

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 22, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. April 23 - Hotdog on bun, baked beans, raisins, cheesecake, and milk.
Fri. April 24 - Chicken tetrazzini, cooked carrots, tropical mixed fruit, and milk.
Mon. April 27 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, pears, breadstick, cookie, and milk.
Tue. April 28 - Pork roast, mixed vegetables, mac-n-cheese, apple crisp, and milk.
Wed. April 29 - Chicken nuggets, applesauce, mashed potatoes, smore's bark, and milk.
Thurs. April 30 - Meatloaf, green beans, grapes, bread slice, and milk.
Fri. May 1 - Scrambled eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, cinnamon roll, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. April 22 - Golf v. RBES & Smithton, 4pm
Thurs. April 23 - Royal Royale Golf Invitational, 4pm
Fri. April 24 - Spring Musical, 10am & 7pm
Wed. April 29 - Golf v. RBC, 4pm

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. April 24 - **Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal, 10am, Old Gym, Leaders - K-8th.**
- Wed. April 29 - No Chapel Service.
- Fri. May 1 - All School Chapel Service, 9am, Church, Leaders - Mrs. Schmitz & Kindergarten

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 DONATIONS NEEDED: For our Family Fun Night (April 30th), we are in need of pedal tractors and small wheelbarrows. If you are willing to LEND us either of these items, please contact Mrs. Schmitz at 618-317-5452 or via Fast Direct message. Thank You!

SPRING MUSICAL: Our spring musical “Race Day” will be held on Friday, April 24th with performances at 10am and 7pm. Students are asked to wear their yellow theme shirts for each performance. The following is a short description of the musical & our 2026 actors: **Race Day** kicks off with a youth group preparing to run the race of a lifetime! Although met with some opposition due to it being so early on a Saturday morning, the youth group begins to discover that they haven't been signed up to run a crazy 5k, but rather, they are training for the race of life - a life determined to follow Jesus and win the ultimate, eternal prize. This year's actors are: Lucas Summers as Coach K, Max Voss as Coach J, Elle Sutton as Anna, Colton Albert as Andy, Payton Liefer as Morgan, Lane Cowell as Blake, Jozlynn Palm as Sydney, and Sutton Jones as Zach.

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:

- 2nd and 3rd grade will be taking a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center on **Mon. April 27th.**
- 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.**

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FEEDBACK REQUESTED:

- 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. See the attached flyer for full details.

DONATIONS REQUESTED: St. John's Alumni Brody Stellhorn 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 2027 will host a BBQ on Sunday, April 26th beginning at 10:15am in the School Parking Lot. Let us make you a delicious lunch of steaks, brats, mac-n-cheese, potato salad, baked beans, and slaw.
- 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.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION & COLLECTION: It's customary to take a collection from the students for a retiring teacher. After serving St. John's for 32 years, Mrs. Betty Schmitz is retiring. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "retirement," and please send it to the office by next Wednesday, April 29. The retirement committee will present it to her at the open house that is being held on May 3 from 1-3 p.m. in the school's old gym. Students are invited to join the Kindergarten class in singing a "favorite song" for Mrs. Schmitz. Please gather in the cafeteria and then join together as you will sing from the stage.

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.



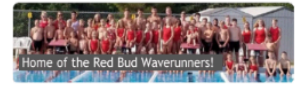
Student Name(s): _____

Quantity: _____ \$25 (Each)

Payment Method: _____

Checks payable to: St. John's Lutheran School

MAKE WAVES THIS SUMMER!



**RED BUD COMMUNITY
OUTDOOR POOL
AT RATZ MEMORIAL PARK**

2026 Season and Daily Passes

Season pass - Individual	\$75
Season pass - Household	\$150
Daily Pass	\$5
Daily Pass - Mon-Fri after 5pm	\$3

Family Days

(Parents free, children 1/2 price)
Sunday, June 7 | Sunday, July 5

Additional Classes

TBD as staffing allows

Schedule your private pool party!

Available Saturday and Sunday evenings, 5:30-7:30pm. Starting at \$150 for up to 25 guests. Rental includes lifeguard.

For more info on passes, reservations, and registration:
Red Bud City Hall - (618) 282-2315
Facebook: Red Bud City Pool
After May 23, visit us at the pool
Or call (618) 282-2898
Email: pool@cityofredbud.org

Pool hours

2026 Season..... May 23-Aug. 9

OPEN SWIM

Monday-Friday 12pm-7pm
Saturday-Sunday 12pm-5pm

LAP SWIM*

Daily 11am-12pm
*Free to passholders
\$5 for non-passholders

WATER AEROBICS*

Daily TBD
*Free to passholders
\$5 for non-passholders

CHILDREN'S SUPERVISION AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

- An ADULT is defined as a person age 18 or older
- A SUPERVISOR is defined as a person age 16 or older
- Children age 10 and under must have an adult or parent approved supervisor to use the pool.
- Ages 6-10 may be alone in the water upon successful completion of the pool swim test.
- Ages 5 & below must have an adult or supervisor in the water within arms reach.
- Children age 11 and older may use the swim facilities independently
- Children of diaper age **MUST** wear a swim diaper.

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! Idea for students: 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! Idea for students: 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! Idea for students: 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. Idea for students: 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! Idea for students: 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! SJT LPTL	