

Cougar Tracks



Mission Statement: St. John's Lutheran School provides quality Christ-centered education for the congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:18-20



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Psalm 98:4

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth: break forth in joyous song and sing praise!”

April 29, 2026

LUNCH:

Thus. April 30 - Meatloaf, green beans, grapes, bread slice, and milk.
Fri. May 1 - Scrambled eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, cinnamon roll, and milk.
Mon. May 4- Hamburger on bun, fries, peas, peaches, and milk.
Tue. May 5 - Chicken nachos/taco, lettuce, pineapple, churro crunch, and milk.
Wed. May 6 - Pork Lo Mein, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges, and milk.
Thurs. May 7 - Chicken parmesan, broccoli, mixed berries, garlic bread, and milk.
Fri. May 8 - Hamburger noodles, salad, pears, jello, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. April 29 - Golf v. RBC, 8th Grade Night, 4pm
Wed. April 29 - Quarterly Voters Mtg, 7:15pm, Church
Thurs. April 30 - PreK & K Family Fun Night, 6pm

Thurs. April 30 - Golf @ Columbia, 4pm
Fri. May 1 - JR Youth Craft Event, 3-5pm, Cafeteria
Mon. May 4 - Golf Regionals Begin

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Wed. April 29 - No Chapel Service.
- Fri. May 1 - All School Chapel Service, 8:30am, New Gym, Leaders - Mrs. Schmitz & Kindergarten
- Wed. May 6 - 3-8th Chapel Service, 9am, Church, Leader - Mr. Palm

Please note - as the weather is ever changing this time of year watch for Remind messages about location changes for chapel services. Early Childhood Chapel services are now being held at church, weather permitting.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: A Family Fun Night for Pre-school and Kindergarten aged students will take place on Thursday, April 30, at school, beginning at 6:00 pm. Down on the Farm is the theme being planned for, with lots of fun activities including: games, snacks, music, guest readers and more. Volunteers of all ages are needed for our Family Fun Night on Thursday, April 30. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Schmitz @618-317-5452 or call the school office @618-282-3873.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: On Sunday, May 3rd an open house will be held in the Old Gym in honor of Mrs. Betty Schmitz's retirement from 1-3pm. Students are invited to join the Kindergarten class in singing a "favorite song" for Mrs. Schmitz. Please gather in the cafeteria by 1pm and then join together as you will sing from the stage.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: The last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled for Monday, May 18th. School will dismiss at 11am that day. There will be no lunch or BEFORE OR AFTER school care.

GRADUATION: Graduation for the Class of 2026 will be held **Thursday, May 14th** at 7pm, at School. 8th graders are not required to attend school on Friday, May 15th or Monday, May 18th. They are encouraged to return on Monday, 5/18 for end of the year activities and awards.

END OF THE YEAR PAYMENTS: As the school year wraps up, please check your child(ren)s account balance. All charges should be paid in full prior to the last day of school. Alternatively, you can set up an ACH payment plan through the office. If you have any questions please reach out to the office. Thank You!

YEARBOOK ORDERS: Order your 25-26 yearbook today! Orders are being accepted through Fri. May 15, 2026. Yearbooks are \$25/each and should arrive in time for registration night in July. Click the link that follows -or- scan the QR code below to complete the form and place your order. Payment is due at the time of order and can be made in the office with cash or check or online through Fast Direct. If you have any questions please reach out to the office. Link: <https://forms.gle/5U69cYaoGYopmJJa8>

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

- K-3 will attend RBHS Ag Day on **Mon. May 4th.**
- K & 1st grade will be taking a field trip to the St. Louis Zoo on **Thurs. May 7th.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FEEDBACK REQUESTED:

- LAST CHANCE - Local leaders are looking for feedback from members of the community regarding the future of Lincoln Park. Future enhancements to the park are being planned and feedback is needed. Please click the link to access the survey: <https://forms.gle/qWc347NZCoZ2tgAH8> Feedback is requested by 4/30/2026. Thank You!
- The Red Bud Pool will open for the season on May 25, 2026.

DONATIONS REQUESTED: St. John's Alumni Brody Stelhorn is collecting wheelchairs, canes, walkers, and crutches for his National Honor Society service project. Items should be in used but functional condition. Donations can be dropped off to school or church by May 10, 2026. If you have any questions Brody can be contacted at 618-615-5977.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

- The class of 2029 (current 5th grade class) are selling whole smoked pork butts for \$60/each. Orders are due by May 4th, and can be placed with any member of the class. SLAM Catering will be making the pork butts, which will be delivered chilled with instructions for reheating.
- The class of 2028 will host a Yard Sale on the following dates and times in the Old Gym: Thursday, May 21 from 4-7pm, Friday, May 22 from 4-8pm, and Saturday, May 23 from 8am-1pm. Please note - donations are ONLY being accepted from members of the class. If you would like to donate, please contact a member of the class.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Will be held May 4-8th. The full schedule of events and ideas to show your teachers how much they are appreciated is attached.

