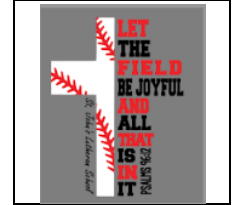


# Cougar Tracks



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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## Joyful in the Field

**Let the field joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice.**

### Psalm 96:12

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**BIRTHDAYS: Students** – No Student Birthdays this week. **Staff** – 12/15 – Amy Williams

**HALF-BIRTHDAYS:** 6/16 – Kolton Liefer, 6/17 – Olivia Valleroy, 6/18 – Brooke Horrell & Caden Wegener, 6/20 – Maverick Cowell.

### **LUNCH:**

Thurs. Dec. 15 – Toasted ravioli, cheese sticks, salad, banana, and milk.

Fri. Dec. 16 – Popcorn chicken, corn, peaches, brownie, and milk.

Mon. Dec. 19 – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, and milk.

Tue. Dec. 20 – Pizza, green beans, peaches, ice cream, and milk.

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### **ACOLYTES:**

Sat. Dec. 17 – 5pm – Loreli Aubuchon

Sat. Dec. 24 – 3pm – Milla Neff

Sat. Dec. 25 – 9am – Mr. Becker

Sat. Dec. 31 – 5pm – Brian Liefer

Sun. Dec. 18 – 8am – Jack Kennedy

Sun. Dec. 18 – 10:30am – Molly Kuehn

Sat. Dec. 24 – 5pm – Addy Schloemann

Sat. Dec. 24 – 9pm – Senior Youth

Sun. Jan. 1 – 10:30am – Colin Korando

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed. Dec. 14 – Daycare-PreK Christmas Program – 7pm

Thurs. Dec. 15 – GBB “A&B” @ TJS/ILS – 5:30pm

Mon. Dec. 19 – BBB “A&B” @ Marissa – 6pm

Mon. Dec. 19 – GBB “A&C” vs SPPCS – 6pm

Tue. Dec. 20 – 6-8 Christmas Program @ Church  
8:30am & 7pm

Tue. Dec. 20 – 1:48pm Early Dismissal

Wed. Dec. 20 – Christmas Break Begins

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Christmas Programs: Daycare-Pre-k Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 20

Early Dismissal – Tue. Dec. 20 – 1:48pm

Second Quarter ends Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Break: No School Dec. 21-Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. School will start back up on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

Trivia night for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Jan. 7 at Ratzkeller.

Spring Pictures and Sports Pictures will be Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**HAT DAY:** Thurs. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> students are invited to participate in a hat day to benefit Ashlynn Crafton. Students are asked to bring a donation of \$1 or more in order to wear a hat. All donations will aid Ashlynn in her battle with leukemia.

**BUS UNLOADING:** We have a bus that drops off children at the north doors between 3:15p.m. - 3:30p.m. If you are picking up a child at that time, please do not park in the bus zone marked in yellow. We ask that you park on the other side of the street between those times. The bus is currently having to drive around parked cars and unload in an area that is dangerous to children. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to keep the safety of our children in mind.

**THE WARMING TREE:** Our lobby tree needs some Christmas cheer and so do those in need. Help us “warm-up” the Christmas season by bringing in new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves, coats, and socks. You can hang them on the tree or place them underneath. Donations are being accepted through December 21<sup>st</sup> and will benefit local children in need.

**SCRIP CARDS:** If you plan to give the gift of gift cards this year consider shopping through our scrip program. Every card purchased earns money for our school. Cards are available for 100s of retailers and restaurants including Amazon, Walmart, Texas Roadhouse and many more. Orders can be placed directly through the website, <https://www.raiseright.com/shop> Please use our enrollment code when you shop online: E41ED96111348. Select cards are kept on hand in the office but are sold on a first come first serve basis.

