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Grandparents Day is coming!  
Wednesday, September 25

## 2024-2025 IS IN FULL-SWING

Grandparents day is coming soon! We love our grandparents and believe that they are an integral part of a child's formation. Each year we honor them with a short program and lunch. Please mark your calendars for:

### Wednesday, September 25

10:30 a.m.—Program in The Grove

10:50 a.m.—Lunch with Students

We do need a headcount for lunch so **please RSVP to the front office the number of grandparents who will be attending.** Please call, text, or email no later than Monday, September 23 by 3:30 p.m. so Mrs. Wind can be prepared for a much larger lunch crowd.

We look forward to having them all in the building!



## IN PARKING LOT NEWS...

Thank you so much for your flexibility in the last 2 weeks with the parking lot! Resurfacing is complete, however, over the next month there will be construction going on as the church expands the parking lot into the field. I am not sure at this point on any given day how that will impact our carline so please watch your email for any unexpected changes.

We love having you in the building! For those of you who would like to park and come in the school to pick up or drop off your student, please continue to park along the side or behind the gym and then exit out the back of the church directly onto College Drive. This has significantly reduced the amount of congestion in the front of the building and increased the safety of our students.

Please also remember that the entrance to the school parking lot is a one-way route, please do not exit the same way you came in!

We appreciate your help in making our parking lot safe!



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# THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR IN PICTURES



Pre-K 4 class in music with Mr. Swedburg (A.K.A Mr. Sweatshirt)



Emerson reading her original story to her 4th grade class



2024-2025 4th Grade Class



## OUR FIRST CROSS COUNTRY MEET!

Our first ever 2nd-4th grade Cross Country team, coached by Mr. Johnson (MS History/Robotics teacher) completed their first Cross Country Meet last week in Cross Lake. They will be competing next week in Pillager and Pequot Lakes. Great job, team! We are so proud of how you represented our school so well with outstanding perseverance and sportsmanship!



The start of a new school always begins with a little nervousness and a few hiccups, but as you can see from just a small sampling of a whole library full of great pictures, we have had some fun over the last 9 days—and not just fun, but we have witnessed students display an extraordinary amount of kindness and strong character.

We have watched a whole table full of 1st-3rd graders pick up their lunch trays and plop them down at a different table to make sure a young kindergartener was not sitting alone. We have seen a young second grader complete a cross country race and then go back to encourage others to finish. So many stories...so little space. We are already overwhelmed by the goodness of God. We can't wait to see what He continues to do!

With a beautiful week of weather, there was a lot of learning going on outside!

# FLOATING DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI

Yesterday, the 6th-8th grade students went on a fieldtrip to Crow Wing State Park where they learned the history of the park and original village.

After a picnic lunch at the, they learned how to canoe and then applied their new skills as we launched 11 canoes and floated 4 miles down the Mississippi to Dr. Norwood's home where the students then spent the rest of the afternoon/evening singing and talking around the campfire, making s'mores, cooking hotdogs, fishing, swimming in the river and getting to know each other on a more personal level. It was also a great tie-in for the students who are currently reading *Tom Sawyer* in Language Arts.

We could not have asked for a more perfect day, both with weather, fun, and their outstanding behavior and character. If you would like to know more, ask a middle schooler, they would love to share their adventures!



## OUR FIRST FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 11th as we will be having some good ol' fall festival fun. The activities will begin in the afternoon for our students and families and then we will be opening up the event to the community in the evening. Our goal is to just provide some family fun as we seek to serve the people in our community with no strings attached.

More information will be coming next week as well as sign-up opportunities as we need parent volunteers to help make this happen. Thank you to all who are planning this event.



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