



# 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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<http://fastdir.com/stjohnsredbud/>

**Birthdays: Students-** 3/2 Emerson Burmester 3/4 Bennett Buch, McKenzie Niemeyer 3/5 Sadie Stellhorn 3/6 Luke Pollard  
**Staff-2/28** Elisabeth Schaefer

**Half-Birthdays: Students-8/28** Austin Stellhorn 8/29 Aubrey Valleroy, Grayson Wallace 8/31 Lewiston Wicklein  
**Staff-**none

### LUNCH:

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

Mon. March 4 French toast sticks, hashbrown, sausage, yogurt w/fruit, and milk.

Tues. March 5 Chicken patty, corn, pears, brownie, and milk.

Wed. March 6 Taco soup, cheese, tortilla chips, grapes, and milk.

Thurs. March 7 Cheeseburger noodles, green beans, cake, mixed fruit, and milk.

Fri. March 8 Mini corndogs, baked beans, peaches, jello, and milk.

### Acolytes:

Wed. Feb. 28, 8:30am -Sophia Zeiger

Sat. March 2 5pm-Payton Liefer

Wed. March 6 8:30am-Elle Sutton

Sat., March 9 5pm-Brayden McCarthy

Wed. March 13 8:30am-Jozlynn Palm

Sat. March 16 5pm-Kellen Herriman

Wed. Feb. 28 7pm-Case Hess

Sun. March 3 8am-Joey Biffar

Sun. March 3 10:30am-Kade Liefer

Wed. March 6, 7pm-Austin Stellhorn

Sun. March 10 8am-Charlie Muench

Sun. March 10 10:30am-Max Voss

Wed. March 13 7pm-Brynlee Liefer

Sun. March 17 8am-Carson Bowles

Sun March 17 10:30am-Brooke Wolter

**There is school on Monday, March 4! There is no bus service because the Public Schools are closed! Morning care and aftercare are available.**

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Feb. 29 Pep Rally @ 2:15

March 1-3 LSA State GBB & Cheer

March 4-7 OVC A Trny @ RBC

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Wed. Feb. 28 Lenten service @ church 8:30am & 7:00 pm

Fri. March 1 EC Chapel at church 8:30 am led by Mrs. Liefer & Second Grade

**MATERNITY LEAVE NOTE:** Ms. Sara continues 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.

**Eighth Grade Parents & Guests:** All forms and payments for the upcoming class trip are due Friday, March 1, to Mr. Becker.

**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. **As of March 1 tickets are \$45/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.
- Homework Passes: Any parent who attends the auction will have the opportunity to purchase homework passes for their child(ren) in grades 3-8. Passes for grades 3-5: 1 for \$10 grades 6-8 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Limits apply.
- 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.

**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.

**Young Authors:** Young Authors' Conference: Our White Ribbon "Outstanding" Language Arts Winners, Kolton Meier, Sydney Krick, and Amelia Cheek, will be attending the Young Authors' Conference at Chester Grade School on March 16th! Their Language Arts books will be on display and will receive an official seal from the Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education. Medals will be awarded to each student for such a well-written book! The keynote speaker for the conference is children's book author Julie Turnipseed who will teach the students about her writing process. The students can meet her, buy some of her books, and even get them autographed!

**Attention Golfers:** There will be a mandatory parent/player meeting at 5:30 in the school cafeteria on March 6th. We will be going over expectations and discussing schedules. This is open to 4th-8th graders.



## 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

**Return this form and your donation to:**  
 St. John's Lutheran School  
 Attn: Dinner Auction  
 808 S. Main Street  
 Red Bud, IL 62278

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

"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: \_\_\_\_\_



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



## 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

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

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.

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

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

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.

**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)

<b>Boys &amp; Girls T-ball</b>
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Players must be 3 on or before September 1, 2023, to be eligible for 3-year-old T-ball
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<b><u>RBAA Registration Fee:</u></b>
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1 = \$75.00; 2 = \$145; 3 = \$215
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<b>REFUNDABLE</b> Work Fee - \$30 per player (\$60 family max)
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Various opportunities will be posted on our Facebook page - Red Bud Athletic Association
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<b>**Coaching opportunities available**</b>
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**\*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) \_\_\_\_\_