



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 – 1/18 – Hailey Nichols, 1/20 – Ella Cowell, 1/22 – Aliviah Gulley and Braxton Knight **Staff** – No staff birthdays this week.

HALF-BIRTHDAYS: Students – 7/17 – Gage Bievenue, 7/18 – Victoria Stolte, 7/19 – Maddox Harris, 7/20 – Lyle Schlueter, 7/21 – Kolton Meier, 7/24 – Waylynn Ebers and Fletcher Eggemeyer. **Staff** – No staff half-birthdays this week.

LUNCH:

Thurs. Jan. 18th – Hamburger on bun, French fries, baked beans, oranges, and milk.

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

Mon. Jan. 22nd – Biscuits and gravy, hashbrown, yogurt/fruit, granola bar, and milk.

Tue. Jan. 23th – Chicken strips, corn, applesauce, Oreo pudding, and milk.

Wed. Jan. 24th – Cheeseburger noodles, green beans, mixed fruit, roll, and milk.

Thurs. Jan. 25th – Chicken soft taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 26th – 11:40am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.

ACOLYTES:

Sat. Jan. 20th, 5pm – Case Hess

Sat. Jan. 27th, 5pm – Sydney Kassing

Sat. Feb. 3rd, 5pm – Colton Albert

Sat. Feb. 10th, 5pm – Sutton Jones

Wed. Feb. 14th, 8:30am – Layla Kilpatrick

Sun. Jan. 21st, 8am – Blaine Rohlfing

Sun. Jan. 21st, 10:30am – Kaydence Proctor

Sun. Jan. 28th, 8am – Elle Sutton

Sun. Jan. 28th, 10:30am – Jackson Pensoneau

Sun. Feb. 4th, 8am – Easton Ruebusch

Sun. Feb. 4th, 10:30am – Clare Carnahan

Sun. Feb. 11th, 8am – Evan Muench

Sun. Feb. 11th, 10:30am – Katelynn Braun

Wed. Feb. 14th, 7pm – Charlie Muench

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Jan. 18th – Sun. Jan. 21st – BBB ALT “A” Trny

Sun. Jan. 21st-Sun. Jan 28th – Lutheran Schools Week

Mon. Jan. 22nd – 8th Grade Class Mtngs (See Note)

Wed. Jan. 24th – VB “A” Trny @ RBC

Wed. Jan. 24th – Language Arts Books Due

Thurs. Jan. 25th – Science Fair

CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Fri. Jan. 19th – Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, led by Pastor Nebel.

Wed. Jan. 24th – Grades 3-8 Chapel, 9am, Church, led by Mrs. Sachtleben and 8th Grade

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: Lutheran schools week will be celebrated Jan. 21st-28th. 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. See the attached flyer for full details.
- 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 to hand our bulletins and welcome members of the congregation at worship: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COB4CA5AD29A0F4C70-47127917-national>
- We will be collecting baby items for Life Network Pregnancy Center throughout the week. Donations can be dropped off in the New Gym Lobby on the marked table in conjunction with our 2nd grade class project.

EARLY DISMISSALDAY: Fri. Jan. 26th will be an 11:40am dismissal day. Lunch will not be served, and there will be NO after school care.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY: The current 8th 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. 29th. See the attached flyer for more details. Orders can be placed with any 8th 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. 21st in the 8am service. Grades 3-8 will sing on Sun. Jan. 28th in the 10:30am service. Please return the attached form to indicate if you child will be in attendance to sing. Thank You!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Class meetings will be held on Mon. Jan. 22nd in the school cafeteria for the current 7th grade class at 6:00pm, current 6th grade class at 6:30pm, and 7:00pm for the current 5th grade class. Please plan to attend!

NOTES FROM MRS. SCHMITZ:

- On Friday, January 26, Kindergarten will be celebrating the 100th day of school in the morning after chapel, beginning at 9:15 until early dismissal at 11:20. Guests should park in the main parking lot and enter through door one and come down to the old gym.
- On Friday, January 26, Kindergarten will be celebrating the 100th day of school. Please wear or bring your 100th day shirt you made in Kindergarten, for a group picture.

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!

SCIENCE FAIR: Our annual student science fair will be held Thurs. Jan. 25th. Students will present their projects for judging, and boards will be on display in the new gym lobby. Class projects for K-5th grade will also be on display.

LANGUAGE ARTS FESTIVAL: A paper went home giving information about the 39th Annual Language Arts Festival that Red Bud Elementary School hosts every year. 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.

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!

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE: On Wed. Feb. 7th 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!

WINTER WEATHER POLICY: In the event of winter weather, we will follow Red Bud District 132 policies and decisions regarding if school is in session or not. Cancellations will be communicated via our school Facebook page, Remind, and will be shown on local news stations. Look for "Red Bud CUSD 132" on the news networks. To join our schools remind text the message @8243ad2 to 81010. If 81010 does not work send the same message to 901-466-8785.

