



# 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 - 2/21** Millie Schwartz **2/23** Charlie Liefer, Olivia Schilling **2/24** Ava Kiefer, Elsie Russell **2/25** Cooper Conway **2/26** Emily Farmer **Staff – 2/28** *Elisabeth Schaefer*

**HALF-BIRTHDAYS: Students– 8/22** Emmett Donjon **8/24** Blake Horrell **8/27** Archer Wallace **8/28** Austin Stellhorn **Staff- 8/17**

### LUNCH:

Wed. Feb. 21 Chicken strips, cheesy broccoli, tator tots, peaches, and milk.  
Thurs. Feb. 22 Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, oranges, and milk.  
Fri. Feb. 23 Mac-n-cheese w/ham, green beans, pineapple, jello, and milk.  
Mon. Feb. 26 Fish sticks, mac-n-cheese, peas, peaches, milk  
Tues. Feb. 27 Ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, chips, apple slices, and milk.  
Wed. Feb. 28 Chili, cheese, donut, banana, milk  
Thurs. Feb. 29 Chicken alfredo, salad, garlic bread, apples salad, and milk  
Fri. March 1 Chicken nuggets, green beans, oranges, Oreo pudding, and milk

### ACOLYTES:

*Wed. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am – Hollis Wolfmeier*  
*Sat. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm – Addison Brier*

*Wed. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am -Sophia Zeiger*  
*Sat. March 2 Payton Liefer*

*Wed. March 6 8:30am-Elle Sutton*  
*Sat., March 9, 5pm-Brayden McCarthy*

*Wed. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm – Loreli Aubuchon*  
*Sun. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 8am – Joey Biffar*  
*Sun. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am – Brian Liefer*  
*Wed. Feb. 28 7pm-Case Hess*  
*Sun. March 3 8am Mallory Arbeiter*  
*Sun. March 3 10:30am Norah Wagner*  
*Wed. March 6, 7pm-Austin Stellhorn*  
*Sun. March 10 8am-Charlie Muench*  
*Sun. March 10 10:30am-Max Voss*

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Feb. 22 VB vs Steelville 5:30 pm  
Feb. 27 SIUC-7<sup>th</sup> grade science fair  
VB vs RBC

Feb. 23 VB “A” Trny @ Chester Lutheran  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Day Field Trip  
VB “C” Trny @ RBL

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Wed. Feb. 21 Lenten service @ church 8:30am & 7:00pm  
Fri. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>-EC Chapel led by Mr. Palm @ school (new gym) 8:30am

### FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- The current 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will host a Euchre Tournament on Sun. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Old Gym. Registration is \$15/person payable by cash only at the door. Lunch will be served from 12pm-3pm. The menu includes pulled pork, slaw, and potato salad prepared by SLAM catering. To go orders will be open to the public. Contact Chrystal Kiefer to pre-register.

**MATERNITY LEAVE NOTE:** Ms. Sara has begun her maternity leave. During this time, please direct all emails to [office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org). Fast Direct and Remind messages can be directed to Mr. Palm and/or Ms. Wilson or directly to your child's teacher. We welcome Gentry Joy Shepherd to our St. John's family!

**SINGING AT THE CARDINALS GAME:** As in years past our students will have the opportunity to sing “God Bless America” at the St. Louis Cardinals game on Fri. July 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will sing before the game, which begins at 7:15pm and will be played against the Washington Nationals. Tickets are \$30 each and seats are in sections 169-170. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Class of 2025. Please complete the attached ticket form and return with payment to the school office. Physical tickets will be distributed once they arrive.

### **2024 DINNER AUCTION:**

- Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual dinner auction "Beach Bash" will be held on Sat. March 16<sup>th</sup> at Hecker Community Center. Tickets are \$40/each and can be purchased using the attached flyer through the school office. Ticket price includes dinner, dessert, and select drinks. Donations can also be brought to the office at any time with the attached donation flyer.
- The auction decorating committee is in need of gently used sunglasses, sand/beach toys, and cleaned seashells. These should be items that you do not want returned to you. Any items can be placed in a boxed labeled auction decorations collection that will be in the school lobby until Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- SJL PARENT INCENTIVES- Any SJL parent who brings someone who has never been (OR hasn't been in a long time) to our school's auction will be entered into a drawing that will be held at the auction. If you bring more than one new person, your name will be entered in the drawing for each new person that you bring (five new people, will get your name in the drawing five times). The winner of the drawing will receive **\$250 SJL Cougar Cash** to be put towards that family's SJL account for registration, tuition, daycare, lunch, and/or BSAS Care. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased in the school office.
- The SJL class with the highest percentage of adults attending the auction will be treated to a Sno Cone party sponsored by Danny Schwartz Insurance Agency.
- Donations of bottles of wine or six packs of beer are once again needed for auction game prizes. Please bring donations to the school office.

