



# 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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## 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** – 12/19 - Waylon McLean. **Staff** – 12/15 – Amy Williams.

**HALF-BIRTHDAYS:** **Students** – 6/14 – Chloe Conway, Colin Korando, 6/16 – Kolton Liefer, 6/18 – Brooke Horrell, Caden Wegener, 6/20 – Maverick Cowell. **Staff** – No Staff Half-Birthdays this week.

### LUNCH:

Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Grilled ham and cheese, green beans, mixed fruit, chocolate mousse, and milk.  
Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Taco meat/chips, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.  
Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – French toast sticks, sausage, hashbrown, yogurt/fruit, and milk.  
Tue. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Pizza, green beans, oranges, cake, and milk.  
Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Hotdog on bun, chips, peaches, ice cream, and milk.  
Thurs. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – No School, Christmas Break  
Fri. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – No School, Christmas Break



### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Case Hess

Sat. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5pm – Athena Wolfmeier

Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Addison Breier

Mon. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am – Mr. Becker

Sat. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Ella Cowell

Mon. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am – Payton Liefer

Sat. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Brynlee Liefer

Sun. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Hollis Wolfmeier  
Sun. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Liam Kilpatrick  
Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – Carson Moll  
Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9pm – Sr Youth

Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am – Austin Stellhorn  
Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm – Kade Liefer

Sun. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Jacob Liefer  
Sun. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Lilly Meyer

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – 6-8<sup>th</sup> Road to Bethlehem, 7pm @ Church  
Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – GBB vs TSJ, 6pm  
Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – JR High Dance, 7-9pm, Old Gym  
Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – BBB “A&B” vs Marissa, 6pm

Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – GBB @ SPPCS, 6pm  
Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Early Childhood Christmas Service  
9am & 7pm, Old Gym  
Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – 1:45pm Early Dismissal

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – No Chapel Service

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Early Childhood Christmas Service, 9am, Old Gym, All Students will Attend

Fri. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – No Chapel, No School

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** The following Grade Groups will present School Christmas services on the following dates:

- **Grades 6-8, December 13<sup>th</sup> (Road To Bethlehem Pageant at Church, 7 PM performance)**
- **Preschool/Daycare, December 20<sup>th</sup> (Early Childhood Christmas Service in Old Gym, 9 AM & 7 PM performances).**

### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK:

Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas PJ Day – if you child wears slippers please send tennis shoes for recess!

Tue. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Color Day – wear red and/or green

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Sweater & Sock Day – please be sure ugly sweaters are school appropriate!

**CHRISTMAS BREAK:**

Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – 1:45pm Early Dismissal, NO After School Care!

Thurs. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>-Wed. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – No School, Christmas Break

Thurs. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes, Regular School Day

**JUNIOR HIGH DANCE:** Students in grades 5-8 are invited to a Holiday Dance on Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the Old Gym. See the attached flyer for full details. Payments of \$15 per student can be brought to the school office. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**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, underwear, 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. **Please have all donations dropped off by December 20<sup>th</sup>!** Thank You!

**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. 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY:**

- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be hosting a Trivia Color Party on Sat. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 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! **Our last order before Christmas will be placed on 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. If you have any questions please reach out to Sara in the office either by email ([sara@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:sara@stjohnsredbud.org)) or call 618-282-3873. Thank you for your support of this program!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Grades 3-5 will be Christmas Caroling at Red Bud Garden Place on Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents please watch for a note from your child's teacher with more information.

**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 are now on sale! Flyers with information about special ticket pricing and a request form for ticket certificates has been sent home and is attached below. Tickets make perfect Christmas presents!!

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The position of Pastoral Administrative Assistant will be open after the first of the year in our church/school office. Hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with holidays off. Salary and vacation are based on our Southern Illinois District Salary Guidelines. For a job description and/or application, please call our office at 618-282-2394.

**LANGUAGE ARTS FESTIVAL:** A paper went home giving information about the 39th Annual Language Arts Festival that Red Bud Elementary School hosts every year. Please read the rules on the paper and return the Student Participation Form by December 18 if you are interested in writing a story. When you are finished making your book, please give it to your teacher no later than January 24, 2024. The Festival is on Monday, February 12, 2024 at RBES. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6pm. Readers need to arrive by 6:15 and the program starts at 6:30. Every book will be on display and will receive a ribbon. The best books will be read by their authors at the festival. Those authors are asked also to represent our school at the Young Authors' Conference in March. We hope to have a lot of participation this year in the Language Arts Festival! Happy writing! If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Rebekah Liefer.

