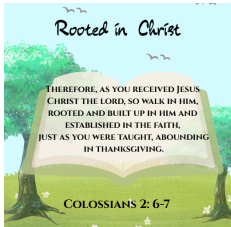
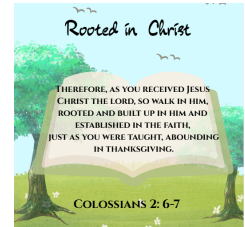


Cougar Tracks



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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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 30, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Oct. 1 - Chicken teriyaki, mixed veggies, rice, pineapple, cookie, and milk.
Fri. Oct. 2 - Hamburger on bun, fries, orange slices, and milk.
Mon. Oct. 5 - Chicken alfredo, garlic bread, broccoli, peaches, and milk.
Tues. Oct. 6 - Roast beef sandwich, mac-n-cheese, green beans, grapes, and milk.
Wed. Oct. 7 - Breakfast pizza, hashbrown, mixed berries, jello, and milk.
Thurs. Oct. 8 - Fish sticks, cornbread, smile fries, pears, and milk.
Fri. Oct. 9 - No School, Teacher Professional Development



ACOLYTES:

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

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Sat. Oct. 3 - Softball State Tournament Begins
Sun. Oct. 4 - Whelan Family Benefit BBQ, 10:15am
Tue. Oct. 6 - Fall (Yearbook) Picture Day
Thurs. Oct. 8 - End of First Quarter

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- **Fri. Oct. 2** - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, **New Gym**, Leader - Mr. Becker
- **Wed. Oct. 7** - 3-8 Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Mrs. Schnepel & 6th Grade
- **Fri. Oct. 9** - No Chapel Service, No School

OCTOBER CHAPEL OFFERINGS: During the month of October, chapel offerings will benefit Unity Lutheran School in East St. Louis. The mission of Unity is to offer a quality, Christ-centered education in a safe school community while helping each child reach his or her greatest potential and prepare for a Christ-like adult life. Please consider sending in a donation to support this wonderful cause.

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.

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.**

PICTURE DAY: Fall picture day is **Tuesday, October 6th**. Ordering information should have come home with your student(s) yesterday. You can also order online at inter-state.com with our school code 0524FRA. All students will have their picture taken regardless of if pictures are ordered or not. Class composite images will also be taken that day. Physical order packets **MUST** be turned in on picture day, late orders are will not be accepted.

END OF QUARTER ONE: The first quarter will end on Thursday, October 8th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 16th.

TUTORING OPPORTUNITY: SJL Alumni Brody Stelhorn is offering complimentary tutoring sessions after school on Thursday. Brody prefers to tutor math and/or science. If your student could benefit from extra help in either of these subjects, they are encouraged to stay after school on Thursdays to work with Brody.

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/FABrgEmSaP4gi46M9>

MATH-A-THON: We're excited to host a St. Jude Math-A-Thon once again this year! All students will receive a math booklet to complete at home. Students are encouraged to complete the booklets and collect donations for St. Jude's. Students can even earn prizes for collected donations! Checks can be made out to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Money raised goes to St. Jude's where their goal is to never give a patient's family a bill for treatment, housing, travel, or food. Families may register online at https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Math/Math?pg=entry&fr_id=163916 **Please turn in completed math booklets and donations to the office or Mrs. Sachtleben by October 16th.** Thank you for supporting our students and the mission of St. Jude!

PTL FALL FESTIVAL: Our annual Fall Festival and Chili Supper will be held on Friday, Oct. 16th from 4-7pm. Junior High students have been signing up to help with various games and activities that evening. The chili supper begins at 4pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun evening of family fun!

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>

SAVE THE DATES:

- 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=IwY2xjawUfgLVwZG9mBWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMUIFNmRxQ1RqbUNrZE95N3RzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAYMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeGSHNiQ8MxVZfEjIWsorYIKo9VRXwfVPAQpHouwulpYKBqADRWmbfXBi1tWU_aem_itep19700HW9xLMaNtZBQw

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.



A festive poster for St. John's Lutheran Holiday Craft Fair. It features a decorative wreath of pine branches, red berries, and a gold bell at the top. The text is centered and surrounded by more wreath elements at the bottom.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Join the Class of 2030 at the SJL Annual Holiday Craft Fair! Kick off your holiday shopping, or treat yourself, with unique handmade crafts, delicious seasonal treats, and other joyful surprises.

NEW in 2026: coffee and donut food trucks will be onsite!

November 14, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
808 S. MAIN ST. RED BUD, IL

Booth Space available at \$40/each
To reserve your space,
reach out to Chrystal Kiefer at
618.201.7683 or chrystalkiefer@gmail.com



A memorial service card with a green and white striped border. It features a decorative cross with greenery at the top. The text is centered and includes details about a service for Rev. Mark Winkelman.

PLEASE JOIN US TO HONOR

*Rev. Mark
Winkelman*

OCTOBER 18, 2026
12:00 - 3:00 PM
THE SHOE FACTORY ROOM
LIEFERBRAU BREWERY

*Please bring a side dish to share. Meat,
mashed potatoes and cake provided.*

RSVP BY 10.13.26 TO:
618 - 282 - 3873
OFFICE@STJOHNSREDBUD.ORG

CASH BAR AVAILABLE



A poster for a barbecue benefit event. It features a central logo with a heart and a bowl, flanked by flames. The text is bold and clear, providing details about the event.

WHELAN FAMILY

BENEFIT

BARBECUE

FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES

SUNDAY, OCT. 4 | 10:15 - SOLD OUT

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

PORK STEAKS | BRATS | POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS | MAC-N-CHEESE | SLAW

FREE WILL BAKE SALE

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