

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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December 4, 2024

Heaven Bound

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

LUNCH:

Thurs. Dec. 5 - Chicken alfredo, salad, garlic bread, apple salad, and milk.

Fri. Dec. 6 - Pizza, corn, pears, rice crispy treat, and milk.

Mon. Dec. 9 - French toast sticks, sausage, hashbrown, strawberry yogurt, and milk.

Tue. Dec. 10 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, and milk.

Wed. Dec. 11 - Hamburger macaroni, salad, garlic bread, peaches, and milk.

Thurs. Dec. 12 - Beef soft taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.

Fri. Dec. 13 - Popcorn chicken, green beans, pineapple, cookie, and milk.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Dec. 4 - 3-5 Christmas Program, 7pm, Old Gym

Thurs. Dec. 5 - BBB v. PDR, 6pm

Fri. Dec. 6 - GBB "A" Trny @ Edwardsville

Fri. Dec. 6 - BBB "C" Trny @ RBC

Mon. Dec. 9 - GBB v. Evansville, 6pm

Tue. Dec. 10 - GBB v. Chester Lutheran, 6pm

Wed. Dec. 11 - K-2 Christmas Program, Old Gym

9am & 7pm Performances

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- Wed. Dec. 4th - 3-5 Christmas Program, 7pm Performance, Old Gym
- Wed. Dec. 11th - K-2 Christmas Program, 9am & 7pm Performances, Old Gym

DEBT ELIMINATION CHALLENGE: We have been presented with a matching opportunity to help decrease our congregation's debt through the end of the year. A group of anonymous donors have agreed to match up to \$150,000 in contributions. Contributions may be brought to the school office or placed in the offering basket labeled "Debt Elimination." Please do not use your regular offering envelopes for these contributions. **SCHOOL FAMILIES** - you have the unique opportunity to contribute to this wonderful opportunity through a classroom challenge. See the attached flyer for more details and the chance to DUCT TAPE Mr. Palm to the wall! **So far \$4294.14 has been collected by school families! Kindergarten is currently in the lead with an average of \$46.66/student.**

VOLLEYBALL COACH NEEDED: We are in search of an individual or group interested in coaching volleyball for the upcoming season. If interested, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Scott Voss at 618-713-1652. Thank You!

CHRISTMAS COTTAGE: Our annual Christmas Cottage will be held Thurs. Dec. 5th and Fri. Dec. 6th in the school library. Letters explaining the event and envelopes to return with shopping money have been sent home with all students. All students in grades PreK 3-8th grade will have the opportunity to shop during school hours. Please note – students will only be able to purchase gifts with money sent from home. Proceeds from this event benefit the current 8th grade class and their trip to Washington D.C. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

SCHOOL/CHURCH KEYS: If you have checked out a set of church and/or school keys and are no longer using them please return them to the office as soon as possible. Thank You!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Grades 3-5 will be going Christmas caroling to Red Bud Garden Place on Fri. Dec. 13th. We will leave school at 1:20pm and return at approximately 1:50pm. Drivers will be needed. A permission slip will be coming home next week.

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE: On Sundays, Dec. 8th, and 15th primary Sunday school students will meet in the front of church to practice our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will begin practice at 9:25am and will dismiss from there at 10:15am. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 6:00pm at the church. Thank You!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The Christmas season is approaching quickly. If any students are interested in playing an instrument and/or singing before the service or during the Offertory, please let Mrs. Hudak know. This year's service schedule is as follows:

- Grades 3-5, Dec. 4th, Advent Service, 9am & 7pm, Old Gym
- Grades K-2, Dec. 11th, Children's Christmas Service, 9am & 7pm, Old Gym
- Preschool & Daycare, Dec. 18th, Early Childhood Christmas Service, 9am & 7pm, Old Gym
- Grades 6-8, Dec. 20th, Road to Bethlehem Pageant, 9am & 7pm, Church

SCRIP ORDERS: The holiday season is quickly approaching. If you plan to give the gift of gift cards this year consider purchasing through the school. Cards are purchased through Scrip at a discounted rate and the rebate amount is applied to the account of your choice. See the attached order form to place your order. Orders are placed every other Tuesday with the next order being placed December 10th. Payment is due at the time of order. If you have any questions please reach out to Sara in the office.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- The current 8th grade class is selling butterbraids and pizzas through Show Me Dough. If you would like to place an order to support their upcoming trip, please do so this week. Orders are due Mon. Dec. 9th.
- The current 6th grade class will receive 5% of all sales at Sparta Dairy Queen on Thurs. Dec. 5th from 5-7pm. Order round-ups and cash donations will support the class of 2027.