**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 [cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org).

**Spelling Bee:** A Spelling Contest is being sponsored by the Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education. It will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at Immaculate Conception School with registration at 5:45. The following students will be representing our school: in fifth grade, Grant Florreich, with Maverick Cowell being an alternate. in sixth grade, Easton Ruebusch, with Blaine Rohlfing being an alternate, in seventh grade, Ella Cowell, with Maya Macbeth being an alternate. We thank these students for their willingness to compete in the Spelling Contest and wish them God's blessings on their efforts.

**Pajama Day:** To celebrate Leap Day on Thursday, February 29, 2024, we are having a "**LEAP OUT OF BED & WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL DAY**" for any student who brings in a nonperishable breakfast food item to school that day. These breakfast items could include peanut butter, jelly, pop tarts, granola bars, pancake mix, syrup, instant oatmeal packets, and boxed cereal. All food items will be donated to the Royal Table and Musketeer Market. \*Please make sure all pajamas are school-appropriate and students have tennis shoes to wear at recess.

**Language Arts Winners:** Here are Language Arts Book winners from each class who participated. Thank you to PTL for awarding each with a Five Dollar Bill! 1<sup>st</sup> Kolton Meier, Emma Schlueter 2<sup>nd</sup> None 3<sup>rd</sup> Claire Sachtleben, Liam Langrehr 4<sup>th</sup> Evlyn Heck 5<sup>th</sup> Sydney Krick, Alexa Cheek 6<sup>th</sup> Sophia Zeiger, Amelia Cheek 7<sup>th</sup> Tessa Stenzel, Jack Sachtleben 8<sup>th</sup> Lilly Meyer, Mallory Arbeiter These are the ribbon winners from each grade group: Blue: Grade Group K, 1, 2 Emma Schlueter "My Dog Harry and I" Fletcher Eggemeyer "Me and My Dog" Grade Group 3, 4, 5 Evlyn Heck "Super Rabbit's Training Story" Claire Sachtleben "Coco's Adventure" Grade Group 6, 7, 8 Sophia Zeiger "A Girl Named Charlotte Meeting Her and Getting to School" Mallory Arbeiter "A Gift for Sarah" White (Outstanding): Grade Group K, 1, 2 Kolton Meier "The Little Bear" Grade Group 3, 4, 5 Sydney Krick "Good Girls" Grade Group 6, 7, 8 Amelia Cheek "The Day Beardie Went to School" These Outstanding White Ribbon winners read their books at the Language Arts Festival on Monday the 12th. They will also represent our school at the Young Authors' Conference at Chester Grade School on March 16th.

**Achievement Testing:** Testing will be the week of April 22-26. Please avoid doctor, ortho, dental appointments during this week.

**Track Coach:** We are in search of a track coach, we are looking for someone who would be interested in taking over as track coach, Mr. Palm is willing to train the replacement this year for you to take over next year. If you have interest please reach out to Scott Voss or Mr. Palm.

**Pep Rally:** On February 29th we will have a pep rally to send our girls basketball team and cheerleaders off to LSA State competition in Chicago. The cheerleaders will be performing their routine that they will use in the state competition. All are welcome in the new gym at 2:15pm.

**Thank you:** On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran we want to thank all who helped, donated, and made the Prigge BBQ so successful this past weekend!

# EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Sunday February 25 at 1:00p



Doors Open at 12 noon  
Registration 12 noon – 1:00

## Fundraiser for SJL Class of 2026

- 7 games of Euchre, 12 hands per round (3 rounds = 1 game)
- Partners randomly rotated each round
- Team points follow player for all rounds
- Prizes awarded for top 3 places
- \$15.00 registration per person (pay at door, cash only)
- Food 12 noon- 3pm (TO GO Orders are Open to the Public)  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Slaw, and Potato Salad by SLAM Catering

Location: St. John's Lutheran School Old Gym  
808 South Main St., Red Bud, IL

### Contact for Reservations:

Chrystal Kiefer at 618-201-7683 (call or text), or email at  
ChrystalKiefer@gmail.com



St. John's Lutheran School

## Field Performance at Busch Stadium

The students of SJL will be singing

"God Bless America"

**July 26th, 2024 (Friday)**

**Cardinals vs Nationals**

@ 7:15p

**Ticket price - \$30**

Ticket Valued at \$70

**Section 169 - 170**

**You are encouraged to invite extended family**

Please complete bottom section of this form and send your payment to reserve tickets:

St. John's Lutheran School  
SJL Cardinals Game  
808 South Main Street  
Red Bud, IL 62278

Tickets will be delivered to you after purchase

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30 per ticket)  
(Please order together if you would like to sit with a particular group)  
Yes, my child will be singing on the field  
Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



Checks may be written to St. John's Lutheran School

Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2025  
Questions: Contact Beth Kilpatrick (618)318-0286



## St. John's Lutheran School's 14th Annual Dinner Auction Donation Form

Please fill out one form for each donation. Thank you!

