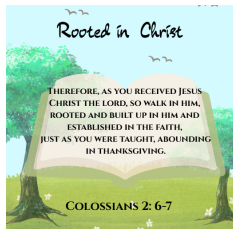
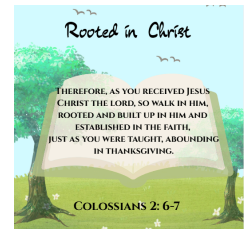


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Mission Statement: St. John's Lutheran School provides quality Christ-centered education for the congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:18-20



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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."

September 23, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Sept. 24 - Shepard's Pie, peaches, roll, rice krispy treat, and milk.
Fri. Sept. 25 - Toasted ravioli, salad, pineapple, breadstick, and milk.
Mon. Sept. 28 - Parmesan bowties w/buttered chicken, peas, strawberry shortcake, and milk.
Tue. Sept. 29 - Meatballs, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit, bread slice, and milk.
Wed. Sept. 30 - Waffles, sausage patty, mixed cubed taters, apple slices, and milk.
Thurs. Oct. 1 - Chicken teriyaki, mixed veggies, rice, pineapple, cookie, and milk.
Fri. Oct. 2 - Hamburger on bun, fries, orange slices, and milk.



ACOLYTES:

Reminder - all changes are now handled through the sign-up genius link.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Fri. Sept. 25 - Grandparent/Special Guest Day, 1pm
Fri. Sept. 25 - Scholastic Christian Book Fair

Fri. Sept. 25 - JR Youth Eckart's Event
Wed. Sept. 30 - OVC CC @ Rand. Co. Lake

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- **Fri. Sept. 25** - Grandparents Day All School Service, 1:00pm, New Gym
- **Wed. Sept. 30** - 3-8 Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Ms. Ruhmann & 5th Grade
- **Fri. Oct. 2** - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leader - Mr. Becker

SEPTEMBER CHAPEL OFFERINGS: During the month of September offerings will benefit Give Me Water Lord. This organization is led by Mr. Vic Hamer and strives to provide clean drinking water to African nations that would otherwise go without. Chapel offering envelopes will be sent home for early childhood chapel each week. Please consider sending in a gift of any size. Thank You!

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL GUEST DAY: is Friday, September 25, 2026. Guests may arrive at 1:00pm and gather in the new gym lobby to await further instructions. All students, faculty, and staff are asked to wear Patriotic colors (red, white, and blue). Our theme for this special day is "Celebrating 250 Years." This is a normal 2:45 dismissal day. **We will need some parent volunteers to help serve snacks and direct our guests that day. If you are willing to help please text Mrs. Rachel Miller @ 618-401-1653. Thank You!**

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 via the following link: <https://forms.gle/6jDpHh2PktcAflQ28> 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.

FINANCIAL NOTE: Please make sure you are periodically checking your financial account balances in Sycamore. It is vital that bills are kept up to date. Payments can be made through Sycamore using a credit or debit card, through cash or check in the office, or through ACH payments. If you wish to set up an ACH please contact the office to receive paperwork.

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- The current 6th grade class will host a GloBingo on Sat. October 17th beginning at 7pm in the Old Gym. If you would like to purchase tickets please contact a member of the class.
- The class of 2030 will host a holiday craft fair on Sat. Nov. 14th at school. If you are interested in exhibiting please complete the linked form. If you have any questions please reach out to Chrystal Kiefer.
<https://forms.gle/cDWkD2UkT3jvxLSEA>

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It's that time of year when I need you to forward your college-aged members/friends of St. John's Lutheran college addresses. The Sr. Youth has agreed to assemble and send them a care package in October.
becker@stjohnsredbud.org 618-282-2958(text or leave a msg.) **Deadline for sending me the address is Oct. 2.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Dear Parents, We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our Fall Scholastic Book Fair featuring all Christian books! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to discover faith-based books and find something they will enjoy reading. Thursday, September 24: Students will have the opportunity to browse the book fair and create a wish list of books they are interested in purchasing. Friday, September 25 | 1:00–5:00 PM: The book fair will be open for in-person purchases. Families may also use Scholastic eWallet for a convenient, cash-free way for students to shop. We hope you and your family will stop by and support our book fair while encouraging a love of reading and faith! Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATES:

- Fall/yearbook picture day is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6th**. All students will have their photograph taken and class composite images will be taken as well. Ordering information will come home next week.
- The PTL Fall Festival will be held on **Friday, Oct. 16th**. Join us for carnival games, delicious chili, and a costume parade.
- Mark your calendars for Pastor Appreciation **Sunday, October 18th**. Join us from 12-3pm at the Shoe Factory Room @ Lieferbrau to celebrate Pastor Mark. Meat, mashed potatoes, and cake will be served. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP to 618-282-3873 or office@stjohnsredbud.org by **10/13**.
- The Cougar Prowl Fun Run has been scheduled for **Friday, October 30th**. This fun event brings our school together for friendly competition and fundraising that DIRECTLY gives back to our school.

FALL SPORTS PICTURES: Thank you to Forever Young Photography for once again taking wonderful pictures of our fall athletes. If you wish to order prints please use the following link:

https://foreveryoungphotography21.pixieset.com/sjlsports20262027/?fbclid=IwY2xjawUfgLVwZG9mBWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMUIFNmRxQ1RqbUNrZE95N3RzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjlwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeGSHNi8MxVZfEjWsorYIKo9VRXwfVPAQpHouwulpYKBqADRwmbfXBi1tWU_aem_itep1970OHw9xLManTzBQw

BENEFIT BBQ: Mark your calendars and plan to join the faculty and staff on Sunday, October 4th for a bbq benefitting Mrs. Whelan & Family. See the attached flyer for full details and the delicious menu! Serving will begin at 10:15am and continue until sold out.

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - LAST CALL: This is a last call for volunteers for the new committee being formed to explore new possibilities of funding 8th-grade class trips. The Board for Parish Education is seeking two parent reps from each class in grades K-8. The current 8th-grade & 4th-grade classes need representation on this committee. The Kindergarten and 5th-grade classes are filled. The group's first meeting will be held on Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Will be held October 20th & 21st. This year we once again will utilize a simple Google Form to collect information about possible meeting times with teachers. Please complete **ONE FORM per FAMILY**. Forms must be turned in no later than **10/8/26** to allow planning time for teachers. Link to form:
<https://forms.gle/FABrgEmSaP4qi46M9>



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