THE WARMING TREE: As in years past we have set up a warming tree in our school lobby. Donations of hats, coats, socks, gloves, and blankets are being accepted. These items will be donated to members of the community to help them stay warm during the cold winter months. Donations may be hung on the tree or dropped off in the bin next to it. Only new and clean, gently used items are accepted and should be brought by Dec. 20th. Thank you!!

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Mrs. Susan Luttmann will serve as the director of our before & after school program 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, Dec. 20th, April 17th, 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 surpass \$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 Susan Luttmann at sluttman@stjohnsredbud.org

SAVE THE DATES:

- Holy Communion Service, Thurs. Dec. 12th @ 3pm.
- February 5 - Preschool Registration and All School Open House
- Annual Dinner Auction, Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Hecker Community Center

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%)			Applebee's - \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Ace Hardware - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Arby's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Amazon - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.6%)			Bob Evans - \$10, \$25 (10%)		
American Eagle - \$25 (10%)			Buffalo Wild Wings - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Apple Store/Apple.com - \$15, \$25, \$100, \$500 (5%)			Cheesecake Factory - \$25 (5%)		
Bass Pro Shops - \$25, \$100 (9%)			Chili's Grill & Bar - \$25, \$50 (11%)		
Bath & Body Works - \$10, \$25 (12%)			Chipotle Mexican Grill - \$10, \$25 (9%)		
Carter's - \$25 (10%)			Cracker Barrel - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Casey's - \$25, \$50, \$100 (3%)			Dairy Queen - \$10, \$25 (6.5%)		
Chewy.com - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Darden Restaurants - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Circle K - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Denny's - \$10 (7%)		
Dick's Sporting Goods - \$25, \$100 (8%)			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 - \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			Ihop - \$25 (8%)		
Instacart - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Jack in the Box - \$10 (4%)		
JcPenney - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Jimmy John's - \$25 (8%)		
Kohl's - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Little Caesars Pizza - \$20 (8%)		
Lowe's - \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			LongHorn Steakhouse - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Macy's - \$25, \$100 (10%)			McAlister's Deli - \$10, \$25 (7%)		
Maurices - \$20 (7%)			McDonald's - \$10, \$25 (3%)		
Menards - \$25, \$100, \$500 (3%)			Olive Garden - \$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 - \$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 - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)			Red Lobster - \$25 (8%)		
Scheels - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Red Robin - \$25 (8%)		
Sephora - \$25 (6.5%)			Sonic - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Shutterfly - \$25 (9%)			Starbucks - \$10, \$25, \$50 (4.5%)		
Southwest Airlines - \$250 (4%)			Subway - \$10, \$50 (4.5%)		
T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Taco Bell - \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Target - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (2.5%)			Texas Roadhouse - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Topgolf - \$50 (8%)			TGI Friday's - \$25 (9%)		
Total Wine & More - \$25, \$100 (7%)			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 - \$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 _____

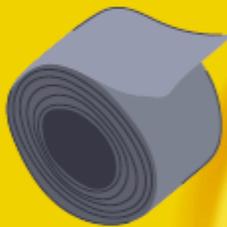


St. John's Lutheran Church & School

DUCT-ING OUT OF DEBT CHALLENGE



**THE CLASS THAT COLLECTS THE MOST MONEY
WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO**



DUCT TAPE



MR. PALM TO THE WALL!



**NOVEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 19
CLASSROOM COMPETITION**

WEEKLY UPDATES ON WEDNESDAY



All donations will be matched!





RED BUD YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Announces

2024 - 2025 REGISTRATION SIGN UP ONLINE

From December 3 through December 13

Please register at:

<https://redbudathleticassociation.sportngin.com/register/form/824551120>

Registration fees:

K - 3rd grade = \$30

4th grade = \$90

Open to youth from all RBHS feeder schools

Practices to begin mid-December (first practice 12/14)

Games January - February

K - 3

Practice one night a week at RBHS
Pick-up Game format Saturdays Jan/Feb

4th

Practice one night a week at RBHS/RBES
Games in St Louis Jan/Feb

Trained Volunteer Adult Head Coaches
with the help of youth who are learning how to coach
Questions/Concerns Contact Abby Carter via email/text:
afc7703@gmail.com/618-559-7437

Mission Statement: We are a non-competitive learning environment. Our primary focus is to introduce the game of basketball in a fun setting so that kids in Red Bud have the opportunity to decide if this is an activity they want to pursue.