Contact Information: Donor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Offer a service, purchase a gift card, or an item.  
Donate an experience or tickets to an event.

Be creative! No donation is too small! Cash donations are always welcome too!

Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Value: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one:  
 Donation Included  
 I will send/deliver my donation to St. John's Lutheran School office by March 1, 2024  
 Please arrange to pick up my item  
 I have enclosed a cash donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AD Information:  
What size AD? (Please check one)  
 Whole Page - \$110  1/2 Page - \$60  1/4 Page - \$45  Business Card Size - \$35  
Please email a business card, typeset ad, or a photo to erin.krick@gmail.com



## St. John's Lutheran School's 14th Dinner Auction

Saturday, March 16, 2024  
Hecker Community Center

The Dinner Auction has become the largest fundraiser for St. John's Lutheran School and your support is greatly appreciated. We recommend purchasing your tickets early in order to accommodate your seating requests.

For further ticket or donation information, please contact  
Erin Krick, 618-615-3821,  
erin.krick@gmail.com

Each couple or individual attending receives special auction material that must be prepared in advance. Please enter complete information for ALL those in which you are purchasing tickets for.

Tickets are \$40/per person (until February 29th)  
(\$45/per person at the door)  
and includes:  
Dinner & Dessert  
Unlimited refills on soft drinks, draft beer & the specialty drink of the evening.  
Doors open at 5:00pm  
Silent Auction 5:00-8:30pm  
Dinner served promptly at 6:00pm  
Live Auction begins at 7:30pm

Make checks payable to:  
St. John's Lutheran PTL

Enclosed is my payment for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Total number of attendees \_\_\_\_\_.

I will not be able to attend.  
Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

(All donations will be recognized in the dinner auction program.)

To reserve your seats, please send this form and payment to:  
St. John's Lutheran School  
Attn: Dinner Auction  
808 S. Main Street  
Red Bud, IL 62278

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be seated with:

Tickets WILL NOT be distributed. Once payment is received, your name will be placed on an attendance list and you will be checked in at the door the evening of the auction.

### Return this form and your donation to:

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Attn: Dinner Auction  
808 S. Main Street  
Red Bud, IL 62278

### Questions?

Contact: Erin Krick  
618-615-3821  
erin.krick@gmail.com

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL & DAYCARE**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

# pajama day!

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# PLAY BALL

## Red Bud District 19 Summer League 2024 Registration *(Baseball, Softball, Coach Pitch & T-ball)*

Open Registration:  
**Thursday, February 1, 2024 – Thursday, February 29, 2024**  
<https://redbudathleticassociation.sportngin.com/register/form/230083372>

First time player must submit copy of birth certificate.  
 (a picture or scanned image should be uploaded during registration)

**Boys & Girls T-ball**  
 Players must be 3 on or before September 1, 2023, to be eligible for 3-year-old T-ball

**RBAA Registration Fee:**  
 1 = \$75.00; 2 = \$145; 3 = \$215  
**REFUNDABLE** Work Fee - \$30 per player (\$60 family max)  
 Various opportunities will be posted on our Facebook page -  
 Red Bud Athletic Association

**\*\*Coaching opportunities available\*\***

**\*Fan apparel store coming soon! See our Facebook page in March\***

For questions, email Kyle Herriman, [rbaapresident@gmail.com](mailto:rbaapresident@gmail.com) or  
 Jenn Falkenhain, [jennfalkenhain@gamil.com](mailto:jennfalkenhain@gamil.com)

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

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade,

During this Lenten season in the month of March, Grades 3-8 and Grades K-2 will be singing in Sunday morning worship services! On Sunday, March 10th, Grades 3-8 will sing a piano and strings arrangement of the the well-known Lenten hymn, "What Wondrous Love is This?" in the 10:30 AM service. A week later, on Sunday, March 17th, Grades K-2 will sing the beautiful song, "Best of All Friends" 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 song sheets 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 hem 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

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

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

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

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

(please circle one) **will**      **will not** be present to sing on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 AM

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