



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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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

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BIRTHDAYS: Students- 4/6- Presley Liefer, Taylor Luthy & Tori Muench, 4/10- Jordyn DeWilde, 4/11- Ashley Ottoson.. ... **Staff Birthdays-** We have no staff birthdays this week.

LUNCH:

Thur. April 5- Turkey wrap, carrots, fruit, goldfish crackers and milk
Fri. April 6- Hamburger and noodles, green beans, fruit, corn bread and milk
Mon. April 9- Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce and milk
Tues. April 10- Popcorn chicken, cheesy broccoli, fruit, oreo dessert and milk
Wed. April 11- Taco meat w/ chips, refried beans, cheese, apple crisp and milk
Thur. April 12- Mini corn dogs, sweet potato tots, fruit, rice crispy treat and milk
Fri. April 13- Biscuits and gravy, hash brown, fruit, blueberry muffin and milk
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you have not returned your spring pictures please do so as soon as possible.
Thank you!

ACOLYTES:

Sat. April 7- 5pm- Maggie DuFrenne

Sun. April 8- 8am- Megan Henry

Sun. April 8- 10:30am- Trace Wagner

Sat. April 14- 5pm- Kole Guebert

Sun. April 15- 8am- Ashton Liefer

Sun. April 15- 10:30am- Maggie Brown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 6- Book Fair, 6pm
Spring Musical, 7pm
April 8- VB, mother/daughter games, 3pm
April 10- PTL Meeting, 7pm
April 11- Sr. OVC Track Meet

April 17- PK & Kind. Family Fun Night, 6pm
April 18- Jr. OVC Track Meet
April 19- Confirmation Questioning, 7pm
April 20- Volunteer Luncheon, 12pm
April 21- Track, RBC Meet

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Chapel offerings for the month of March will go to COSLHS. Total offerings for the week of March 28th were \$19.10. Chapel offerings for April will go to LESA.

REMINDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM: St. John's Lutheran Church and School will be using a free system that will help to remind church and school members of upcoming events, school closings and emergency situations. This system will allow us to send text messages reminding you of events at St. John's. However it does not allow group discussions so there will NOT be continued messages because of the group continuing to text.

**To join our remind system text the message: @2h9de To: 81010

CHANGE COLLECTION BOXES: Change collection boxes will go home today for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student Series.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: The Southwestern Illinois Lutherans for Life will be collecting baby items for Safe Haven Baby Boxes. This organization is working with several overseas orphanages who take in babies who have been abandoned, most of which are disabled, and providing items for the babies. They are asking for donations of NEW baby items including, but not limited to, receiving blankets, burp rags, newborn socks, newborn hats and baby wipes. There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall, or items can be dropped off at the school office. I will need to ship the items to Safe Haven by April 9th so please have your donations in by that date. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366 or swillinoislutheransforlife@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

SPRING MUSICAL: The spring musical is scheduled for Friday, April 6th @ 7pm. Students need to wear their school themed t-shirts and jeans that follow the school dress code. **We ask that all school families bring a dozen cookies.** Doors open at 6pm, but students should remain with their parents until 6:45 when they will go to their classrooms. There will also be the book fair set up in the cafeteria.

BOOK FAIR: The book fair will be set up in the cafeteria the night of the Spring Musical. The students will also have a chance to view the books at school before the musical and make up "wish lists" on Thursday.

SPELLING CONTEST: Congratulations and best wishes to the following students who will represent our school at the Monroe-Randolph County Spelling Contest on Thursday, April 12: fifth grade-Christine Liefer, alternate-Eva Kinney, sixth grade-Melayna Crafton, alternate-Ryker Papenberg and eighth grade- Kole Guebert. The Spelling Contest will be held in Waterloo at SS Peter & Paul Catholic School. Registration begins at 5:30, orientation at 5:45.

JR YOUTH: The next Junior Youth event will be at Lock In with the Concordia Youth Ministry on Saturday, April 14th at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 15th at 7 a.m. There is no cost for this event. A parent/guardian will need to sign the child in and out for the event. If your child will be late for the event, please advise us prior to the event since the doors will be locked by 7:15 p.m. Your child will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a change of clothes. Cell phones and other electronic devices will NOT be allowed during the event. Your child may leave his or her phone with one of the adult chaperones in case they need to contact you during the event. Two of the classrooms will be available (one for the girls and one for the boys) to sleep. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided for the youth that night. Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366 or mroscow@htc.net or comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page) no later than April 12th.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: St. John's Kindergarten and Preschool is hosting a Family Fun Night. The books, games, snacks and activities will be out of sight! Preschool and kindergarten aged children and their families are invited. We hope everyone who comes to school on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. will be excited. The fun for the night was inspired by Dr. Seuss. The characters from his books will be on the loose. This event is being funded by Thrivent Financial.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON: We love our school volunteers! They will be recognized at church services on the weekend of April 14/15, highlighted in daily announcements throughout the week and honored at an appreciation luncheon on Friday, April 20, at noon in the school cafeteria. Invitations were sent out. Apologies if anyone was missed. Please call the school office to RSVP. Thank you, the Volunteer Appreciation Committee

TIME TO GET YOUR CARDINAL TICKETS!! SJL DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM IS COMING: Our students have been asked to sing "God Bless America" at the beginning of the game. They will sing by home plate in front of the crowd. We have a limited number of tickets to sell, so hurry and get your tickets. The game will be Sunday, August 19, 2018. Cards vs Brewers at 1:15pm. Ticket prices are \$25. Each ticket includes a free hot dog and soda coupon. Game promotion includes a Dizzy Dean Watch. Send money to the school office and tickets will be delivered to you. Tickets will be on sale until they sell out or May 1st. **Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2020 and 2021.**

MARKET ON MAIN-SUMMER CAMP SERIES 'EIGHTEEN- Market on Main is again hosting the Summer Camp Series for kids ages 4-13. There are several classes/dates to choose from! Information is available in the office. If you are interested please be sure to stop and pick one up.

