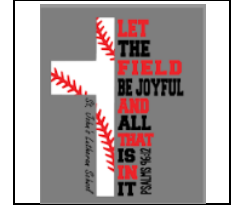


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Mission Statement: St. John's Lutheran School provides quality Christ-centered education for the congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ.
Matthew 28:18-20

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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 – 12/21 – Layla Kilpatrick, 12/22 – Addalyn Schloemann, 12/24 – Camden Moll, 12/28 – Bently Valentine, 12/31 – Emma Guebert, 1/2 – Jacobe Ramirez, 1/4 – Colton Gulley. **Staff** – 1/4 – Nancy Whelan

HALF-BIRTHDAYS: 6/22 – Colae Kaiser, 6/23 – Haydn Albert, 6/25 – Cooper Wingerter, 6/26 – Lyvia Okunola, 6/28 – Liam Hosfeld, 7/3 – Connor Bumann & Jozlynn Palm.

LUNCH:

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Dec. 24 – 3pm – Milla Neff

Sat. Dec. 25 – 9am – Mr. Becker

Sat. Dec. 31 – 5pm – Brian Liefer

Sat. Dec. 24 – 5pm – Addy Schloemann

Sat. Dec. 24 – 9pm – Senior Youth

Sun. Jan. 1 – 10:30am – Colin Korando

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tue. Dec. 20 – 6-8th Christmas Service @ Church – 7pm

Dec. 21 – Jan. 3 – Christmas Break, No School

SAVE THE DATE:

Christmas Program: 6th-8th Dec. 20

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

Second Quarter ends Dec. 20th

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

Trivia night for 8th Grade Jan. 7 at Ratzkeller.

Spring Pictures and Sports Pictures will be Feb. 21st.

CHRISTMAS BREAK: Today, Dec. 20th school will be dismissed at 1:48pm. There will be NO after school care available. School will resume on Wed. Jan. 4th.

HAT DAY: Thank you to all who participated in the Hat Day to benefit Ashlynn Crafton last week. Together we raised over \$620!

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.

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.

THANK YOU:

To the PTL for donating the apples and oranges for the Christmas program treat bags.

To everyone who donated items to our Warming Tree. Three loads were delivered to those in need!

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!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: If you have any interest in our 8th 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

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 pic 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 20th, Fri. Jan 27th, Fri. Feb 17th, Fri. Mar 24th, and Thurs. Apr 6th.** If you have any questions it is best to contact Mrs. Nebel via email at cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org or Mr. Becker at 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.



On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran Church and School – we wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!