

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 24, 2025

LUNCH:

Thurs. Sept. 25 - Chicken patty, salad, cottage cheese, banana, and milk.
Fri. Sept. 26 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch Served.
Mon. Sept. 29 - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, mozzarella stick, mixed fruit, milk.
Tue. Sept. 30 - Pancake, sausage, cubed potatoes, yogurt w/fruit, and milk.
Wed. Oct. 1 - Chicken soft taco, lettuce, corn, mandarin oranges, and milk.
Thurs. Oct 2 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.
Fri. Oct. 3 - No School, No Lunch Served.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Fri. Sept. 26th - Grandparents/Special Guest Day, See Note Wed. Oct. 1 - OVC CC @ Randolph Co. Lake
Fri. Sept. 26th - 11:20am Early Dismissal

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- Fri. Sept. 26th - ALL SCHOOL Grandparents/Special Guest Day Service, 10:30am, New Gym
- Wed. Oct. 1st - All School Chapel Service, 8:30am at Church, Leader - 5th Grade and Ms. Ruhmann
- Fri. Oct. 3rd - No Chapel Service, No School

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES:

- Thus. October 2nd - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch, Bus Service, or After School Care
- Tue. October 7th - Fall (Yearbook) Picture Day
- Sat. March 14th - 16th Annual Dinner Auction, SJL County Fair

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL GUEST DAY: Will be held on Friday, Sept. 26th beginning at 9:15. Guests are welcome to join their student(s) to tour the school, play games, and enjoy a small snack. A program will begin at 10:30am with dismissal following at 11:20am. There is NO NEED TO RSVP; simply plan to enjoy a morning seeing where your student(s) learn and grow in the love of Jesus. **Students will be dismissed beginning with our youngest students from the program and will be allowed to leave with their grandparents/special guests.**

ADVANCE PLANNING: On **Thursday, Oct. 2nd, St. John's will dismiss at 11:20am.** Lunch will not be served, and there will be NO after school care or bus service after school. We are the only school in the district dismissing early that day. **Friday, Oct. 3rd will be a no school day.** Our teachers will be attending the LEA Convocation during this time. We thank you for your understanding to allow our educators to grow and learn to best serve our students.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL & FACULTY SERVICE PROJECT: The Sunday school chooses an offering project for a mission each year. Our three year cycle has us in the year for an international project. We have chosen Christ's Care for Children: Kenya as our recipient. Follow this link for more information about it <http://engage.lcms.org/caring-for-children-in-kenya-fall-2016/> Students in our day school and Sunday school will be given a container of M & M's to first eat and then to fill up with change. **All containers will be due back by Oct. 17.** The funds we raise will go towards the sponsorship of a child in Kenya. Our goal is to raise the full amount of sponsoring a child for \$1,080. Help us reach our goal.

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.

COLLEGE AGED STUDENT ADDRESSES: Thursday, October 9 is the deadline for the addresses for college aged members to be included for this year's mailing. Please let Mr. Becker know your child's address to be included.

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

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: A letter will be sent home with your student(s) this week regarding upcoming parent teacher conferences which will be held October 21 and 22nd. Thursday, Oct. 23rd will be an option for junior high parents ONLY. This year we ask that you complete the linked Google Form to request your time. Alternatively, the paper letter can be returned to your student(s) homeroom teacher. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE OPTION OF YOUR CHOICE BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.** Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to meet with your child(rens) teacher to discuss their academic progress.

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.



Mark Your Calendars
Decorate your own Lantern

Craft Night

with Jo Ellner

\$65
Per Person

Thursday, October 23rd	6:00pm
	Lieferbrau Shoe Factory Room

Lanterns Provided
Choose your own ribbon & greens.

Only 25 spots available | Register by 10/9

Venmo @Joanna-Ellner to
reserve your spot.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR
PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
HONORING

Pastor Mark Winkelmann
&
Pastor Brian Nowak

OCTOBER

SUNDAY **19** 12-3PM

SHOE FACTORY ROOM | LIEFERBRAU BREWERY

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Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Dear Parent(s):

On October 9th, our first quarter for the school grading period will end. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 21st and Wednesday, October 22th. For students in grades 6-8, Thursday, October 23th will be an option as long as the student does not have younger siblings. We ask that no children attend the conferences so teachers can focus on the child in their class.

This year we ask that you complete a Google form to request conference meeting times. To do so please scan the QR code below. Alternatively, you can use the form below, and select the time period that best suits your family's needs. Teachers will attempt to honor your request as closely as possible. If your child has multiple teachers and you would like to meet with each of them, that can be noted on the form as well. **Please complete a request form for each child you have enrolled in St. John's. A paper form or completed Google Form must be submitted no later than Thursday, October 9th.**

If the times listed below do not work for your family, please contact your child's teacher to set up a different time.

In His Service,

Justin Palm, Principal



Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

I/We would like to meet with _____ (Teacher) on _____ (Date)

_____ (Teacher) on _____ (Date)

_____ (Teacher) on _____ (Date)

Tue. Oct. 21, 2025

Wed. Oct. 22, 2025

Thurs. Oct. 23, 2025

_____ 2:30-5:00pm

_____ 3:15-5:00pm

6th-8th ONLY

_____ 6:00-8:00pm

_____ 6:00-8:00pm

_____ 2:30-5:00pm

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments, and provide Christian education in service to all people.