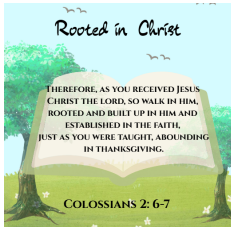
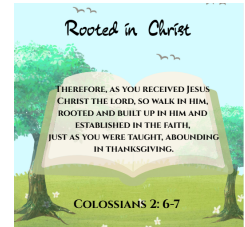


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Mission Statement: St. John's Lutheran School provides quality Christ-centered education for the congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:18-20



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Colossians 2: 6-7

"Therefore, as you received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

August 12, 2026

LUNCH:

Thus. Aug. 13 - Pancake, cubed taters, apple slices, cheese stick, and milk.

Fri. Aug. 14 - Hotdog on bun, chips, baked beans, chocolate covered strawberry yogurt, and milk.

Mon. Aug. 17 - Chicken alfredo, broccoli, mixed fruit, garlic bread, and milk.

Tue. Aug. 18 - Sloppy joe on bun, mixed vegetables, orange slices, and milk.

Wed. Aug. 19 - French toast sticks, sausage patty, cooked carrots, bananas w/syrup, and milk.

Thurs. Aug. 20 - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, apple crisp, and milk.

Fri. Aug. 21 - Hamburger on bun, peas, tator tots, applesauce, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Sat. Aug. 15 - BB/SB RBL Round Robin

BB @ 10am & 2pm, SB @ 10am & 2pm

Sun. Aug. 16 - Rally Day & SR Youth BBQ

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- **Fri. Aug. 14** - No Early Childhood Chapel Service
- **Wed. Aug. 19** - 3-8 Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Mrs. Valleroy & 3rd Grade
- **Fri. Aug. 21** - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Miss Birkner & Kindergarten

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES: Wednesday morning chapel services will be held at 8:30am with grades 3-8 attending. Services will be typically held at church, weather permitting. Early childhood services for Daycare-2nd grade will be held on Friday mornings at 8:30am. Students will be walking to church August-October and March-May, weather permitting. Otherwise, services will be held in the school's new gym. If location changes this will be communicated via Facebook and Remind for both chapel groups. Guests are welcome to attend!

AUGUST CHAPEL OFFERINGS: During the month of August, our chapel offerings will benefit Operation Barnabas. This is the LCMS' network of care to our Nation's Military members, families, and veterans. Chapel offering envelopes will be sent home for early childhood chapel each week. Please consider sending in a gift of any size. Thank You!

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: We are so excited to welcome ALL students back to SJL for the 2026-2027 school year! We extend an extra special welcome to the following NEW students: **Kindergarten** - Mackenzie Beyer, Avery Buch, Cooper Buch, Brynlee Durbin, Charlotte Evancich, Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Myla Hess, Kullen Liefer, Leeam McDaniel, Henry Roy, Mason Salger, Attlee Thien, Sophia Uffelmann, **1st Grade** - Charlie Kipping, **2nd Grade** - Griffin Baird, Cayden McCoy, **4th Grade** - Preslie Kipping, **6th Grade** - Elly Baird, Grayson McCoy, **8th Grade** - Greyson Kipping, Sophia McCoy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY: Will be held Sunday, August 16, starting at 9:30 am. We will gather in the new gym, and weather permitting, we will be outside for fun and snacks. This will begin the tracking of perfect attendance for the first quarter.

UPCOMING CLASS MEETINGS: On Monday, August 17, I would like to schedule class trip/fundraising meetings. We will start at 6:00p.m. with 8th grade, 6:30p.m. for 7th grade, 7:00p.m. for 6th grade, and 7:30p.m. for 5th grade. All meetings will be in the school cafeteria. Please reach out to Mr. Becker with any questions.

