

# 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!”**

*May 6, 2026*

### LUNCH:

Thurs. May 7 - Chicken parmesan, broccoli, mixed berries, garlic bread, and milk.

Fri. May 8 - Hamburger noodles, salad, pears, jello, and milk.

Mon. May 11 - Chicken strips, peas, orange slices, cookie, and milk.

Tue. May 12 - Fish sticks, corn on the cob, applesauce, and milk.

Wed. May 13 - Bacon burger pizza, green beans, pineapple, mousse, and milk.

Thurs. May 14 - Parmesan bowties w/butter chicken, cooked carrots, apple slices, and milk.

Fri. May 15 - Hotdog on bun, chips, mixed fruits, ice cream, and milk.

*No lunch will be served on Monday, May 18th. Please be sure to pay your lunch bill!*



### WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Sat. May 9 - SID Track Meet

Mon. May 11 - Golf State

Sun. May 10 - Mother's Day

### CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. May 8th - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, Leaders - Mrs. Liefer & 2nd Grade
- Wed. May 13th - **All School Chapel**, 8:30am, Church, Leader - Mr. Palm
- Fri. May 15th - NO CHAPEL SERVICE
- Mon. May 18 - Closing All School Chapel Service, 8:30am, New Gym, Leader - Pastor Mark

*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.*

**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. Chapel and awards will be held beginning at 8:30am in the New Gym. 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!

**7th GRADE CLASS MEETING:** Our next class meeting will be on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The committee needs to be ready to present proposed itinerary (with copies for each family). An anonymous vote via a paper ballot from each family will be taken. New financial information will be available and a final decision on future fundraisers and decision on guests will be decided. One parent per family must attend in order for the vote to be counted. No absentee voting.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful retirement party I experienced on Sunday. Thank you to the committee that planned it. The meal, decorations and program, made the day so special for me. I appreciate everyone who was able to attend. Thank you to everyone for the words of congratulations, cards and gifts. The Lord has

blessed me by allowing me to teach His children here at St. John's for 32 years. I praise and thank Him. My cup overflows. Mrs. Schmitz

**YEARBOOK ORDERS- LAST CALL:** 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 TRIP:**

- K & 1st grade will be taking a field trip to the St. Louis Zoo on **Thurs. May 7th.**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

- The Red Bud Pool will open for the season on May 25, 2026.
- Mrs. Carnahan will once again be hosting sewing and cooking classes this summer at Market on Main. Multiple dates are available, but space in each class is limited to 10 students. If you would like more information about the camps, flyers are available in the school office.
- Junior Girls Golf Camp will be held at North County Country Club on June 15th & 16th from 9-11am. Girls entering 2nd-8th grade are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in this camp, please click the following link: <https://forms.gle/NTWMB86oAoexFACw8>

**DONATIONS REQUESTED - LAST CHANCE:** 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 (current 7th grade) are selling TJ's pizzas and desserts. Orders can be placed through any student or in the school office.
- The class of 2028 (current 6th grade) are selling sheet sets. Orders can be placed through any 6th grade student or via the following link: <https://cozzzycomfy.com/stjohnsclass2028>
- 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:** Is in full swing. 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.

**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 3-10 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*

## 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!

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

