



Cougar Tracks



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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

Seek First the Kingdom

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

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BIRTHDAYS: Students – 12/1 – Eleanor Liefer, 12/2 – McKinley Florreich, 12/3 – Amelia Rehmer, 12/6 – Jack Valentine. **Staff** – 12/2 – Jill Gross.

HALF-BIRTHDAYS: Students – 6/5 – Cason Birch, Kaydence Proctor, 6/6 – Aiden Arbeiter, Brendyn Wegener. **Staff** – 6/1 – Cindy Nebel, 6/3 – Kaleigh Johnston.

LUNCH:

Thurs. Nov. 30th – Fish sticks, mac-n-cheese, peas, oranges, and milk.
 Fri. Dec. 1st – Hot dog or chili dog on bun, baked beans, tator tots, applesauce, and milk.
 Mon. Dec. 4th – Pork sausage, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, and milk.
 Tue. Dec. 5th – Popcorn chicken, green beans, pineapple, oreo pudding, and milk.
 Wed. Dec. 6th – Taco soup, cheese, tortilla chips, apple slices, and milk.
 Thurs. Dec. 7th – Chicken alfredo, salad, garlic bread, oranges, and milk.
 Fri. Dec. 8th – Hamburger on bun, baked beans, smile fries, apple salad, and milk.

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Dec. 2 nd , 5pm – Brynlee Liefer	Sat. Dec. 3 rd , 8am – Carson Moll
	Sat. Dec. 3 rd , 10:30am – Tessa Stenzel
Sat. Dec. 9 th , 5pm – Addy Schloemann	Sun. Dec. 10 th , 8am – Lilly Meyer
	Sun. Dec. 10 th , 10:30am – Maya Macbeth
<i>Sun. Dec. 10th, 6pm – Sydney Kassing</i>	
Sat. Dec. 16 th , 5pm – Case Hess	Sun. Dec. 17 th , 8am – Hollis Wolfmeier
	Sun. Dec. 17 th , 10:30am – Liam Kilpatrick
Sat. Dec. 23 rd , 5pm – Athena Wolfmeier	<i>Sun. Dec. 24th, 3pm – Carson Moll</i>
<i>Sun. Dec. 24th, 5pm – Addison Breier</i>	<i>Sun. Dec. 24th, 9pm – Sr Youth</i>

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Nov. 29 th – 7pm Grades 3-5 Xmas Service, Old Gym	Mon. Dec. 4 th – GBB vs. Holy Childhood, 5:30pm
Thurs. Nov. 30 th – GBB vs Unity A&C, 5:30pm	Mon. Dec. 4 th – BBB @ PDR, 6pm
Thurs. Nov. 30 th – BBB @ Coulterville, 6pm	Tue. Dec. 5 th – BBB vs TSJ, 6pm
Fri. Dec. 1 st – GBB “A” Trny @ Edwardsville	Tue. Dec. 5 th – GBB @ Steeleville, 6pm
Fri. Dec. 1 st – BBB “C” Trny @ RBC	Wed. Dec. 6 th – Grades K-2 Xmas Service, 9am & 7pm

CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Wed. Nov. 29th – Grades 3-5 Christmas Service, 9am, Old Gym, All students will attend
 Fri. Dec. 1st – No Chapel Service
 Wed. Dec. 6th – Grades K-2 Christmas Service, 9am Old Gym, All students will attend
 Fri. Dec. 8th – No Chapel Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The Christmas season will begin next week! The following Grade Groups will present School Christmas services on the following dates:

- **Grades 3-5, November 29th (Advent Service in the Old Gym, 7 PM performance)**
- **Grades K-2, December 6th (Children's Christmas Service in the Old Gym, 9 AM & 7 PM performances)**
- **Grades 6-8, December 13th (Road To Bethlehem Pagaent at Church, 9 AM & 7 PM performances)**
- **Preschool/Daycare, December 20th (Early Childhood Christmas Service in Old Gym, 9 AM & 7 PM performances).**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN: Sharing with those in need, is showing the love of Jesus. We will again be adopting 13 children through Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, to provide gifts for them at Christmas. **Please have your monetary gift to the school by Nov. 30, 2022 so that there is ample time to purchase the gifts.** See Mr. Becker for the label(s) needed to be placed on each unwrapped gift. I plan to deliver all the gifts on Friday, Dec. 8. The money collected will be divided equally among the classes Day-Care- 8th grade. Thank you for your love and compassion to those less fortunate.

CHRISTMAS COTTAGE: Our annual Christmas Cottage will be held Thurs. Nov. 30th and Fri. Dec. 1st in the school library. Letters explaining the event and envelopes to return with shopping money were sent home with students last week. All students in grades PreK 3-8th grade will have the opportunity to shop during school hours. Please note – students will only be able to purchase gifts with money sent from home. Proceeds from this event benefit the current 7th grade class and their trip to Washington DC.

