletes.

We are Eagles, and we soar. We strive to do our best in academics and athletics, and I want that to continue in a high school. I have attended St. John's since preschool and would love the opportunity to grow even more in my faith in a safe and supportive St. John's Lutheran High School.

Ike Houck  
7th Grade Student





I feel like God has truly led me to my dream job here at St. John's Lutheran School! Teaching God's beautiful children, having a part in their academic growth and seeing their excitement for learning is a true passion of mine. However, being able

to walk beside and help guide my students on their faithful journey with Christ is an absolute blessing that cannot be put into words. I'm honored to be a part of a school that values a child's true Christian foundation. I look forward to seeing St. John's have the opportunity to reach many more families in our community and continue to instill a strong faith based learning environment for our children throughout their educational career.

Mrs. Meghan Hagen  
1st Grade Teacher

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)*



As a previous student of St. John's, I knew from the moment Lincoln was born there was no question that he would be going to St. John's. Granted, it was much different 14 years ago, but the passion and love for teaching,



devotion to spreading God's Word, and helping parents raise God-loving humans has remained the same. The most important thing to me as a parent is making sure my child is full of faith, treats people with love and respect, and grows up to know how important it is to be a good person. Without a doubt, he learns these qualities each day. I would choose St. John's over and over again.

MacKenzie Ard  
Parent & Alumnus





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