**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. 20<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 [cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org).



Merry Christmas!

... Searching for that perfect gift for someone this holiday season? Let us help!

The 14th Annual St. John's Lutheran Dinner Auction "Beach Bash" will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Hecker Community Center.

Purchase your ticket certificates now for a special price. Invite your family & friends. If they have never attended the auction, you will have a chance to win a special prize!

Simply fill out the certificate request form below and drop it by the school office with your payment. Certificates will be distributed beginning Dec. 4th. Certificates must be requested by Dec. 19th.

Ticket Prices  
Dec. 1st-20th, 2023 - \$35/Ticket  
Jan. 4th-Feb. 29th, 2024 - \$40/Ticket



Join us for the  
**HOLIDAY DANCE**

Hosted by: 7th Gr. Class  
Proceeds will benefit the Washington D.C. class trip  
Who: 5th-8th Grade Students  
When: Friday, December 15, 2023  
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM  
Cost: \$15.00 per student  
Snacks & Drinks Included

Please complete the Google Form to RSVP for your child/children. Once the forms is complete, please turn money into the office. Students are able to invite 1 guest that does not attend SJL, but their parent will need to complete the Google Form as well.



We can't wait to Shell-a-brate good times!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Ticket Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

**K-2 Grade Choirs Singing in Church!!!**

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten-2nd Grade,

Grades K-2nd will be enhancing our Sunday morning worship services in December by singing Advent songs! **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 a permission slip 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. Lindey Hudak

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%)		
Amazon - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.7%)			Bob Evans - \$10, \$25 (10%)		
American Eagle - \$25 (10%)			Buffalo Wild Wings - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
American Express - \$25, \$100, \$200 (1.5%)			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, \$25 (9%)		
BP Gas - \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.5%)			Cinnabon/Auntie Annes - \$25 (6%)		
Carter's - \$25 (10%)			Cracker Barrel - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Casey's - \$25, \$50, \$100 (3%)			Dairy Queen - \$10, \$25 (6.5%)		
Circle K - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Darden Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Dick's Sporting Goods - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Denny's - \$10 (7%)		
Dierbergs - \$100 (2.5%)			Domino's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Disney - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$1000 (3%)			Dunkin Donuts - \$10, \$25 (3.5%)		
Five Below - \$25 (2.5%)			Freddy's - \$25 (8%)		
Fresh Thyme Market - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Golden Corral - \$25 (9%)		
Google Play - \$25 (3%)			Hardee's - \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Home Depot - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			Ihop - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Instacart - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Jack in the Box - \$10 (4%)		
JcPenney - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Jimmy John's - \$25 (8%)		
Journey's - \$25 (10%)			Krispy Kreme - \$10 (8%)		
Kohl's - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Little Caesars Pizza - \$20 (8%)		
Lowe's - \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			LongHorn Steakhouse - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Macy's - \$25, \$100 (10%)			Long John Silver		
Maurices - \$20 (7%)			McDonald's - \$10, \$25 (2%)		
Menards - \$25, \$100, \$500 (3%)			Olive Garden - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Michaels - \$25 (6%)			Outback Steakhouse - \$25, \$50 (10%)		
MotoMart - \$50 (5%)			Panda Express - \$25 (8%)		
Old Navy - \$25, \$100 (14%)			Panera Bread - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Phillips 66 - \$25, \$100 (1.5%)			Papa John's Pizza - \$10 (8%)		
Ross Dress for Less - \$25 (8%)			Pizza Hut - \$10 (8%)		
Sam's Club - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)			Red Lobster - \$25 (8%)		
Scheels - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Red Robin - \$25 (8%)		
Sephora - \$25 (5%)			Sonic - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Shutterfly - \$25 (9%)			Starbucks - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (4.5%)		
Southwest Airlines - \$250 (4%)			Subway - \$10, \$50 (4.5%)		
T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Taco Bell - \$5, \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Target - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (2.5%)			Texas Roadhouse - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Topgolf - \$50 (8%)			TGI Friday's - \$25 (9%)		
Total Wine & More - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Wendy's - \$25 (6%)		
Ulta - \$25 (7%)			Yard House Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Visa - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (1.25%)			Zaxby's - \$25 (8%)		
Walgreens - \$25, \$100 (5%)					
Walmart - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)					
Wayfair - \$100 (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 \_\_\_\_\_