FROM MR. BECKER: If you indicated you are wanting to attend the current Class of 2024 trip in April as a guest please make your deposit by Friday, Dec. 1 payable to St. John's Lutheran Class of 2024. Final costs are still being figured out and I will have a firmer number in January/February.

THE WARMING TREE: Our lobby Christmas tree is once again set up as the Warming Tree. Help us “warm” our tree with your donations of NEW coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, underware, and blankets. All items collected will be donated to local families in need to help them stay warm during the winter. Donations can be hung on the tree or placed in the box next to it.

MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. HUDAK:

- Students, if any of you are interested in singing and/or playing an instrument as pre-service music before the school Christmas services, please let me know! Let me know what piece(s) you'd like to perform so that I can get a running total of everyone who is interested. I'm looking forward to hearing your music!
- On Sun. Dec. 10th Grades 3-8 will sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" at the 10:30am service. Please return the attached note indicating if your child(ren) will be present to sing.
- On Sun. Dec. 17th, Grades K-2 will sing "Light One Candle" at the 10:30am service. Please return the attached note indicating if your child(ren) will be present to sing.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL THROUGH 1ST GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS: On Sundays December 3 and December 10, we will meet in front of church to practice our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will begin practice at 9:25 a.m. and will dismiss from there at 10:15 a.m. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Please use the following link to access the music if you wish to practice at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/@KathyLiefer>

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- The class of 2025 will be selling pizza bread at Sunday Funday at Santa's Village on Sun. Dec. 10th from 12-4pm. Advance tickets can be purchased through Venmo (@SantasVillageRedBud-2531) or from Cowell Insurance. Tickets are also available for purchase the day of the event.
- The 6th grade class will be hosting a Trivia Color Party on Sat. Jan. 13th at 2pm. The event will be hosted in the Old Gym. Please contact Emma McCarthy, Trisha Ruebusch, Ashley Herriman, or the school to reserve your table.

SCRIP PROGRAM: Are you planning to give the gift of gift cards this holiday season? If so consider purchasing through our schools scrip program! Holiday orders will be placed on 12/5, 12/12 and 12/15. You can also order through the RaiseRight app. Please use our schools enrollment code (E41ED96111348) and choose pay coordinator during check-out. Payments are due when you order to ensure cards are ordered and delivered in a timely manner. A portion of each card sold can be applied to your child's lunch, tuition, daycare, or after school care account. Our last order donated \$195.10 back to school and daycare families! If you have any questions please reach out to Sara in the office either by email (sara@stjohnsredbud.org) or call 618-282-3873. Thank you for your support of this program!

UPCOMING FIELD TRIP: On Fri. Dec. 1st our 8th grade students will visit Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Students will enjoy a day of fellowship with two other schools. Students will watch a movie and participate in bible studies. We plan to leave around 8:30am and will return shortly after 2:00pm.

2024 DINNER AUCTION: Save the date for our 2024 dinner auction. Join us for a beach base on Sat. March 16, 2024 at Hecker Community Center. Tickets will go on sale this Friday, Dec. 1st. Be on the lookout for flyers coming home with your student(s) tomorrow.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Mrs. Cindy Nebel, Mr. Bill Becker, and Mrs. Rachel Miller will serve as the directors of our before & after school program this year. This year the music room will serve as the BASC room, students may enter through door 8 where a doorbell is installed. Students with a sibling in daycare may enter through the daycare door. Before school care hours are 6-7:45am, and after care hours are 2:45-5:30pm. Students are asked to bring their own breakfast/snacks. There will be no after school care on 11:20 dismissal days, Dec. 20th, March 28th, and the last day of school (date TBD). Charges are billed at \$5.00/hour with a ¼ minimum charge. Charges will be posted monthly via Fast Direct and can be paid via cash, check, or with a credit/debit card. A 10% multi-child discount will be applied. If your account balances surpasses \$500 and is more than 60 days past due will be charged to the card kept on file in the school office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cindy Nebel at cnebel@stjohnsredbud.org.



3-8 and K-2 Grade Choirs Singing in Church!!!

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade,

Grades K-2nd and Grades 3-8 will be enhancing our Sunday morning worship services in December by singing Advent songs! **On Sunday, December 10th, Grades 3-8 will sing an orchestral version of the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" in the 10:30 AM service. A week later, on Sunday, October 17th, Grades K-2 will sing the well-known song about the Advent wreath, "Light One Candle" in the 10:30 service.**

Both groups of students will sing from the balcony (which I will reserve for them and their teachers.) **They will sing near the beginning of the service between the Collect and the Old Testament reading.** I will have songsheets available for anyone who needs them!!!

