

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!”

September 10, 2025

LUNCH:

Thurs. Sept. 11 - Grilled chicken, spanish rice, corn, pineapple cake, and milk.
Fri. Sept. 12 - Toasted ravioli, bread stick, salad, peaches, and milk.
Mon. Sept. 15 - Sausage biscuit, hashbrown, mixed fruit, yogurt, milk.
Tue. Sept. 16 - Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, green beans, orange slices, and milk.
Wed. Sept. 17 - Pizza, peas and carrots, applesauce, sugar cookie, and milk.
Thurs. Sept. 18 - Hamburger on bun, cheesy broccoli, smile fries, pears, and milk.
Fri. Sept. 19 - Chicken w/noodles, peas, oranges, chocolate mousse, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Sept. 10th - CC @ Sparta Fairgrounds
Wed. Sept. 10th - BB v. St. James, 4:30pm
Thurs. Sept. 11th - PTL Meeting, 7pm, Cafeteria
Fri. Sept. 12th - JR Youth @ Eckart's, 5-9pm
Sat. Sept. 13th - RBC B-team Trny

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Mon. Sept. 15th - BB/SB @ Valmeyer, 4:15pm
Tue. Sept. 16th - CC @ Foley Park
Tue. Sept. 16th - BB/SB v. RBES, 4:15pm
Wed. Sept. 17th - SB v. New Athens, 4:15pm

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- Fri. Sept. 12th - Early Childhood Chapel, Leader - Mrs. Schnepel & 7th Grade, 8:30am @ Old Gym
- Wed. Sept. 17th - 3-8th Chapel, Leader - Mr. Becker & 4th Grade, 9am @ Church

SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP EVENT: Friday September 12th 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.

NEW STUDENT SIGNS: If you received one of the New Cougar Signs prior to the first day of school, please return it to the school office at your earliest convenience. Signs will be cleaned and reused for next school year. Thank You!

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. 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/1MIXZ3QAdyX49ogxPsruoBDxxpUXhk7AnZTmlpWHNyJ0/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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES: On Sunday, Oct. 5 at the 10:30 service we are inviting the students in grades three through eight to sing "Unshakable Joy". We will be using the "hand clappers" whenever we hear the word joy as we sing. Your children will be invited to come forward as we sing in the front of the church. After singing there will be a Children's message that the other students in attendance will be invited forward to listen to. Thank you! Mr. Becker

COUGAR FUN RUN: A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated and/or sponsored our Cougar Fun Run! Together, over \$10,000 was raised to support our school. A special shout out to our classroom winners: 3rd place - 5th grade, 2nd place - 2nd grade, and 1st place - 3rd grade. Great job students and families!

8TH GRADE TRIP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY: The current 8th grade class of 2026 has 6 spots available for guests on their class trip. The dates of the trip are April 10-18. The following cities and various stops will be included: Petersburg, KY, Charlottesville, VA, Jamestown, VA, Williamsburg, VA, Mt. Vernon, VA, Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, PA, Somerset, PA, and Dayton, OH. A \$500 deposit is required to hold your spot by Nov. 1 and will be deducted from the remaining balance due by March 1, 2026. Several meals, all entrance fees, and hotel costs are included. An estimated per guest cost sharing a double room is \$1,500. An estimated single guest room will be \$2,000. If you are interested in joining us on this trip please let Mr. Bill Becker know at your earliest convenience at 618-282-2958.

33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Mark your calendars for Sat. Sept. 20th and plan to join us for our 33rd annual golf tournament. All proceeds from this event benefit our Athletic Fund. The tournament is played as a 4 person scramble, and begins with a shotgun start at 9am. If you would like more information please stop by the office for a flyer or contact Andrew Stellhorn at andrew@wfdesignz.com or text 618-334-3182. Thank you in advance for your support of this event!

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY: Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, we would like to cordially invite you to celebrate our Pastors. The event will take place on October 19th in the Shoe Factory Room at Lieferbrau starting at noon and continuing until three pm. A cake will be provided as will the meat and potatoes but we do ask each family attending to please bring a sidedish for the event. Drinks will be each individuals responsibility. Please RSVP to the school office by October 19th, we hope to see you there! Contact: office@stjohnsredbud.org or 282-3873

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.

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 was used for August charges, but a transition to a separate billing system will begin in September. 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, and do not reach out to the school office.

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.



Grades 3-8 Choir Sign-Up



Grades K-2 Choir Sign-Up