- A list of teacher and staff favorites can be found through the following link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fcD0RIJG1R7kc95sblFwWl98Hhp8Zx2yLyOXGSy1iAA/edit?usp=sharing>
- If you would like to sign up to help cover lunch and/or recess during that week please use the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49AAA829A1F9C43-63103628-lunch#/>

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE COLLECTION: Kindergarten and First grade are collecting summer snacks for students for their Service Project from **April 20th to May 8th.** We will donate collected snacks to the Royal Table and Musketeer Market, which supply snacks for families in our Red Bud public schools. Snacks will also be available through the school office for our own students. The following snacks or cash can be donated by bringing them to the school lobby: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of cheese crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, applesauce, small bags of chips. We thank you for your help with this project.

THANK YOU: 2nd Grade collected canned goods for a project that the youth of Farm Bureau was implementing. Mrs. Liefer will be donating those canned goods to the food pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baldwin. To show her appreciation, she will be taking the 2nd graders out for McDonald's on Monday, May 4! We then will meet up with Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grades at RBHS for FFA Day! Thank you 2nd graders and parents!

VOLUNTEER LUNCH: Our school is continually blessed with the efforts of our volunteers. Volunteers, please join us in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, May 19 at noon for a luncheon to honor and thank you for your service to our school. We'll be sending invitations, but we don't want to miss anyone. Please call the school office at 618-282-3873 to RSVP by Friday, May 15. Thank you!

VBS REGISTRATION: We invite all students ages 3-9 to join us for a weeklong journey featuring Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks, and games! Register your child(ren) today, and if you want to volunteer, use the link below for both registrations. <https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL>

It's time to order your...



Yearbook



Place your order in one of two ways:

- 1) Complete the form below and return to the school office with your payment. Please make checks payable to: St. John's Lutheran School.
- 2) Complete the Google form via the QR code and complete payment through Fast Direct.

Payment is required to be included on the order.

Orders are due May 15, 2026.



Student Name(s): _____

Quantity: _____ \$25 (Each)

Payment Method: _____

Checks payable to: St. John's Lutheran School

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CLASS OF 2029 IS SELLING

PORK BUTTS

Whole Smoked Pork Butt
\$60

Orders due by May 4th.

Pork Butts will be chilled with reheating instructions.

Made by SLAM Catering

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A Retirement Open House

CELEBRATING MRS. BETTY SCHMITZ

SUNDAY **3** MAY 1 - 3PM

Students are asked to sing Pearly White Gates at 1 PM

Old Gym
808 S. Main St.
Red Bud, IL 62278

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

St. John's Lutheran School May 4 - 8

Relax • Refresh • Recharge

This week is all about celebrating our teachers and staff - their hard work, dedication, and the countless ways they make a difference every day! Below are the events PTL has planned for the week. We have also included ways that students and families can join in on the fun and show teachers and staff how much we all appreciate them! Recess/Lunch coverage and staff favorites lists can be found in the Cougar Tracks!

Monday May 4 th	Comfort Food Kick Off Enjoy a delicious Breakfast Burrito to fuel your day! <i>Idea for students:</i> Compliment or say thank you to a teacher or staff member all day long!	Tuesday May 5 th	Treat Yourself Tuesday Grab the Self-Care Goodie Bag placed in your school mailbox! <i>Idea for students:</i> Bring your teacher their favorite sweet or salty snack!
Wednesday May 6 th	Midweek Reset Don't stress about what's for lunch! Enjoy a Taco Bar Lunch on us! <i>Idea for students:</i> Bring your teacher a needed school supply!	Thursday May 7 th	Unwind & Connect Take a break and unwind at the Lieferbrau Fellowship Hour from 3:30-5:30 PM. <i>Idea for students:</i> Write a thank you note, draw a picture, or make a card for your teacher or a staff member!
Friday May 8 th	Feel Good Friday Wrap up the week with a Coffee Bar & Light Breakfast to help get you to your well-deserved weekend! <i>Idea for students:</i> High-five Friday! Give your teachers and staff high-fives to say thanks for all they do!	Thank you for helping your student(s) participate in this celebration of our deserving teachers and staff! SJL PTL	