



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/>

Lunch:

Thurs. May 2 – Chicken soft taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.
 Fri. May 3 – Meatballs, mac-n-cheese, peas, peaches, and milk.
 Mon. May 6 – French toast sticks, hashbrown, sausage, yogurt/fruit, and milk.
 Tue. May 7 – Grilled ham and cheese, corn, pineapple, iced graham cracker, and milk.
 Wed. May 8 – Cheeseburger noodles, green beans, grapes, brownie, and milk.
 Thurs. May 9 – Chicken nuggets, French fries, strawberries, cookie, and milk.
 Fri. May 10 – Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, oreo pudding, and milk.

What's going on at school:

5-3 – K and 1st Grade to St. Louis Zoo

5-6 – 2nd and 3rd Grade to St. Louis Zoo

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

Thurs. May 9th - Ascension Day Service @ Church, All School Chapel, 8:30am
 Tue. May 14th – Closing Chapel Service, New Gym, 8:30am

Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you for your generous support of our Scholastic Book Fair. Every teacher was able to choose \$70 worth of books for their classroom. If you were unable to attend or a book your child wanted was sold out click on the following link to order. Ordering will close May 5th! <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnslutherschool9>

Ted Drewes: Thank you for supporting the class of 2026 by purchasing Ted Drewes after the musical. 10 strawberry cups remain. Please see the office if you are interested in “scooping” them up! Thank You!

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. If you are interested in treating your child's teacher, here's a list of his/her favorites: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Zhfg1FfGoTgl9jgw4sxRH9EAXkzdhfvN0d3YTjyK0t8/edit?usp=sharing>
- The PTL is coordinating a teacher favorite for TAW – lunch and recess coverage! Please use the following link to sign up if you available to help treat our teachers to a peaceful lunch during the week of May 6th. <https://volunteersignup.org/EQYC3> This link is also pinned to our school Facebook page.

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 began their donation drive 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 “pool” is 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 Zoo on Monday, May 6th. More details will come home later.
- 8th Grade will travel to – The Saxon Lutheran Memorial & Lutheran Heritage Center on Tue. May 7th and to the Seminary on Mon. May 13th.

Yearbooks: 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.

Lost and Found: A table of lost and found items is set up by the main entrance. Please check for any items your student(s) may have lost.
Kindergarten Screening: Screenings for Kindergarten students for next school year, 2024-2025, will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 4-6 pm. , Wednesday, May 22 from 1-5 pm and Friday, May 24 from 9-11 am. Please call the school office and speak to Sara to schedule a time for your 2024-2025 Kindergarten student.

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held June 17-21 at SCHOOL. You can register your child(ren) through the following link: <https://ybsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudLL>. All information is posted online, and volunteers can sign up using the same link. Come join the fun and Celebrate the Savior with us!

Thank You:

- A huge thank you to all who supported the Class of 2026 with their Ted Drewes fundraiser after the musical!
- Thank you to all those who supported the Class of 2025 at their recent BBQ on Sunday morning/afternoon. We would not have been successful without your support!
- Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the delicious pre-concert meal on Sunday afternoon/early evening!
- A MASSIVE thank you to our AMAZING PTL for providing the funds for our Christian Concert with Jeannie! Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fellowship with the other schools who were able to attend!

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.
- The last day of school is scheduled for May 14th. We will dismiss at 11:20am. No lunch or after school care available.
- 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/Book 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!
- The Red Bud Muskets are sponsoring a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament at Lincoln Park on Sat. June 29th. See the attached flyer for more information.

St. John's Lutheran
Teachers and Staff are
SUN-sational!
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
Monday, May 6th- Friday, May 10th

It's time to celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff!
Below is an itinerary of events PTL has planned for the week.
We have also included ideas for you and your family to give our
teachers and staff the appreciation they deserve!
Recess/Lunch coverage & staff favorite lists can be found in the Cougar Tracks!

Monday PTL will be providing a special gift in teacher and staff mailboxes! Idea: Have your child bring their teacher a flower.	Tuesday "Hawaiian" Taco Tuesday from SLAM Catering for all teachers and staff. Idea: Have your child write their teacher a card.
Wednesday PTL will be providing Crumbl cookies in the teacher's lounge! Idea: Have your child bring their teacher a needed school supply.	Thursday Teacher and Staff fellowship hour at Lieferbrau from 3:00 - 6:00. Idea: Have your child wear their teacher's favorite color!
Friday Teachers and staff will be provided breakfast burritos! Idea: have your child give compliments to any teacher or staff all day long.	Thank You for supporting your child in showing their appreciation for our Teachers and Staff! - St. John's PTL

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



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

S.J.L 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



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



DANNY SCHWARTZ AGENCY
618-235-2091



3 on 3 @ Lincoln Park

Saturday, June 29th – Games Begin at 1PM

Both Boys and Girls Divisions - Grades 5th-12th

3-4 Players/Team - \$60/Team

Awards to be presented to top 3 teams of each division!

Divisions

-5th/6th Grade

-7th/8th Grade

-Fresh/Soph

-Junior/Senior

-Recent Grads

Younger players are welcome to compete in the 5th/6th grade division. Grades are to be selected based on the upcoming school year. Games will begin at 1PM with the youngest division for both boys and girls, working up. Recent Graduates will be the last division played. Divisions subject to change based on sign up responses.

Name _____ Grade _____ T-shirt Size _____

Payment Method – Check Cash Venmo

Make Checks payable to Musket Athletic Club or Venmo @ *Muskets-Football* (Specify in Comments)

P.O. Box 101 – Red Bud, IL 62278

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/recsscwbw/page/team-registration>
- May 30th – Family Night/Parent Meeting @ 6pm Red Bud Pool
- May 28th to May 31st – Open Swim II & 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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