

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!”

November 25, 2025

LUNCH:

Mon. Dec. 1 - Pancake, sausage, granola bar, yogurt w/fruit, and milk.
Tue. Dec. 2 - Popcorn chicken, baked beans, mandarin oranges, and milk.
Wed. Dec. 3 - Chili, cheese, donut, bananas w/syrup, and milk.
Thurs. Dec. 4 - Fish sticks, peas, apple slices, slaw, and milk.
Fri. Dec. 5 - Chicken parmesan, broccoli, mixed fruit, oatmeal cookie, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Nov. 26-Sun. Nov. 30 - No School, Thanksgiving Break

Tue. Dec. 2 - BBB v. TSJ, 6pm

Tue. Dec. 2 - GBB @ Chester Catholic, 6pm

Wed. Dec. 3 - K-5 Christmas Service, See Note

CHAPEL SERVICES/ CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- Wed. Dec. 3 - K-5 Christmas Service, 9am & 6:30pm, Old Gym
- Wed. Dec. 10 - Daycare-PreK Service, 9am & 6:30pm, Old Gym
- Wed. Dec. 17 - 6-8 Hope in a Manager Pageant, 9am & 6:30pm, Church

Please note - as the weather is ever changing this time of year watch for Remind messages about location changes for chapel services. Early Childhood Chapel services will be held in the New Gym until spring.

CHAPEL OFFERING NOTE: The US mint has officially retired the penny. Therefore, moving forward please refrain from sending pennies in your child(ren)s offering envelopes as our bank will no longer accept them. We appreciate your continued support of our chapel charitable organizations.

UPCOMING TIME/DATES OFF:

- Wed. Nov. 26-Fri. Nov. 28 - No School, Thanksgiving Break
- Fri. Dec. 19 - 1:45pm Early Dismissal
- Mon. Dec. 22 - Mon. Jan. 5 - No School, Christmas Break

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATE:

- Sat. March 14th - 16th Annual Dinner Auction, SJL County Fair - **Advance ticket sales begin Dec. 1!**

LCFS GIFTS: Thank you to all who donated to our annual LCFS gift collection. Together, we raised enough to bless each child with \$104 in gifts. THANK YOU! For those who volunteered to shop, please submit your receipts to the office and you will be reimbursed. Mr. Becker has the tags that should be placed on each unwrapped gift. Gifts will be delivered on Fri. Dec. 5, so make every effort to have them at school by Thurs. Dec. 4.

HELP WANTED: Mrs. Schmitz is looking for 4 strong people to help move her piano from the second floor to a basement. If you can help, please call Mrs. Schmitz at 618-317-5452.

DINNER AUCTION TICKETS: Our 16th annual dinner auction will be held on Sat. March 14th at Hecker Community Center. Advance ticket sales will run from Dec. 1 - Dec. 19th. Tickets are \$35/each during this time and make great Christmas Gifts. Also, donations will be accepted beginning in January. Keep this in mind during your holiday shopping - every donation will help support our cause!

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- Got a sweet tooth? Look no further! The 6th grade class is selling The Worlds Best Chocolate candy bars to help fund their 8th grade class trip. Ask any 6th grader or message their family to get yours today. Each bar is \$2. Available flavors include: Milk chocolate, dark chocolate, wafer, caramel, w.f. crisp, almond.
- Our annual Christmas Cottage will be held Thurs. Dec. 4th and Fri. Dec. 5th in the school library. A letter explaining the event and an envelope to return with shopping money will be sent home soon with the 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 will benefit the current 7th grade class and their trip to Washington DC. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHING POSITION: St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud is looking for a Kindergarten homeroom teacher. We invite interested applicants to use this link ,<https://forms.gle/a6nEts8pyapaiDcR7>, to learn more about the position and send in a resume for review. You may also email (office@stjohnsredbud.org) or call the office (618-282-3873) Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 for more information. We have competitive pay and a great benefits package which includes insurance for the employee and a pension. We look forward to the responses that come in and await the plans and people God has in store for St. John's Lutheran School in Red Bud. Deadline for submission of applications is January 9, 2025.

ST. JUDE MATH-A-THON: We're excited to host the **St. Jude Math-A-Thon!** Students who return a **signed permission slip** (being sent home today) will receive a math booklet to complete at home. Families may also register online at https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Math/Math?pg=entry&fr_id=163916 and/or **collect donations**. Checks can be made out to **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. Money raised goes to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital where their goal is to never give a patient's family a bill for treatment, housing, travel, or food. Please return the permission slip by **Monday, November 24th**, so your child can participate. Thank you for supporting our students and the mission of St. Jude!

SCRIP CARDS: If you plan to give the gift of gift cards this holiday season consider purchasing your cards through our school's Scrip Program. Orders can be placed through the school office, with the final order before the holidays being placed on December 15th. A Facebook post is pinned to our group's featured items with a full retailer list and order form. **Please note - payment (via cash or check) is due at the time of order.** Ms. Sara will be out of the office for the majority of Christmas Break so please plan ahead and order your cards early!

WATKINS: The bulk of orders have been delivered. If you have a missing item, please highlight it on your order form and bring it into the school office ASAP. We are working with our consultant to fulfill all orders that were placed. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter.

LOST AND FOUND: The office lost and found AND the before and after school care lost and found are both full of items that have been left behind. If your child is missing a coat please stop by and look through the items. Any coats not claimed by 12/15 will be donated to the warming tree. Thank You!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES: For parents in preschool through 1st grade, on Sundays, Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, and Dec. 14th, we 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. 14th at 6:00pm at the church.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran Church, School, and Daycare we extend warm wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving. We are thankful for each of you!



