



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 – 1/25 – Blaine Rohlfing, 1/26 – Mallory Arbeiter, 1/28 – Harper Kennedy and Roman Kern, 1/29 – Brooks Liefer. **Staff** – No staff birthdays this week.

HALF-BIRTHDAYS: Students – 7/25 – Harper Mounts and Eliza Schrader, 7/26 – Kailyn Moeller, 7/27 – Elaina Heck and Maya Macbeth, 7/28 – Brynlee Gramenz, 7/29 – Haydn Mounts, 7/31 – Kelly Pollard. **Staff** – 7/31 – Brittney Eichholz.

LUNCH:

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

Fri. Jan. 26th – 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.

Mon. Jan. 29th – Grilled cheese, spaghetti, green beans, peaches, and milk.

Tue. Jan. 30th – Beef and noodles, peas, oranges, roll, and milk.

Wed. Jan. 31st – Deli sandwich, carrots, chips, apple slices, and milk.

Thurs. Feb. 1st – Cheeseburger noodles, corn, mixed fruit, roll, and milk.

Fri. Feb. 2nd – Hot dog or chili dog on bun, baked beans, smile fries, pears, and milk.

ACOLYTES:

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

Sat. Feb. 17th, 5pm – Amelia Cheek

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

Sun. Feb. 18th, 8am – Carson Moll

Sun. Feb. 19th, 10:30am – Brian Liefer

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Jan. 24th – Fri. Jan. 26th – VB “A” Trny @ RBC

Thurs. Jan. 25th – Science Fair

Thurs. Jan. 25th – Mad Science Assembly, 1:30pm

Thurs. Jan. 25th – 5-7th Grade Class Meetings (See Note)

Fri. Jan. 26th – 11:20am Early Dismissal

Fri. Jan. 26th – Kindergarten 100th Day of School

Mon. Jan. 29th – Bible Bee @ 1:30pm, Old Gym

Mon. Jan. 29th – 8th Grade Parent Meeting, 7:00pm

CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Fri. Jan. 26th – Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, led by Ms. Amanda

Wed. Jan. 31st – Grades 3-8 Chapel, 9am, Church, led by Pastor Krentz

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: Lutheran schools week will be celebrated Jan. 21st-28th. This year's theme is “Connected.”

- Spirit Days: 1/25 – Tourist Day, 1/26 – Decades Day, 1/29 – Comfy Cozy Day (Rescheduled from 1/22). 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 DISMISSAL DAY: Fri. Jan. 26th will be an 11:20am dismissal day. Lunch will not be served, and there will be NO after school care.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Class meetings will be held on Thurs. Jan. 25th in the school cafeteria for the current 7th grade class at 5:00pm, current 6th grade class at 5:30pm, and 6:00pm for the current 5th grade class. Parents of our current 8th grade class will meet on Mon. Jan. 29th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria. Please plan to attend!

BIBLE BEE: Our Lutheran School's week Bible Bee has been rescheduled for **Mon. Jan. 29th** at 1:30pm. It will be held in the Old Gym. All are welcome to attend!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- 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.
- The current 7th grade class will be selling wings for Super Bowl Sunday. Be on the lookout for a flyer with more information on the coming days.

SINGING IN CHURCH: Grades 3-8 will sing on Sun. Jan. 28th in the 10:30am service. Please return the attached form to indicate if your child will be in attendance to sing. Thank You!

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.

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. 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 cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org.

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

3-8 Grade Choirs Singing in Church!!!

Dear Parents of Students in 3rd through 8th Grade,

In celebration of National Lutheran School's Week later this month, Grades 3-8 will be singing in Sunday morning worship services! **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.** 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, January 28th @ 10:30 AM

(Parent's signature) _____



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

Wednesday - 1/24
Soccer Mom v. BBQ Dad
Girls wear sunglasses, leggings, and visors
Boys wear your aprons & chef's hat

Friday - 1/26
Decade Day
Wear an outfit from your favorite decade
OR
Wear items in multiples of 10

Tuesday - 1/23 Class Color Day

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

Thursday 1/25
Tourist Day
Wear your favorite vacation/tropical wear, hat/visor, and sunglasses

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