PAPER COUGAR TRACKS: Each week our school newsletter, The Cougar Tracks, is "published" on Wednesday. If you would like to receive a paper copy sign and return the form below -or- complete the form linked below. If you would prefer to read the Cougar Tracks electronically there is no need to return the form below. Electronic copies will be available via Fast Direct, Remind, our school Facebook page, and the school website. Link: <https://forms.gle/ymozkR5EsPBHBAoq9>

STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with Illinois state guidelines the following health requirements are in place for the 26-27 school year. Preschool - **If your child does NOT attend SJL daycare**, birth certificate, social security number/card, and current physical. Kindergarten – physical, dental, and eye exam, copies of CERTIFIED student birth certificate and social security card. 2nd grade – dental exam. 6th grade – physical and dental exam. Student athletes – sports physical. Physicals and eye exams are good for 365 days, and dental exams are good for 6 months. Please have all documents on file in the school office by September 15th. If you need a copy of the form to take to your child's appointment, copies are available in the school office. Our school fax number is 618-282-4087 if your doctor's office prefers to fax forms directly to us.

SYCAMORE SYSTEM INFORMATION: Our previous school information system, Fast Direct, has been bought out by Sycamore Education Systems. As of 9/30/26 we will no longer have access to the Fast Direct platform. Please read the following information below carefully.

- Please discontinue use of Fast Direct immediately. The system is no longer being monitored by staff members. Email, Remind, and phone calls are the best way to contact our staff and teachers.
- Parents - we anticipate granting access to Sycamore by 8/19/26. Once you have system access you will be able to monitor and make payments, send teacher messages, view grades, etc. Finance balances from Fast Direct SHOULD be viewable, if they are not please rest assured all payments are logged internally. *Junior High Parents* - students should be bringing home physical graded papers for the first part of the school year. This will assure you are aware of the grades your student is earning until we are all more familiar with the new grading system.
- This change was brought on quickly. Please be patient with all teachers and office staff as we are actively learning the new system. If you need assistance and/or have questions, please email Sara (sara@stjohnsredbud.org) and I will get back to you ASAP when I have an answer.

PARKING/DISMISSAL: We will continue to line up in the U pattern in the parking lot lanes, just like we did last year. You can use the lane on the south side of the lot next to the ditch to make sure everyone gets off the highway. When the students have dismissed, please walk to the school sidewalk get your children and bring them to your car. **NO CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS ARE LOADED.** When all students are loaded the lines will be allowed to merge into a single lane to exit onto E.S. Sixth Street through the west Daycare lot (please be in the right lane only for this option) or to make a right turn onto Route 3 North (right turn only please!). The safety of our students is most important to us. Please call Mr. Palm if you have any concerns. Please share this information with others that may pick up your children.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE: This year our BASC program will be directed by members of our daycare team. Mrs. Courtney Schoenbeck will serve as the lead director. Her email address is cschoenbeck@stjohnsredbud.org. Please note; after school is NOT available on 11:40am dismissal days or the day before holiday breaks. Reminder messages will be sent. If you have any questions, please direct them to Courtney at the email address listed above.

SHOE DONATION BIN: The Red Bud Lions Club is collecting LACED SHOES from August 4-September 11th. A donation bin can be found in the main lobby, and used shoes are welcome. Donations will benefit children in Africa, by supplying them with shoes. Thank you for your support of this opportunity.

GIVING WALL EXPANSION: Dear Church and School Families, we are excited to invite you to join the donors' wall in the New Gym Lobby. Each tile is a six-inch stainless steel square that can be engraved with a message. The cost to add a tile to the wall is a \$500 donation. You can order by emailing office@stjohnsredbud.org. Once we have a specific number of orders, we will then start the process of collecting the message that you would like engraved on your tile.

SIGNED CHROMEBOOK POLICIES: We have updated our school Chromebook policy for grades 2-8. Letters explaining the change were handed out on back to school night. If you have not returned your letter and/or need a new copy please stop by the office. These need to be on file by 8/19/26 in the office.

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(Student Name & Grade)



St. John's Lutheran Senior Youth Group

BBQ

SUNDAY, AUG. 16 • 10:15 A.M. – ?

St. John's Lutheran School Parking Lot

Pork Steaks, Brats, Mac & Cheese, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Slaw

Free will offering Bake Sale

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