



Cougar Tracks



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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

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/>

Lunch:

Thurs. April 25 – Grilled cheese, spaghetti, green beans, oranges, and milk.
Fri. April 26 – Turkey wrap, carrots, chips, banana, and milk.
Mon. April 29 – Hamburger noodles, green beans, pears, cornbread, and milk.
Tue. April 30 – Biscuits and gravy, hashbrown, yogurt w/fruit, granola bar, and milk.
Wed. May 1 – Popcorn chicken, corn, oranges, chocolate mousse, and milk.
Thurs. May 2 – Chicken soft taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.
Fri. May 3 – Meatballs, mac-n-cheese, peas, peaches, and milk.

What's going on at school:

4-24 – Voter's Meeting @ Church 7pm	4-28 – AriSon Concert, 6:30pm
4-25 – Scholastic Book Fair @ School 3-7pm	4-29 – AriSon Concert, 9am
4-25 – Golf @ NCCC vs RBC & Waterloo, 4pm	4-29 – RBHS Band Concert, 10:45am
4-26 – Spring Musical, 10am & 7pm	

Chapel Schedule: **There will be no more Friday Early Childhood Chapel services this school year.**

Fri. April 26th – 10am All School Spring Musical Dress Rehearsal
Wed. May 1st – 3-8th Grade Chapel Service Led by Ms. Ruhman and 5th Grade

Achievement Testing: Testing will continue through this Fri. April 26th. Please avoid medical appointments during this time.

Scholastic Book Fair: Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held April 23-25th in the new gym lobby. Students will be making their wish lists on April 23rd & 24th. Students with e-wallets, exact change, and/or a check will be able to shop from 1-2:30pm on Thurs. April 25th. All others can shop the book fair on April 25th from 3-7pm. See the attached flyer for more information regarding how to set up an e-wallet for your student(s).

School Musical: Our spring musical “Splash Kingdom” will be held Friday, April 26th in the Old Gym. Performances will be at 10am and 7pm. Students are asked to wear their school theme t-shirts for this year (Seek First the Kingdom) with “beachy” shorts for our spring musical on April 26th. Shorts must follow school dress code for length. Please also plan to wear tennis shoes, no flip-flops or sandals.

Ted Drewes: The 6th grade class will be selling Ted Drewes frozen custard after the Spring Musical on Friday. Individual servings of chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry will be available for \$5 each. Thank you from the class of 2026!

7th Grade BBQ: Let us make lunch for you this Sun. April 28th. The Class of 2025 will be serving BBQ Pork Steak, Brats, Mac & Cheese, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans beginning at 10:15am in the school parking lot. There will also be a free will offering bake sale. Proceeds will benefit the class's upcoming trip to Washington DC.

AriSon Concert: Dear members of St. John's Lutheran Church and School, you are cordially invited to a Christian and Lutheran Concert that will be held in the new gymnasium on April 28 at 6:30 pm. We are blessed to have Jennie Williamson back in our building. She is a performer for all ages and shares the greatest message; Christ Crucified. Our students are familiar with her songs, and our teachers love her music as well! We hope to see you there! **A free will cheesy mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, and desserts supper will be held starting at 5:00 pm in the old gym.**

Teacher Appreciation Week: We will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week (TAW) May 6th-10th. The PTL is busy planning a fun week to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them. A signup sheet for lunch and recess coverage will be coming soon. If you are interested in treating your child's teacher, here's a list of his/her favorites:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Zhfq1FfGoTgl9jgw4sxRH9EAXkzdhfvN0d3YTyjK0t8/edit?usp=sharing>

Opening for a Head Cook School & Daycare

After receiving fourteen years of wonderful service from Mrs. Jill Gross as our head cook, she will move on to new endeavors. We thank her for her dedication over the years. She has graciously offered to do one last item for the school and daycare; train her replacement. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 618-282-3873 or office@stjohnsredbud.org. Must have or be willing to obtain the “Food Manager's Certificate” from the State of Illinois.

Service Project: Kindergarten and First Grade will begin our service project on April 22. We will again be helping Royal Table and Musketeer Market supply their students in need with snacks for the summer. We will also have snacks available for our own families. Families in need may ask in the school office. We are using Thrivent Matching Gift cards to purchase some of the snacks. We are also asking our students and their families to help with donations or cash. The following snacks are needed: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn and boxes of pancake mix. A collection site will be set up in the school lobby where you can leave any donations by May 8. Thanks for your help!

Upcoming Field Trips:

-Kindergarten and First Grade will visit St. Louis Zoo on Fri. May 3rd. Students & guests will travel by bus or car and should plan to bring lunch or purchase at the zoo. We will depart by 8:15am and return to school by 2:30pm.
-Second and Third Grade will visit St. Louis Aquarium on Monday, May 6th. More details will come home later.
-8th Grade will travel to the seminary on Mon. May 13th.

