

DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

There are many myths that are associated with Christian schools in general and St. John specifically. Let's take a look at some of them.

Myth #1 - They make the kids read the Bible all day.

Although God's Word is at the center of all of our subjects, this myth is false and can easily be disproven by looking at our standardized test scores. (see Myth #6) A typical day starts with a devotion and religion class. Regular subjects are then taught throughout the day. There are often opportunities in other subjects to talk about what God's Word says about certain things and teachers will use that opportunity to show the students how God's Word applies to them.

Myth #2 - My child will be too sheltered at a Christian school.

Some would consider being kept away from the ways of the world a good thing. However, sin is everywhere - even at St. John. The kids are sinful, the teachers are sinful, and the pastor is sinful. At St. John we are able to use situations when sin arises to show the child their sin and explain to them that they are forgiven because of Jesus' sacrifice.

Myth #3 - My child won't have the opportunity to play the sports that they want to.

At St. John we offer many opportunities for those who are interested in sports. Starting in 3rd grade students have the opportunity to participate in Cross Country. In 4th - 8th grade they can play on volleyball(girls), basketball, and softball teams. All of our students (K-8) participate in a track meet at the end of the year.

For those students that would like to play football or wrestle, they are able to join the area public school teams of their school district. We currently have students that participate in football and wrestling at Coleman and wrestling at Peshtigo.

Myth #4 - My child won't get to know any of the kids that they will go to high school with.

This myth depends on different things. If your child participates in summer sports like softball or baseball they will get to know other kids there. There are many other opportunities to get to know kids outside of school. Kids often find their lifelong friends when they go to high school whether they have known them before or not. We can trust that God will provide the right friends for them at that time.

Myth #5 - My child won't learn anything about technology at St. John.

We currently are 1:1 in our upper grade classroom and 1:2 in our middle grade classroom with Chromebooks to students. The students use them regularly to do reports, take quizzes and look up information right at their desks. The lower grade classrooms have desktop computers and ipads that are regularly used as well. Each classroom also has an interactive whiteboard that the teachers can use to enhance their lessons.

Myth #6 - My child will be behind academically if he/she attends St. John.

Our standardized test scores prove this myth false. The 2016 Fall Testing showed our 3rd - 8th grade students to be 24 to 36 points above the National Average in the core subjects of Reading (81%), Language (86%), Math (77%), Science (75%), and Social Studies (74%). The National Average is 50%.

All of these have a lot of earthly value to us as we look at education, as they should. We all want what's best for our children and we want them to be successful in life. But even more important is that they will eventually spend eternity with their Savior in heaven. At St. John, children learn the truths of God's Word, grow in their faith, and improve their relationship with God as they are also prepared for their life on earth.