



# 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** – 1/11 – Everett Liefer, Roxy Markotay, 1/14 – Liam Kilpatrick. **Staff** – No staff birthdays this week.

**HALF-BIRTHDAYS: Students** – 6/13 – Katharina Hess, Emelia Phillips, 6/15 – Kenadee Crafton, Case Uffelmann, 6/17 – Gage Bievenue. **Staff** – No staff birthdays this week.

### LUNCH:

Thurs. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, pineapple, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – Popcorn chicken, green beans, peaches, banana cake, and milk.

Mon. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – No School, MLK Day.

Tue. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Turkey wrap, carrots, chips, pears, and milk.

Wed. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – Chili, cheese, donut, banana, and milk.

Thurs. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Hamburger on bun, french fries, baked beans, oranges, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Fish sticks, mac-n-cheese, peas, peaches, and milk.

### ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Molly Kuehn

Sat. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Case Hess

Sat. Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Sydney Kassing

Sat. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5pm – Colton Albert

Sun. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Aubrey Kiefer

Sun. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Lucas Summers

Sun. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8am – Blaine Rohlfing

Sun. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am – Kaydence Proctor

Sun. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Elle Sutton

Sun. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Jackson Pensoneau

Sun. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Easton Ruebusch

Sun. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Clare Carnahan

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – BBB OVC Tournament

Wed. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>-Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – GBB Regional Tournament

Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – Family Fun Night, Fellowship Hall, 7-9pm

Sat. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trivia Night, 6pm, Old Gym

Mon. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – No School, MLK Day

Mon. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Mtng., 6pm Cafeteria

Tue. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – BBB “A&B” @ Valmeyer, 6pm

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – Early Childhood Service, PreSchool and Mrs. Nowak, 8:30am, New Gym

Wed. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel Service, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Schnepel, 9am, Church

**NO SCHOOL DAY:** School will not be in session on Mon. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King JR Day.

### FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will be hosting a Trivia Color Party on Sat. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The event will be hosted in the Old Gym. Please contact Emma McCarthy, Trisha Ruebusch, Ashley Herriman, or the school to reserve your table.
- The current 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is selling Sub Sandwiches and White Nacho Cheese dip for Super Bowl Sunday. 6 inch Subs are \$7 each, and cheese is \$13 for 1 quart. Orders are due Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for more details. Orders can be placed with any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student or in the school office.

**SINGING IN CHURCH:** Our student choirs will be singing in church during the month of January. Grades K-2 will sing on Sun. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in the 8am service. Grades 3-8 will sing on Sun. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> in the 10:30am service. Please return the attached form to indicate if you child will be in attendance to sing. Thank You!

**FROM MR. BECKER:**

- Thank you for my gifts of Cougar Wear from the school families and for the Christmas check from the Congregation. Your generosity is appreciated! May you all have a Blessed New Year!
- On Fri. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> I would like to host a family fun night at the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Lemonade and bottled water will be available. We will have some board games, cards, and puzzles. You are also welcome to bring a family favorite game! Please join us for a fun-filled evening starting at 7pm and ending around 9pm. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun!
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents: Mark your calendars for a class meeting on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Important upcoming trip information, costs, etc. will be shared.
- Class meetings will be held on Mon. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school cafeteria for the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade class at 6:00pm, current 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at 6:30pm, and 7:00pm for the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Please plan to attend!

**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:** Lutheran schools week will be celebrated Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Connected."

- Spirit Days: 1/22 – Comfy Cozy Day, 1/23 – Class Color Day, 1/24 – Soccer Mom v. BBQ Dad, 1/25 – Tourist Day, 1/26 – Decades Day (Full Details will be published next week!)
- To show our schools connection to our church family, we are looking for students and/or families that will serve as greeters for our weekend worship services. Please use the following link to sign up hand our bulletins and welcome members of the congregation at worship: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4CA5AD29A0F4C70-47127917-national>

**SCRIP PROGRAM:** Thank you to everyone who purchased cards through our Scrip Program. Cards in the inventory will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please note – we will temporarily stop placing orders through the school office while Ms. Sara is out on maternity leave beginning in February. Orders can always be placed via the RaiseRight app, but please plan ahead for any physical cards you would like to order.

**2024 DINNER AUCTION:** Save the date for our 2024 dinner auction. Join us for a beach bash on Sat. March 16, 2024 at Hecker Community Center. Tickets can be purchased in the school office for \$40/ticket. Donations and/or ads are also being accepted in the school office. We look forward to shell-a-brating with you!

**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.

**GBB HELP NEEDED:** We will be hosting girls basketball regional games on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to collect money at the gate and in the concession stand. Please use the following link to sign up to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4BAEA722A1F9CF8-46940981-girls?fbclid=IwAR213mbK4dlr448yR13TvdFhLRwapumjm7VbOModCiD3lUA7gO-j9w4pfWO#/>

**BABY ITEM COLLECTION:** Just like the Wise Men brought gifts to Baby Jesus, we too can keep up that sentiment by bringing in baby items to support Life Network. 2nd Grade will be collecting baby items to donate to Life Network throughout the month of January. Donations can be brought to the lobby and placed on the marked table. Thank you for your donations!

**THANK YOU:** "Dear Students and Families of St. John's, Thank you so much for the very generous (half) birthday gift you gave me! I really appreciate it! I'm very blessed to serve here at St. John's! May God richly bless all of you!" In Christ, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

**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, 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 [cnebel@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:cnebel@stjohnsredbud.org).

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Wed. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> please plan to join us for Pre-K and Kindergarten open house. New and returning students are invited to visit from 4-7pm. Soups, hot dogs, and desserts will be served from 5-7pm. There will be a photo booth and Kindergarten singing. Be on the lookout for special invites for our future Cougars!

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

*Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade,*

In celebration of National Lutheran School's Week later this month, Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> and Grades 3-8 will be singing in Sunday morning worship services! **On Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, to kick off NLSW, Grades K-2 will sing the well-known Epiphany song by Arison, "The Names of Christ" in the 8:00 AM service. A week later, on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, to end NLSW, Grades 3-8 will sing the hymn, "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" 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. Lindey Hudak

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My K-2 child(ren), \_\_\_\_\_,

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*(please circle one)* **will**     **will not**    be present to sing on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 AM

*(Parent's signature)* \_\_\_\_\_

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My 3-8 child(ren), \_\_\_\_\_,

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*(please circle one)* **will**     **will not**    be present to sing on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM

*(Parent's signature)* \_\_\_\_\_



# CLASS OF 2024 PRESENTS

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## SUB SANDWICHES

EACH SUB HAS HAM, ROAST BEEF, TURKEY, SALAMI, AND AMERICAN CHEESE

6 INCH SUBS \$7 EACH

## WHITE NACHO CHEESE

1 QUART \$13 EACH

(CAN BE FROZEN)

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Orders are due January 29, 2024

Money is due at time of order

Orders can be picked up  
Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
or Sunday, February 11, during Sunday School

All Proceeds benefit the Class of 2024

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Contact Jamie Korando 618-615-2818 or Stephanie Liefer 618-967-0804