Yearbooks: A flyer regarding yearbook orders will be sent home with your student(s) this week. Yearbooks are \$25 each which can be paid via cash, check, or through fast direct. Please complete the attached form to place your order and turn it in to the school office with your payment. Orders are due **Monday, May 13th**!

Junior Youth: Junior and Senior Youth Group (and family and friends) Event/Fundraiser. This is open to anyone, any age! This is a private event for families of our school only (Or whoever you want to bring along). The event will be Tue. May 28th at Skate City in Belleville from 6-8 pm. The skating rink will be closed to the general public. This time slot will be for anyone that you invite to come along! The cost is \$7 admission and \$4 skate rental if needed. Then, the Senior youth will earn back \$3- \$4 per skater in the door that they can use toward the National Youth Gathering that they have been fundraising for! They do have a concession stand that will be open.

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 26th. 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.

Christ Our Savior Ag. / Carnival: Grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 4th will be going to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville on April 26 for a fun day of agriculture learning and carnival activities. This will take place in the afternoon from noon - 2pm. A bus will be available at no cost to take students and it will leave our school at 11:45. Parents may come. A permission slip will be handed out with more information, and it needs to be returned by April 17, please. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Rebekah Liefer.

SCRIP Program: Our Scrip gift card program is back up and running as Ms. Sara has returned! You can once again order cards through the school office and designate a student account to apply rebates to. Please use the attached form to order. If you would like to order a brand not listed call the school office to see if the card is available. Payment via cash or check is due at the time of order. **Our next order will be placed Tuesday, May 7th.** Gift cards make perfect graduation gifts and can also be purchased for many hotels and airline companies.

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 last day of school May 14th.** 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 balance 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.

Volunteer Lunch: We invite our volunteers to a thank you lunch on Tue. May 21st at noon in the school cafeteria. Invitations have been mailed out. We look forward to celebrating all you do to help our school that day!

End of the Year Notes:

- Please be sure to review account balances prior to the end of the year. If you have any questions contact the school office. Please see the breakdown below if you would like to pay ahead on your lunch account for the end of the year.
- The last day of school is scheduled for May 14th. We will dismiss at 11:20am.
- Our annual sports awards banquet will be held Wed. May 15th at 6:30pm in the old gym.
- Graduation will be held Thursday May 16th at 7pm at School.
- Registration Night for 2024-2025 will held Wed. July 10th from 4-7pm in the New Gym Lobby.
- The first day of school for the 2024-2025 school year will be Tue. August 13th.

Community Events/Camps:

- Stem Girls 2024 - The camp will be held June 10-14 from 9-3 each day at SWIC Red Bud Campus. This year's focus will be on physiological systems and their functions. Learn how scientists and engineers analyze and intervene in systems. Registration is open until May 3rd. Please use the QR code on the attached flyer or contact Marybeth McCormick at mmccormick@roe45.net
- Swim Team – Join the Red Bud Waverunners for a summer of swimming! Registration is open through May 15th. See the attached flyer for more information.
- Red Bud Public Library has started a Teen Book Club open to ages 13-19. The club meets from 5:30-6:30pm at the public library. Reading the monthly book is not required to attend the meeting, feel free to come and hang out with fellow book enthusiasts!

Lunch Payments

April 24th – May 13th (Last Day Lunch Served)

K-2 - \$42 for Lunch, \$7 for Morning Milk - \$49.00 Total
3-8 - \$45.50 for Lunch, \$7 for Morning Milk - \$52.50 Total

May 1st – May 13th (Last Day Lunch Served)

K-2 - \$27 for Lunch, \$4.50 for Morning Milk - \$31.50 Total
3-8 - \$29.25 for Lunch, \$4.50 for Morning Milk - \$33.75 Total



More Bookjoy, less hassle—with eWallet!

This year, say *goodbye* to giving your kids crumpled bills and loose change...and *hello* to **eWallet**, a super-convenient, secure digital payment account, for the Scholastic Book Fair. Setting up an eWallet for your child empowers them to choose their own books and effortlessly check out during the Best. Week. Ever. at their school. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs. Now, that's a win-win!



Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnlutherschool9>

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Summer Snack Drive

To Support Royal Table & Musketeer Market

Donations of granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn, and boxes of pancake mix are most needed. Cash donations are also graciously accepted!

MON - APRIL 22, 2024 - WED - MAY 8, 2024

LOOK FOR THE DONATION BOX IN THE NEW GYM LOBBY

Additional Funding:
Thrivent Action Teams

www.ArtSonRecords.com www.JennieWilliamson.com

GOD IS GREAT! CONCERT

By Christian Recording Artist
JENNIE WILLIAMSON

An exciting music ministry impacting the hearts and lives of youth and families around the world! Jennie Williamson brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! The music and live events are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience.

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL - RED BUD
April 28, 2024! 6:30pm Concert!
Free Will Offering Dinner at 5:00pm
FOR ALL AGES! INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

It's time to order your...

