

# 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!”**

*December 17, 2025*

### **LUNCH:**

Thur. Dec. 18 - Grilled chicken, spanish rice, black beans, pineapple, and milk.  
Fri. Dec. 19 - Roast beef pinwheels, fries, dippable veggies, fruity pebble cookie, and milk.  
Tue. Jan. 6 - Beef tacos, cheese, refried beans, pineapple, and milk.  
Wed. Jan. 7 - Chicken noodle soup, oranges, roll, cookie, and milk.  
Thurs. Jan. 8 - Italian Sub, baked beans, dippable veggies, peaches, and milk.  
Fri. Jan. 9 - Sloppy joe on bun, tater tots, pears, cookie dip, and milk.



### **WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:**

Wed. Dec. 17 - JR High Christmas Service, 6:30pm @ Church      Fri. Dec. 19 - 1:45pm Early Dismissal  
Wed. Dec. 17 - 3-5 Caroling @ Garden Place      Mon. Dec. 22 - No School, Christmas Break Begins  
Thurs. Dec. 18 - BBB v. Steeleville, 5:30pm      Tue. Jan. 6 - School Resumes  
Thus. Dec. 18 - GBB @ Immanuel Perryville, 6pm      Tue. Jan. 6 - GBB @ New Athens, 6pm

### **CHAPEL SERVICES/ CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

- Wed. Dec. 17 - 6-8 Hope in a Manager Service, 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.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE NOTE:** The junior high Christmas service will take place at 6:30pm at Church. Doors will open at 5:45pm. Please take note of the reserved pews in the front for student performers. The students look forward to sharing their program with everyone!

### **UPCOMING TIME/DATES OFF:**

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

**DINNER AUCTION TICKETS:** Friday is the final date to get in on early bird pricing for our upcoming dinner auction on 3/14/26. Ticket prices are currently \$35/each. Donations will be accepted beginning in January.

### **IMPORTANT FUTURE DATE:**

- Tue. Jan. 13 - Basketball and Cheer Sports Picture Day
- Sat. March 14th - 16th Annual Dinner Auction, SJL County Fair

### **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.

- The class of 2027 will host a GloBingo on Sat. Jan. 3, 2026 in the Old Gym. Doors open at 6pm and bingo begins at 7pm. Contact any member of the 7th grade class to reserve your tickets and join the fun for this exciting event!

**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](mailto: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.

**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!

**THE WARMING TREE:** Is set up in our new gym lobby. We will be collecting NEW winter items such as coats, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, etc to benefit the Royal Way. Items should be dropped off at school before Dec. 18th. Thank you for your support of this wonderful cause!

**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK:** Tis the season for our upcoming Christmas spirit week to be held Dec. 15-19th. The dress up days are as follows:

- Thurs. Dec. 18th - Christmas Hair don't care - Wear a Christmas hat, bow, headband, or hair accessory
- Fri. Dec. 19th - Twas the Night Before Break - Wear Christmas Pjs

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** This year we have borrowed the maximum allowed (\$200,000) from our Estate Fund to cover monthly expenses because our offerings have fallen short. As the year ends, our goal is to repay this full amount so we can start 2026 with a clean slate. Should the Lord encourage you to give an extra year-end gift, please mark it "Estate Fund Repayment". This will go directly toward restoring the fund. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!



*On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran Church, School, and Daycare - we wish you a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year. May God bestow peace and joy in your hearts and homes this holy season.*