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

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade,

In celebration of National Lutheran School's Week later this month, Grades K-2nd and Grades 3-8 will be singing in Sunday morning worship services! **On Sunday, January 21st, 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 28th, 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

My K-2 child(ren), _____,

_____,

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

(Parent's signature) _____

My 3-8 child(ren), _____,

_____,

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

(Parent's signature) _____



CLASS OF 2024 PRESENTS

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)

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

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



National Lutheran Schools Week

January 22-26, 2024





Monday - 1/22

Comfy Cozy Day
Wear your PJs or comfy clothes

Tuesday - 1/23

Class Color Day

Daycare & Preschool - Neon	4th Grade - Yellow
Kindergarten - Red	5th Grade - Blue
1st Grade - Green	6th Grade - White
2nd Grade - Purple	7th Grade - Orange
3rd Grade - Maroon	8th Grade - Pink
	Staff - Grey

Wednesday - 1/24

Soccer Mom
v.
BBQ Dad

Girls wear sunglasses, leggings, and visors
Boys wear your aprons & chef's hat

Thursday 1/25

Tourist Day

Wear your favorite vacation/tropical wear, hat/visor, and sunglasses

Friday - 1/26

Decade Day

Wear an outfit from your favorite decade

OR

Wear items in multiples of 10

Week Long Mission

All week we will be collecting baby items for Life Network of Southern Illinois. Donations can be brought to the New Gym lobby.

Mon. - Connected to Christ

Tue. Connected to the Father & His Creation

Daily Themes

Wed. - Connected to the Father & His Faithful Gifts

Thurs. - Connected to the Church

Fri. - Connected to His Commission

2ND Quarter Awards

Kindergarten – **Perfect School** – Brooke Horrell and Owen Prange.

1st Grade – **Perfect School** – Jettson Grohmann, Lane Kern, Ava Moll, Eleanor Smith, and Ava Wilson. **Perfect Church** - Elaina Heck, Hayden Schlimme, and Emma Schlueter. **Perfect Sunday School** – Jettson Grohmann and Elaina Heck.

2nd Grade – **Perfect School** – Ellie Stellhorn and Elaina Uffelmann. **Perfect Church** – Kayda Kaiser, Ellie Stellhorn, and Lynleigh Wingerter.

3rd Grade – **Perfect School** – McKinley Florreich, Brewer Krick, Liam Langrehr, Nolan Liefer, Layla Meyer, Sam Schumacher, Emry Voss, Sophia Voss, Liza Wagner, and Caden Wegener.

4th Grade – **Perfect School** – Evlyn Heck. **Perfect Church** – Cassidy Palm and Henry Schnepel. **Honors** – Aliviah Gulley, Liam Hosfeld, Harper Mounts, and Henry Schnepel. **High Honors** – Evlyn Heck and Aubrey Valleroy. **Highest Honors** - Haydn Albert, Blake Horrell, Cassidy Palm, Kelly Pollard, and Loxton Sutton.

5th Grade – **Perfect School** – Aiden Aribeter, Ella Birch, Maverick Cowell, Maybre Falkenhain, Presley Liefer, and Jackson Neff. **Perfect Church** – Emma Guebert, Colae Kaiser, McKenzie Niemeyer, and Cooper Wingerter. **Honors** – Alexa Cheek and Lauren Mehring. **High Honors** – Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Kenadee Crafton, Maybre Falkenhain, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Roxy Markotay, Jackson Neff, Brody Rahn, Cooper Wingerter, and Kade Young. **Highest Honors** – Maverick Cowell, Grant Florreich, Colae Kaiser, Grayden Schloemann, Abby Stellhorn, and Holden Wagner.

6th Grade – **Perfect School** – Amelia Cheek, Aubrey Kiefer, Jozlynn Palm, Henry Sachtleben, and Max Voss. **Perfect Church** – Jozlynn Palm. **Honor Roll** – Addison Breier, Amelia Cheek, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, and Elle Sutton. **High Honor Roll** – Sutton Jones, Payton Liefer, Austin Stellhorn, Max Voss, and Sophia Zeiger. **Highest Honor Roll** – Blaine Rohlfing, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, and Colton Albert.

7th Grade – **Perfect School** – Liam Kilpatrick, Maya Macbeth, Lyle Schlueter, and Cailyn Wilson. **Perfect Sunday School** – Cartr Hartmann and Colby Hartmann. **Honors** – Colby Hartmann, Brendyn Wegener, and Cailyn Wilson. **High Honors** – Ella Cowell, Cartr Hartmann, Liam Kilpatrick, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, and Brooke Wolter. **Highest Honors** – Tessa Stenzel.

8th Grade – **Perfect School** – Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Lilly Meyer, and Norah Wagner. **Perfect Church** – Cason Birch and Brian Liefer. **Honors** – Emily Famer and Kade Liefer. **High Honors** – Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Colin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Brian Liefer, and Lilly Meyer. **Highest Honors** – Karleigh Liefer, Addy Schloemann, and Norah Wagner.