2023-2024 Yearbooks



**\$25
Each**

Complete the form below

Detach & return to the school office by Mon. May 13th
Include payment via Check, Cash, or Fast Direct.

Watch for a Facebook post when yearbooks arrive

Complete entire form and return to the school office by Mon. May 13th. Yearbooks are \$25 each and payment must be included with your order.

Student Name(s): _____

Number of Yearbooks: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Payment Method (Circle One): Cash Check Fast Direct



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 Scrip Card Order Form

Name(s): _____

Circle the denomination you would like, fill in quantity, and total dollar amount.

Retail Stores	Qty	\$ Total	Restaurants	Qty	\$ Total
Academy Sports + Outdoors - \$25 (4%)			Arby's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Ace Hardware - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Applebee's - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Amazon - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.7%)			Bob Evans - \$10, \$25 (10%)		
American Eagle - \$25 (10%)			Buffalo Wild Wings - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
American Express - \$25, \$100, \$200 (1.5%)			Burger King - \$10, \$25 (6%)		
Apple Store/Apple.com - \$15, \$25, \$100, \$500 (5%)			Cheesecake Factory - \$25 (5%)		
Bass Pro Shops - \$25, \$100 (9%)			Chili's Grill - \$25, \$50 (11%)		
Bath & Body Works - \$10, \$25 (12%)			Chipotle Mexican Grill - \$10, \$25 (9%)		
Best Western - \$25, \$100 (10%)			Cinnabon/Auntie Annes - \$25 (6%)		
Carter's - \$25 (10%)			Cracker Barrel - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Casey's - \$25, \$50, \$100 (3%)			Dairy Queen - \$10, \$25 (6.5%)		
Circle K - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Darden Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Dick's Sporting Goods - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Denny's - \$10 (7%)		
Dierbergs - \$50, \$100 (2.5%)			Domino's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Disney - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$1000 (3%)			Dunkin Donuts - \$10, \$25 (3.5%)		
Five Below - \$25 (2.5%)			Freddy's - \$25 (8%)		
Fresh Thyme Market - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Golden Corral - \$25 (9%)		
Google Play - \$25 (3%)			Hardee's - \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Home Depot - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			Ihop - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Instacart - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Jack in the Box - \$10 (4%)		
JcPenney - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Jimmy John's - \$25 (8%)		
Journey's - \$25 (10%)			Krispy Kreme - \$10 (8%)		
Kohl's - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Little Caesars Pizza - \$20 (8%)		
Lowe's - \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			LongHorn Steakhouse - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Macy's - \$25, \$100 (10%)			McAlister's Deli - \$10, \$25 (6%)		
Maurices - \$20 (7%)			McDonald's - \$10, \$25 (3%)		
Menards - \$25, \$100, \$500 (3%)			Olive Garden - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Michaels - \$25 (6%)			Outback Steakhouse - \$25, \$50 (10%)		
MotoMart - \$50 (5%)			Panda Express - \$25 (8%)		
Old Navy - \$25, \$100 (14%)			Panera Bread - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Phillips 66 - \$25, \$100 (1.5%)			Papa John's Pizza - \$10 (8%)		
Ross Dress for Less - \$25 (8%)			Pizza Hut - \$10 (8%)		
Sam's Club - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)			Red Lobster - \$25 (8%)		
Scheels - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Red Robin - \$25 (8%)		
Sephora - \$25 (5%)			Sonic - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Shutterfly - \$25 (9%)			Starbucks - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (4.5%)		
Southwest Airlines - \$250 (4%)			Subway - \$10, \$50 (4.5%)		
T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Taco Bell - \$5, \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Target - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (2.5%)			Texas Roadhouse - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Topgolf - \$50 (8%)			TGI Friday's - \$25 (9%)		
TownPlace Suites Marriott - \$100 (2%)			Wendy's - \$25 (6%)		
Ulta - \$25 (7%)			Yard House Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Visa - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (1.25%)			Zaxby's - \$25 (8%)		
Walgreens - \$25, \$100 (5%)					
Walmart - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)					
Wayfair - \$100 (6%)					

Total Cards Ordered: _____ Total Amount of All Cards: _____
Please apply our earned rebate to: Lunch Tuition Registration After Care Pre-K Tuition Daycare
 I will pick-up my cards _____ Please send my cards with my student _____



**RED BUD
WAVERRUNNERS**

**SPLASH INTO SUMMER
WITH SWIM TEAM**

Whether you're a first-time swimmer or have been swimming for years, come join us for a fun summer of swimming!

- April 15th through May 15th - Registration open
<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/recsrbw/page/team-registration>
- May 30th - Family Night/Parent Meeting @ 6pm Red Bud Pool
- May 28th to May 31st - Open Swim 11 & up: 9-10 am, 10 & under: 10 -11 am
- June 3rd - First Day of Practice

CONTACT US
redbudswimteam@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/RBWaverunners

WAVERRUNNER APPAREL
<https://rbwaverunners.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
 Any questions about apparel please contact Jackie - 618-920-3903

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