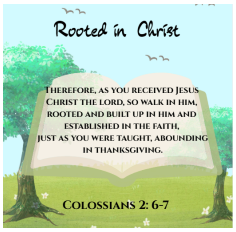
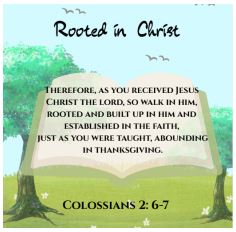
Cougar Tracks



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."

November 18, 2026

LUNCH:
Thurs. Nov. 19 - Brisket fried rice, mixed veggies, mandarin oranges, and milk.
Fri. Nov. 20 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch Served
Mon. Nov. 23 - Hot ham-n-cheese on bun, smile fries, grapes, mousse, and milk.
Tue. Nov. 24 - Chicken nuggets, green beans, mac-n-cheese, tropical mixed fruit, and milk.
Wed. Nov. 25 - Fri. Nov. 27 - *No School, Thanksgiving Break*



ACOLYTES:

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

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:
Thurs. Nov. 19 - GBB "A" Trny @ TSJ Begins
Thurs. Nov. 19 - BBB "A&C" v. Coulterville, 5:30pm
Thurs. Nov. 19 - Fundraising Meeting, 6:30pm
Fri. Nov. 20 - Fall Picture Retake Day (See Note)
Fri. Nov. 20 - 11:20am Early Dismissal
Fri. Nov. 20 - BBB "A" Trny @ Good Shepherd Begins
Mon. Nov. 23 - BBB v. PDR, 6pm
Tue. Nov. 24 - 12:45pm Early Dismissal
Tue. Nov. 24 - BBB @ Steeleville, 5:30pm
Tue. Nov. 24 - GBB v. Steeleville, 6pm

NO SCHOOL DAYS & EARLY DISMISSALS:
- **Fri. Nov. 20 -** 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch or After School Care
- **Tue. Nov. 24** - 12:45pm Early Dismissal, Lunch Served, NO after school care
- **Wed. Nov. 25-27** - No School, Thanksgiving Break

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:
- **Wed. Nov. 18 -** 3-8 Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Mrs. Valleroy & 3rd Grade
- **Fri. Nov. 20 -** Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Mrs. Miller & 1st Grade
    - *Early childhood service will be held at church due to a special event during the service.*

NOVEMBER CHAPEL OFFERINGS: During the month of November chapel offerings will benefit two causes: The Food Bank at the St. Louis Seminary, and Comwell. The goal of the Seminary Food Bank is to allow students and their families the opportunity to stretch their resources by reducing out-of-pocket grocery expenses. Comwell partners with local providers to leverage resources to create a new model of comprehensive care that positively affects behavioral and overall health.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY: Is this Friday, Nov. 20th. If you are unsatisfied with your original pictures OR missed picture day, photos will be taken that day. If you need a packet to order photos, please reach out to the office and we can provide you with one. Alternatively you can order online at: inter-state.com/order using code 0548EGD.

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS: If your student(s) plans to hunt on Friday, Nov. 20th, a parent/guardian must call the office. You are welcome to call in at any time leading up to this and we will make note of your student(s) planned absence.

Basketball players/cheerleaders - this is an excused absence. You will be able to participate in the tournament if you go deer hunting as long as your absence is reported to the office.

LCFS GIFTS - LAST CALL: As in years past, we are collecting money to support LCFS families. If you would like to contribute toward this worthy cause, please send monetary donations to the office no later than **November 20th**. No gift is too small. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING: The committee that was formed to explore 8th-grade class trip funding options is set to meet on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

VETERANS DAY: Thank you to the entire student body for their outstanding performance for the Veteran's Day assembly. We have received so many compliments regarding your singing and respect. A special thank you to Ms. Ruhmann and the 5th grade class for serving a wonderful breakfast!

TUTORING OPPORTUNITY: SJL Alumni Brody Stellhorn is offering complimentary tutoring sessions after school by appointment. Brody prefers to tutor math and/or science. If your student could benefit from extra help in either of these subjects, reach out to office@stjohnsredbud.org and we will connect you with Brody.

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. **The deadline for tile orders is 12/31/26.**

SPORTS UNIFORM RETURN: When returning uniforms, please wash them and place them in a bag with your child's name on them. Furthermore, please be sure to hand them directly to an office staff member as we will check them back in. Thank you to Jaci Stirnmann for organizing all uniforms and helping us develop a streamlined process of check out and return. **If you have not returned baseball and softball uniforms please do so ASAP. Thank You!**

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- The current 7th grade class is selling Show Me Dough Products. This includes delicious butter braids, cookie dough, and pizza. Orders can be placed through any member of the class and are due by 11/30/26. Orders will be delivered in early December. Thank you for your support!
- The current 6th grade class are selling SJL Cougars blankets. To order, please reach out to any member of the class. These cozy blankets make wonderful Christmas gifts.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP: Grades 3-5 will attend a field trip to the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station on Monday, November 23rd.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE: The holiday season is quickly approaching. Below, find the Christmas service schedule.

- **Wed. Dec. 2 -** Daycare & PreK Service, Old Gym, 8:30am & 6:30pm
- **Wed. Dec. 9 -** K-5 Service, Old Gym, 8:30am & 6:30pm
- **Wed. Dec. 16 -** 6-8 Service, Church, 10am & 6:30pm

SCRIP/RAISERIGHT HOLIDAY ORDERS: If you plan to give the gift of gift cards this holiday season, consider purchasing through our school office. Cards are purchased at face value by you and the rebates earned can be applied to any of your school accounts. To order, contact Sara in the office. I will provide you with the most up-to-date list of available cards, and ordering information. Important to note: payment must be received at the time of order, orders are placed on Tuesday, and the final Christmas ordering deadline is **Tuesday, December 15th**.

THANK YOU: The Class of 2030 would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Craft Fair a great success.

THE WARMING TREE: Our annual tradition of the warming tree will continue this year. As you are shopping for holiday gifts, consider purchasing winter warming items to donate to our tree. Donations of new hats/gloves/scarves/coats/blankets are greatly appreciated and will be donated to community members in need. Donations can be brought to the labeled tree in the lobby beginning 11/30 and ending 12/16. Thank You!

RED BUD YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Announces

2026 - 2027 REGISTRATION
SIGN UP ONLINE

Now through December 5 (to guarantee T-shirt)

Please register at:
https://redbudathleticassociation.sportngin.com/register/form/470313704

Registration fees:
K - 3rd grade = $30
4th/5th grade *boys** = $75

Open to youth from all RBHS feeder schools

Practices to begin mid-December (first practice 12/15 for K-3)
Games January - February

K - 3	4th/5th grade *boys**
Practice one night a week at RBHS	Practice one night a week at RBHS/RBES
Pick-up Game format Saturdays Jan/Feb	Games in CNR league Jan/Feb

Trained Volunteer Adult Head Coaches
with the help of youth who are learning how to coach
Questions/Concerns Contact Abby Carter via email/text:
afc7703@gmail.com/618-559-7437

Mission Statement: We are a non-competitive learning environment. Our primary focus is to introduce the game of basketball in a fun setting so that kids in Red Bud have the opportunity to decide if this is an activity they want to pursue.

*We do not organize 4th/5th grade girls teams. SJL and SJB girls have the opportunity to play for their school and Coach Tom Esker runs a program for 4th/5th grade girls at RBES.

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