

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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Psalm 98:4

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth: break forth in joyous song and sing praise!”

August 13, 2025

LUNCH:

Thurs. Aug. 14 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, peaches, and milk.
Fri. Aug. 15 - Ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, pears, cake, and milk.
Mon. Aug. 18 - Chicken soft taco, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.
Tue. Aug. 19 - Cheeseburger noodles, broccoli, mixed fruit, brownie, and milk.
Wed. Aug. 20 - Hot Dog on Bun, tator tots, corn, applesauce, and milk.
Thurs. Aug. 21 - Turkey wrap, chips, peas, orange slices, rice crispy treat, and milk.
Fri. Aug. 22 - French toast sticks, sausage, hashbrown, yogurt w/fruit, and milk.



ACOLYTE TRAINING: Pastor Winkelman and Mr. Becker will be hosting an acolyte training for all St. John's students and Public school students in grades 6-8 on **Wednesday, August 27 at 4:15 pm at church**. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Becker.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Aug. 13 - BB/SB v. Sparta, 4:15pm
Thurs. Aug. 14 - BB/SB @ Marissa Tournament
Sun. Aug. 17 - Sunday School Rally Day, 9:30am
Sun. Aug. 17 - BBQ Fundraiser, Class of 2026, 10:15am

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- Wed. Aug. 20 - 3-8th Chapel, 9am at Church, Leader - Mr. Becker
- Fri. Aug. 22 - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am at Church, Leader - Mrs. Liefer & 2nd Grade

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES: Wednesday morning chapel services will be held at 9am with grades 3-8 attending. Services will be typically held at church, weather permitting. Early childhood services for Daycare-2nd grade will be held on Friday mornings at 8:30am. Students will be walking to church August-October and March-May, weather permitting. Otherwise, services will be held in the school's new gym. If location changes this will be communicated via Facebook and Remind for both chapel groups. Guests are welcome to attend!

MUM SALE FUNDRAISER: The class of 2027 is selling Mums for \$10/each. Available colors include yellow, orange/bronze, purple, and red. Orders can be placed using the attached form and dropped off in the school office or by contacting any 7th grade student. Additional forms are available in the school office. **Orders are due Tuesday, August 29th.** Pick-up will be Wed. Sept. 17th from 2:30-6pm in the school parking lot.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: We welcome the following new and returning students to our St. John's School family:
Kindergarten – Kylie Barrett, Cohen Eggemeyer, Kolton Florreich, Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Harper Kennedy, Brie Kern, Theodore Koerber, Nolan Liefer, Liam Mastrantuono, Noah Mueth, Magnus Payne, Lane Pollard, Rose Sachtleben, Hailey Schlueter, Emmett Schoenbeck, Clarke Thien, Henry Veath, and Kolby Young. 1st Grade - Maverick Sicka, 4th Grade - Kayden Sicka, Evelyn Williams, 5th Grade - Gavin Williams, 6th Grade - Bryson Williams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY: Will be held Sunday, Aug. 17th starting at 9:30am. We will gather in the new gym and weather permitting we will be outside for fun and snacks. This will begin the tracking of perfect attendance for the first quarter.

8th GRADE CLASS MEETINGS: Mark your calendars!! August 25 will be the night for 8th grade trip class meetings. 8th grade starts off at 6 p.m. 7th grade at 6:30 6th grade at 7:00 pm and 5th grade at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the cafeteria.

Upcoming fundraising, plans for trip, and other important items are on the agenda. No school games or practices are scheduled for that evening.

SECRET ANGELS: Secret Angels serve our 8th grade students (day school students only this year) by praying for their students and encouraging them in their studies with regular notes and small gifts and occasional (e.g. birthday, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day) larger gifts. You will be given a Secret Angel Information Form that the students will complete once school has begun so you will know their interests and likes. Please contact Mr. Becker if you are willing to serve in this way. Also, do not contact your student until after Mr. Becker has given you your information form. Secret Angels will be revealed to their students at the Rite of Confirmation.

