



St. John's Lutheran School Cultural Fair

Sunday, January 28th at 12:00 PM

This information is also located on our school web page for your convenience.

www.sjlwels.org

This eliminates the need to type the web addresses out

Sign-up for countries beginning Friday, December 1st

We have created a **SignUpGenius form** to allow you to sign-up for your family's country selection online. We are only allowing **two families per country**, so sign-up online soon before your choice of countries becomes limited.


<http://bit.ly/sjlculturalfair>


It is time to start planning for the cultural fair. The purpose of this event is to help everyone become familiar with the mission work that is being done by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and other church bodies in fellowship with the WELS. We are making this a family project so that only one project will need to be completed per household no matter how many children they have in school. This will allow the parents and children to learn together about the important work of our missionaries, who are working tirelessly to spread the Gospel to all ends of the earth. The cultural fair will culminate with a dinner containing foods from the various countries around the world that the school families have selected. The cultural fair will also be held in conjunction with our congregational mission festival. We are planning on having a missionary serve as our main speaker for the morning church services. The children will also be singing in the 10:30 a.m. service.

Below are the simple guidelines we are asking everyone to follow for their displays:

- Pick a country from around the world that the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) is currently doing mission work in, or a country that has a church that is a member of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC), which is a church body that is in fellowship with the WELS.
 - We will have a SignUpGenius form online with all of the countries that qualify.
 - Families will simply indicate on the SignUpGenius site what country they have selected.
 - The SignUpGenius site will go live on December 1st.
 - **There will be a limit of two families per country.**
- Put thought into your choice of a country
 - Perhaps you have/had relatives or friends from this region of the world.
 - Maybe you or a family member has visited this part of the world or would like to visit.
- Be creative when designing and assembling a display on a **tri-fold** display board
 - Create eye catching titles
 - Choose a colorful background
 - Use colorful pictures
 - Don't create too deep of a display. Keep in mind the height of your display also.
 - You may also include a few separate display boards to set near your tri-fold display. The size should not be larger than a 9x12 piece of construction paper.
 - Try to limit the number of fonts you use on your display
 - Make the display your own
- Include the following items on the display board:
 - Name of the country you have chosen
 - Map of the country
 - A picture of the flag of the country
 - 7-10 interesting statistics on the country

- List several interesting/unique things to see or visit using pictures and descriptions
- You may also bring objects and artifacts that apply to your country. Contact the WELS Missions Promotions Manager at marissa.krogmann@wels.net to request a mission kit on the country you have selected if one is available.
- Include WELS/CELC mission work and statistics for the country. Information can be found on the internet for WELS missions at: <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/> and at: www.celc.info for the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference-CELC.

 Bring your display board to school on Friday, January 26th by 8:00 a.m.

 Below are the simple guidelines we are asking everyone to follow for their food:

- Bring 1 or 2 dishes of food specific to your country for a potluck meal on Sunday, January 28th at 12:00 PM
- Select a type of food that is distinctly from your country. Example: **Sauerbraten-German, Khasi ko Maasu - Nepal, Swedish Meatballs-Sweden**
- Prepare enough of your dish for people to have a taste. A recipe that makes 6-8 servings will go a long way in tasting portions.
- Place some thought into the presentation of the food.
- Properly display the name of the food and its major ingredients. Make sure to have a list of all of the ingredients that you used in preparing your dish available.
- You may want to have copies of the recipe printed off for people to collect if they really enjoyed the dish and would like to recreate it at home at a later date. Make sure to include the country the recipe is from for future reference.

We want this to be a learning opportunity for the entire family. Each student needs to participate in the creation of the project. We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about other cultures from around the world that we may currently know little about. We especially want to emphasize that no matter what people, tribe, or nation we might be from, we are all part of God's precious creation. Most importantly, we need to be reminded that we all have souls that are in need of hearing the Gospel. We all need to learn about, and believe in, Jesus as our Savior from sin.

Sources for information can be obtained from the library, a travel agency, or the internet.

The following websites are being provided as suggested sources for additional information on the country: (Some are better than others)

1. Artifacts from the country
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/index.html>
2. Languages spoken – translate some interesting phrases or words
http://www.google.com/language_tools?hl=en
3. Make a table showing comparisons to things in the United States
<http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php>

4. Money-compared to ours in the USA. It also contains a wealth of information under the “SMART TRAVELLERS” tab on the left-hand side of the webpage.
http://www.exchangerate.com/currency_photos.html
5. This website contains popular recipes from around the world
<http://allrecipes.com/recipes/86/world-cuisine/>
6. This website is a site of rice recipes from around the world
<http://www.ricegourmet.com/Recipes.htm>
7. This is a website containing information to link you to your country of choice.
<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/>
8. Pictures of native dress
<https://www.roughguides.com/gallery/traditional-dress/>
9. Another comprehensive country research website
<http://www.countryreports.org/>
10. CIA World Fact book- a must for information
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
11. HyperHistory –This site is an expanding scientific project presenting 3,000 years of world history with an interactive combination of synchronoptic lifelines, timelines, and maps.
http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html
12. Outline maps of the world
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/mapping/outline-map/>
13. Facts on countries of the world
<http://www.factmonster.com/countries.html>
14. More facts on countries of the world (map, flag, statistics, history, etc.)
<https://www.infoplease.com/countries>
15. Enjoy our range of fun facts for kids from countries all around the world
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries.html>
16. Full profile of facts and background information on countries around the world
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm
17. World Health Organization Facts Site
<http://www.who.int/countries/alb/en/>
18. US Department of State-U.S. Bilateral Relations Facts Sheets on Countries around the World
<https://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

19. Not a fact finding website, but a place to download a form to help you gather your information and get things organized.

<https://www.uplifteducation.org/cms/lib/TX01001293/Centricity/Domain/173/International%20Festival%20Packet.pdf>

20. The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference-The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference(CELC)is made up of thirty-two member church bodies worldwide. Churches who are members of the CELC are considered to be in fellowship with the WELS.

<http://celc.info/index.php/membership/member-churches/>

Note on Food Preparation for the Cultural Fair

Parents,

We are asking that you complete this form below and bring it along with your food dish:

Name of Food:

Origin (Country):

Basic Ingredients:

Interesting Fact about the Dish:

It has been suggested that this will help everyone become more informed on what they are eating. It may also help everyone better understand the origin of some of the foods they consume on a daily basis.

Thank you,
Mr. Lemke