**BABY ITEM COLLECTION:** 2nd Grade is doing a mission project for the month of December. Just like the Wise Men who came bringing gifts for baby Jesus, we will be collecting baby items for those in need. We are collecting baby items including wipes, clothing, bottles, etc. Diapers are needed as well, especially in larger sizes. In lieu of formula, Walmart gift cards would be appreciated. All items will be donated to Life Network and can be placed on the marked table by the main entrance. Thank you for serving the Lord's Kingdom!

**HOLIDAY DANCE:** All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend the SJL Holiday Dance. Students are allowed to bring one special guest if they choose. During the winter dance, we hope each child can have an enjoyable time. In an attempt to facilitate this, we will collect phones as students enter so no unwanted pictures, videos, or social media posts take place. We have rented a selfie station so memories from the event can be captured. Please remember to follow St. John's Lutheran School Dress Code at this school function. Please use the following link to RSVP for both SJL students and special guests: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdM.../viewform>. The cost is \$15 per student, and can be brought to the school office.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** If you have any interest in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/Z18TDhtB8PVwHcte7> If you know of anyone who may have interest in this position please pass this link along. Thank You!

**HELP KEEP ST. JOHN'S UP & RUNNING:** We are needing a maintenance/janitorial substitute. This position will help to assure that all the children at St. John's will have a well running and clean school to come to each day. The job entails working with our two custodians at St. John's on days when school is not in session; during these hours larger projects as well as day-to-day cleaning takes place. The other opportunity this job gives is a chance to work during the day with students in the building on an as needed basis when Bob or Will need time off. Please inquire by calling the school office or stopping by Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We look forward to working with you as we all do our part to make the Mission of Spreading God's Word possible at St. John's Lutheran School & Church.

**HOUSEKEEPING POSITION:** St. John's Lutheran Daycare is in search of an individual to do daily cleaning and small maintenance tasks at the center. This is a part time position and hours are flexible. For more information please call Amanda at 618-282-3873 or by email at [amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org)

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:** The Christmas season is approaching fast! Grades 6-8 students will present "The Road To Bethlehem" pageant on Tuesday, December 20th at church. This program will have a morning performance @ 8:30 AM and an evening performance @ 7:00 PM. Students, if any of you are interested in singing and/or playing an instrument as pre-service music before the Christmas program, please let me know! Let me know what piece(s) you'd like to perform and if you are wanting to perform at the morning, evening, or both programs! I'm looking forward to hearing your music! - Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** A letter was sent home with students this week regarding this year's Language Arts Festival hosted by Red Bud Elementary School. This is the 38th Annual Language Arts Festival. Students are encouraged to write a book following the directions on the paper. Students participation is optional unless required by their teacher. Anyone may attend the festival on Monday, February 13th. Doors open at 6pm so that visitors may view all the books before the festival begins at 6:30. The top winners will be invited to read from their books. Participation forms are due to the teachers by Thursday, January 5 and the finished books are due in final form to the teachers by Friday, January 20. Winners will be encouraged to participate in the Young Authors' Conference on Saturday, March 25 at Parkview Elementary School in Columbia. Mrs. Rebekah Liefer may be contacted with any questions.

**BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** Mrs. Cindy Nebel and Mr. Bill Becker will be the directors for our before/after school care program this year. The program will process as in the past during school days. Before school care hours are 6:00am-7:45am. After school care hours are from the time of dismissal until 5:30pm. Parents that have a child in daycare and BASC may use the daycare door entrance door number 11. All other BASC students will use the North bus door number 8 for drop off and pick up unless pick up is before 4:00pm, then you may use the main office door. A doorbell has been installed at door 8. This can be used to notify staff that you are here to get your children. **On no school days OR 11:20 dismissal days, care will NOT be available.** There will be **NO** After School Care on the following days: **Tue. Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, Fri. Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, Fri. Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, Fri. Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, and Thurs. Apr 6<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions it is best to contact Mrs. Nebel via email at [cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org) or Mr. Becker at [becker@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:becker@stjohnsredbud.org) or through FastDirect. Charges will be posted monthly to your FastDirect account, and reminder emails will be sent once charges are posted. Payments can be made either through FastDirect or via check dropped off to the school office made payable to St. John's Lutheran Before/After School Care.

