

# 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 27, 2025*

### LUNCH:

Thurs. Aug. 28 - Sloppy joe, tator tots, cooked carrots, mixed fruit, cake, and milk.  
Fri. Aug. 29 - No School  
Mon. Sept. 1 - No School, Labor Day  
Tue. Sept. 2 - Mini corndogs, baked beans, chips, applesauce, and milk.  
Wed. Sept. 3 - Beef nachos, lettuce, corn, pears, and milk.  
Thurs. Sept. 4 - Chicken parmesan, broccoli, peaches, candied cookie, and milk.  
Fri. Sept. 5 - Hamburger and noodles, peas, mandarin oranges, and milk.



**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** Pastor Winkelman and Mr. Becker will be hosting acolyte training for all St. John's students and Public school students in grades 6-8 on **Wednesday, August 27 or Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 4:15pm at church.** ALL 6-8th grade students are required to attend ONE of these sessions. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Becker.

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Aug. 27 - BB v. ICS, 4:30pm  
Wed. Aug. 27 - CC @ ICS  
Wed. Aug. 27 - Acolyte Training, 4:15pm @ Church  
Thurs. Aug. 28 - BB/SB @ St. Mary's, 4:15pm

Fri. Aug. 29 - No School, LESA Prof. Development  
Mon. Sept. 1 - No School, Labor Day  
Tue. Sept. 2 - BB/SB v. Coulterville, 4:15pm  
Wed. Sept. 3 - Acolyte Training, 4:15pm @ Church

### CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- Fri. Aug. 29 - No School, No Chapel Service
- Wed. Sept. 3 - No 3-8 Chapel Service
- Fri. Sept. 5 - All School Chapel Service, 8:30am @ Church, Leader - Mrs. Valleroy & 3rd Grade

**NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Aug. 29th and Mon. Sept. 1st are both no school days. School will resume on Tue. Sept. 2nd.

**MUM SALE FUNDRAISER - LAST CALL:** 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 Friday, August 29th.** Pick-up will be Wed. Sept. 17th from 2:30-6pm in the school parking lot.

**COUGAR PROWL FUN RUN:** Our 8th annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run is September 9! Pledge envelopes and information about electronic donations were sent home with the students on Tuesday. **All envelopes are due back by September 2!** Please see additional information on how the fun run works attached below. Keep watching the Cougar Tracks and the school Facebook page for Cougar Prowl updates!

**CIVIL WAR DAY:** 8th grade will present their Civil War projects on Friday, Sept. 5th beginning at 1pm. Students will be dressed in period attire and will answer questions about what they have learned. All are welcome to attend!

**LUNCH PRICING:** As a reminder, your student(s) are only charged for lunch and snack when they utilize our lunch program. Charges are: morning milk (all grades) \$0.75/carton, k-2 \$3.25/lunch, and 3-8 \$3.50/lunch. If your student brings their own lunch but drinks milk they will be charged \$0.75. If you have any questions please reach out to the office.

**EARLY DROP-OFF:** As a reminder, if your student(s) are dropped off before 7:40am they need to report to before school care. Students should enter through door 8 and be checked in. This policy is for the safety of our students. If you have any questions please reach out to our BASC director.

**SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENT:** Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 9pm. Eckert's Bonfire and Fun Farm – 2719 Eckert Orchard Lane Millstadt, IL. We'll meet in the school parking lot at 5pm for anyone who needs a ride, but you can also meet there. We have bonfire site #43 reserved. Hot dogs, chips, smores, and drinks provided. The junior youth fund will cover the cost for junior youth, but siblings and parents cost (if you want to come along) is \$12 if you buy tickets online ahead of time. Included in admission: petting zoo, carnival rides, pig races, corn trail, wagon train, and haunted hayride. Please text Erin at 618-581-5928 for more information and to rsvp.

**STUDENT CHOIRS SINGING IN CHURCH:** Mrs. Hudak and our student choir groups are preparing to sing in church. On Sun. Sept. 14th grades 3-8 will sing in the 8:00am worship service. Please click the following link or scan the QR code below to sign up: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oW3rAVikxH6Li\\_Y4xdCzAYRA8Z2rrC4N1afUAICrZ00/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oW3rAVikxH6Li_Y4xdCzAYRA8Z2rrC4N1afUAICrZ00/edit). On Sun. Sept. 21st, grades K-2 will sing in the 10:30am worship service. Please click following link or scan the QR code below to sign up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MIXZ3QAdyX49ogxPsruoBDxpxUXhk7AnZTmlpWHNyJ0/edit> Please note - both choirs will sign from the balcony, and both worship services will contain a children's message. Thank you for allowing your child to help us spread the good news of our Lord and Savior!

**DAILY ATTENDANCE:** Moving forward, please make every effort to avoid repeated student appointments during the school day. It is vital that your student(s) are in attendance for core subjects each day. If for whatever reason students must leave, they must be checked out through the school office.

**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – dental exam. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sara@stjohnsredbud.org)) if you have any questions or would like more details of these programs.*



Grades 3-8 Choir Sign-Up



Grades K-2 Choir Sign-Up



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



8th Annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run!  
 September 9, 2025

WHAT IS THE FUN RUN?

- A school wide event in which all students participate!
- Students will get pledges before running or walking laps at the fun run course set up at school.
- Thanks to the *AMAZING* sponsors, upwards of 98% of funds collected in the envelope stay at our school!

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE FUN RUN?

- Include the entire SJL family in a fitness awareness event
- Make this a successful fundraiser to support technology upgrades, staff recognition, classroom wish lists and so much more!

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS DO FOR THE FUN RUN?

- Have a TON OF FUN!
- Use their sponsor form and/or online platform to collect pledges.
- Run/walk on fun run course set up at school.
- All students participate even if they do not have sponsors.

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS GET FROM THE FUN RUN?

- A Cougar Prowl t-shirt!
- Appreciation of teamwork and school unity!
- Each classroom has the chance at participation awards!

WHAT ABOUT PLEDGES?

- Sponsors pledge a set amount (**this is not a per lap donation**)
- Please do not allow your children to go door-to-door alone to solicit sponsorship.
- Boosterthon will receive a portion of electronic donations.
- Pledges of \$60.00 per student will achieve our goal!

Please contact Lara Voss or Chrystal Kiefer with questions. We look forward to making this a successful event for St. John's!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2025 SPONSORS:



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