CAMP INVENTION: SPPCS will be hosting Camp Invention, a nationally recognized STEM based camp focusing on engineering and design, problem-solving and teamwork. This will be the 11th year that SPPCS has hosted Camp Invention. Camp Invention's curriculum aligns with state standards and is taught by certified teachers. The date for our camp is the week of June 11-15, 2018. Camp Invention is open to all students entering first through sixth grade. We would love to be able to distribute our Camp Invention flyers at St. John's to extend this to more of the students in the area. We actually had several students from Red Bud attend our camp in the past and received great reviews! Informational fliers are available on the media board in the school lobby.

KIDS ON CAMPUS: SWIC is once again offering the Kids on Campus programs this summer. Students must be certified to have scored at the 90th percentile on either a national achievement or to be one and one-half years above grade level in current school work. These classes will take place July 30th-Aug. 3rd from 8am to 12:30pm. This is for students in grades K-8. Brochures are available on the media center in the school lobby.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS: Empower Illinois, a statewide Scholarship Granting Organization created to serve Illinois Children through the state's tax credit scholarship program. These Scholarship Granting Organizations connect Tax Credit scholarship donations to Illinois students whose education opportunities may be limited by household income. They have received for over 44,000 children across Illinois. We are happy to share that starting today parents and guardians will begin to receive email notification of their students' eligibility for an Empower Illinois Scholarship. A new round of email notifications will be sent each Monday until all applicants have received notification of their eligibility.

Parents and guardians may have questions about their specific eligibility status, and we encourage applicants to carefully read the instructions included in their eligibility notification email. They may visit our [website](http://www.empowerillinois.org) for additional information or email scholars@empowerillinois.org with their questions.

IMPORTANT: Email invitations to complete an Empower Illinois Scholarship application will continue to be sent at the same time; please remember that this email invitation process may take several weeks. We encourage all families to call the Empower Illinois Scholarship Hotline (English) [1-855-318-1222](tel:1-855-318-1222) or (Spanish) [1-612-548-3337](tel:1-612-548-3337) for any specific or technical questions about their application. We are also happy to announce that extended weekend phone support hours have been put into place.

PARENTS WHO PAY TUITION: Any family wishing to apply for Scholarship money through the Lutheran Elementary School Association will use TADS this year. The online application process through TADS Tuition Aid & Assessment service (mytads.com/fa/lesa) is open to our families, and April 1, 2018 is the deadline for applications that will be considered during the (initial) May awards process. Applications made after the April 1 date will be considered in the June awards process. More information is available in the office.

DONOR TILE WALL IN THE NEW GYM LOBBY: There are still spaces available in the Donor Tile Wall in the lobby of the new gym at school. Please call the school office (282-3873) if you would like to reserve a space in the next run of tiles. The cost is \$400.

SCHOOL SECURITY: The only public entrances during the school day are from the south parking lot through door #1 (school) and the west parking lot door #11 (daycare). You have to be buzzed in for access. Guests in the school must register at the receptionist's desk and receive a badge to have access to school. Thank you for abiding by these safety measures.

COACHES NEEDED:

St. John's Lutheran school is in need of coaches for next school year (2018-2019). The areas of need are softball, Cross Country, Track, and possibly Cheer leading.

-A softball coach will be needed from Aug 1 to about mid Sep. The only difficulty is that some games start at 4:15pm

-A cross country coach will be needed from Aug 1 to Mid Oct. This position also has meets that start early in the afternoon at either 3:30, 4:00, or 4:30 with some Saturday meets.

-A track coach will be needed from Mar 1 to mid May. This position has meets that occur during the day but there are only around four of them. If you are interested the current coaches are open to someone helping them this year which will help with a smooth transition.

-A cheer leading coach may be needed from Oct 1 to mid Jan. This position has games that occur at 5:30 or 6:00 pm. The cheer leading team has also cheered only at home games so the travel is not as much, but they are welcome to cheer at away games if the coach so desires.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY NEEDED: Southern Illinois District Office – LCMS, 2408 Lebanon Ave. Belleville, is seeking a part-time (3 hours per day, 15 hours per week) receptionist/secretary. All interested applicants may send a resume to Mr. Jeffrey Fick, Schools and General Executive; Southern Illinois District – LCMS; 2408 Lebanon Ave. Belleville, IL 62221 or email sidlcmsgage@gmail.com Questions/clarification may be directed to Mr. Fick at 618-234- 4767.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Concordia Publishing House will again offer a summer reading program for families this year. Flyers will be sent home with students in grades 1st-4th today. Additional flyers will be available on the Media Board in the lobby.