In order to get a good turn-out, I am enclosing 2 different slips for you to print off indicating whether or not your students can sing. Please fill out the one(s) applicable to your child(ren) and have them turn it into me. You can also let me know by FastDirect, phone call, text message, email, or word of mouth!

Thank you and I look forward to hearing the students sing!

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

My 3-8 child(ren), _____,

_____,
(please circle one) will will not be present to sing on Sunday, December 10th @ 10:30 AM

(Parent's signature) _____

My K-2 child(ren), _____,

_____,
(please circle one) will will not be present to sing on Sunday, December 17th @ 10:30 AM

(Parent's signature) _____

St. John's Lutheran Scrip Card Order Form

Name(s): _____

Circle the denomination you would like, fill in quantity, and total dollar amount.

Retail Stores	Qty	\$ Total	Restaurants	Qty	\$ Total
Academy Sports + Outdoors - \$25 (4%)			Arby's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Ace Hardware - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Applebee's - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Aeropostale - \$25 (10%)			Bob Evans - \$10, \$25 (10%)		
Amazon - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.7%)			Buffalo Wild Wings - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
American Eagle - \$25 (10%)			Burger King - \$10, \$25 (6%)		
Apple Store/Apple.com - \$15, \$25, \$100, \$500 (5%)			Cheesecake Factory - \$25 (5%)		
Bass Pro Shops - \$25, \$100 (10%)			Chili's Grill - \$25, \$50 (11%)		
Bath & Body Works - \$10, \$25 (12%)			Chipolte Mexican Grill - \$10 (10%)		
Best Buy - \$25, \$100, \$250 (4%)			Cinnabon - \$25 (6%)		
Carter's - \$25 (10%)			Cold Stone Creamery - \$5, \$10 (11%)		
Casey's - \$25, \$50, \$100 (3%)			Cracker Barrel - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Circle K - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Dairy Queen - \$10, \$25 (6.5%)		
Dick's Sporting Goods - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Darden Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Dierbergs - \$100 (2.5%)			Denny's - \$10 (7%)		
Disney - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$1000 (3%)			Domino's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Five Below - \$25 (2.5%)			Dunkin Donuts - \$10, \$25 (3.5%)		
Fresh Thyme Market - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Freddy's - \$25 (8%)		
Home Depot - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			Golden Corral - \$25 (9%)		
Instacart - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Hardee's - \$10, \$25 (5%)		
JcPenney - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Ihop - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Journey's - \$25 (10%)			Jack in the Box - \$10 (4%)		
Kids Foot Locker - \$25 (8%)			Jimmy John's - \$25 (8%)		
Kohl's - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Krispy Kreme - \$10 (8%)		
Lowe's - \$20, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			Little Caesars Pizza - \$20 (8%)		
Marriott Hotels & Resorts - \$100 (6%)			LongHorn Steakhouse - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Maurices - \$20 (7%)			Logan's Roadhouse - \$25 (10%)		
Menards - \$25, \$100, \$500 (3%)			McDonald's - \$10, \$25 (2%)		
Michaels - \$25 (6%)			Olive Garden - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
MotoMart - \$50 (5%)			Outback Steakhouse - \$25, \$50 (10%)		
Old Navy - \$25, \$100 (14%)			Panda Express - \$25 (8%)		
Ross Dress for Less - \$25 (8%)			Panera Bread - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Sam's Club - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)			Papa John's Pizza - \$10 (8%)		
Scheels - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Pizza Ranch - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Sephora - \$25 (5%)			Pizza Hut - \$10 (8%)		
Shutterfly - \$25 (9%)			Rainforest Café - \$25, \$100 (9%)		
Southwest Airlines - \$250 (4%)			Red Lobster - \$25 (8%)		
T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Red Robin - \$25 (8%)		
Target - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (2.5%)			Sonic - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Topgolf - \$50 (8%)			Starbucks - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (4.5%)		
Total Wine & More - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Subway - \$10, \$50 (4.5%)		
Ulta - \$25 (7%)			Taco Bell - \$5, \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Visa - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (1.25%)			Texas Roadhouse - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Walgreens - \$100 (5%)			TGI Friday's - \$25 (9%)		
Walmart - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)			Wendy's - \$25 (6%)		

Total Cards Ordered: _____ Total Amount of All Cards: _____

Please apply our earned rebate to: Lunch Tuition Registration After Care Pre-K Tuition Daycare

I will pick-up my cards _____ Please send my cards with my student _____

The cards listed above are some of our most popular cards. If you would like a full list stop by the school office. Payment is due at the time of ordering! Cards are typically received within a week of ordering. Orders will be placed twice a month on Tuesdays.