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED: The PTL is looking for a room parent volunteer(s) for 7th and 8th grade. Responsibilities may include coordinating the class dinner auction project, collecting money for teacher appreciation gifts, assisting with holiday parties, and supporting the teacher in other tasks. Many of these tasks are done outside of school, so this volunteer opportunity will fit many schedules. Contact the school office, Lara Voss, or Chrystal Kiefer if you are interested in supporting your child's class, their teacher, and our school in this way. Thank you!

PAPER COUGAR TRACKS: Beginning next week paper Cougar Tracks will only be sent home with students whose parents have requested them. If you wish to receive a paper copy please scan the QR code below to complete the Google Form -or- return the paper request form included below. Requests for paper copies should be submitted by Tue. Aug. 20th.

PALMER MUSIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Palmer will again offer private music lessons to St. John's students. A student presentation for students in grades 2-5 will be held on Fri. Aug. 15th at 10:30am. A parent meeting will be held on Thurs. Aug. 21st at 6:30pm in the school music room.

STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with Illinois state guidelines the following health requirements are in place for the 24-25 school year. Preschool - **If your child does NOT attend SJL daycare**, birth certificate, social security number/card, and current physical. Kindergarten – physical, dental, and eye exam, copies of student birth certificate and social security card. 2nd grade – dental exam. 6th grade – physical and dental exam. Student athletes – sports physical. Physicals and eye exams are good for 365 days, and dental exams are good for 6 months. Please have all documents on file in the school office by September 15th. If you need a copy of the form to take to your child's appointment, copies are available in the school office. Our school fax number is 618-282-4087 if your doctor's office prefers to fax forms directly to us.

PARKING/DISMISSAL: We will continue to line up in the U pattern in the parking lot lanes, just like we did last year. You can use the lane on the south side of the lot next to the ditch to make sure everyone gets off the highway. When the students have dismissed, please walk to the school sidewalk get your children and bring them to your car. **NO CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS ARE LOADED.** When all students are loaded the lines will be allowed to merge into a single lane to exit onto E.S. Sixth Street through the west Daycare lot (please be in the right lane only for this option) or to make a right turn onto Route 3 North (right turn only please!). The safety of our students is most important to us. Please call Mr. Palm if you have any concerns. Please share this information with others that may pick up your children.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE: This year our BASC program will be directed by members of our daycare team. Mrs. Courtney Schoenbeck will serve as the lead director. Her email address is cschoenbeck@stjohnsredbud.org. Fast direct will be utilized for billing purposes. Charges will be posted to your account around the first of the month. Due to the change in directors for the year, new paperwork needs to be completed for ALL families wishing to use the program. Please note; after school is NOT available on 11:40am dismissal days or the day before holiday breaks. Reminder messages will be sent. If you have any questions, please direct them to Courtney at the email address listed above.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

- Casey's Rewards - You can direct your rewards points to benefit St. John's Lutheran School via the Casey's app.
- Community Coffee Cash for Schools - Clip the proof of purchase label on any Community Coffee products and submit them to the office. We receive points for each label!
- Scrip/RaiseRight - Our schools "gift card" program. Gift cards are purchased at face value and earn rebates which can be applied to your school accounts.

Please reach out to Sara (sara@stjohnsredbud.org) if you have any questions or would like more details of these programs.

Paper Cougar Tracks Request Form

Each week our school newsletter, The Cougar Tracks, is “published” on Wednesday. If you would like to receive a paper copy sign and return the form below. If you would prefer to read the Cougar Tracks electronically there is no need to return the form below. Electronic copies will be available via Fast Direct, Remind, our school Facebook page, and the school website.

(Student Name & Grade)





CLASS OF 2027
MUM SALE
COLORS
YELLOW, ORANGE/BRONZE,
PURPLE & RED

\$10.00 PER 8" MUM

NAME _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

___ Yellow ___ Orange/Bronze
___ Purple ___ Red

Total Mums ___ **Total \$ Enclosed** _____

(CHECKS PAYABLE TO CLASS OF 2027)
ORDERS DUE - BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH

PICK UP - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
2:30-6:00PM
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL PARKING LOT

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOHN'S CLASS OF
2027



