

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



stjohnsredbud.org <http://fastdir.com/stjohnsredbud/>

Psalm 98:4

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth: break forth in joyous song and sing praise!”

January 13, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Jan. 15 - Burger noodles, cooked carrots, pears, oreo cake, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 16 - Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry banana yogurt, and milk.

Mon. Jan. 19 - No School, Martin Luther King JR Day

Tue. Jan. 20 - Pulled pork, broccoli, pears, and milk.

Wed. Jan. 21 - Chili, cornbread, peaches, pumpkin pie bar, and milk.

Thurs. Jan. 22 - Turkey wrap, fries, peas, applesauce, and milk.

Fri. Jan. 23 - Chicken alfredo, roll, corn, apple slices w/caramel dip, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Fri. Jan. 16 - 2nd Quarter Awards, 2pm, New Gym

Mon. Jan. 19 - No School, MLK Day

Tue. Jan. 20 - BBB @ Valmeyer, 5pm

Wed. Jan. 21 - VB "A" Trny @ RBC

CHAPEL SERVICES/ CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- Fri. Jan. 16th - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, Leader - Amanda Falkenhain, New Gym

- Wed. Jan. 21st - 3-8 Chapel, 9am, Leader Pastor Mark, 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.

UPCOMING TIME/DATES OFF:

- Mon. Jan. 19th - No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Fri. Jan. 30th - 11:20am Early Dismissal

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- The class of 2028 will host Daddy/Daughter, Mother/Son dance on Sat. Jan. 24th from 6-8pm. A spaghetti dinner will be served beginning at 5:30pm. For full details see the attached flyer. Click the following link to register: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSct1VwBsF1M0E.../viewform>
- 7th Grade is selling sub sandwiches and white nacho cheese for the Super Bowl to support their class trips in 2027! 6-inch subs are \$7 and 1 quart of white nacho cheese (queso) is \$13. Orders are due by January 26. Pick-up will be at school on Feb. 7 from 11:00 - 12:00 and Feb. 8 during Sunday School. Contact any 7th-grade family to place an order!

DONATION FROM PTL: The PTL has graciously donated \$75,000 to help the school and church from having to borrow from the Estate Funds in the foreseeable future. We appreciate your generous contribution.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: A retirement committee needs to gather for Mrs. Betty's Schmitz's upcoming celebration. Help is needed in many areas and will be initially discussed in a meeting to be held Thursday, Jan. 22 at 4:00 pm. in the school's library. If you would like to help in this preparation please attend or let Mr. Becker know what you are willing to help with.

STUDENT CHOIRS SINGING IN CHURCH: Greetings and Happy New Year from Mrs. Hudak! We are blessed to celebrate National Lutheran School's Week this year from January 26th-30th! In order to "kick off" the fun week, I've scheduled the K-8 grade students to sing the relatively easy but enjoyable song, "Make A Joyful Noise unto the Lord" the weekend prior. Services are at 5 pm on Saturday January 24th and 8 and 10:30 AM on Sunday January 25th. Please use the Google Form link to sign up for the worship service of your preference. My goal is to have a great turn-out of students at all 3 services! Let's kick off National Lutheran Schools Week by making a joyful noise to our lord!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEP7KqkFTGWHIb-HyheJrnIclsmJHjTwlUwIxlavuHM3-sOg/viewform?usp=publish-editor> *In Christ, Lindsey Hudak*

THANK YOU: Dear Students and Families of St. John's Lutheran School, Thank you so much for the generous birthday gift you gave to me on my (half) birthday, January 9th! I'm very blessed to have been here over 17 years and I look forward to continuing to serve in this church and school! May God bless your new year and every year! *In Christ, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak.*

LANGUAGE ARTS FESTIVAL: A paper went home giving information about the 41st Annual Language Arts Festival that Red Bud Elementary School hosts every year. Please read the rules on the paper and return the Student Participation Form to your teacher by Friday, January 16, 2026 if you are interested in writing a story and making a book out of your story. When you are finished making your book, please give it to your teacher no later than Wednesday, January 28, 2026. The Festival is on Tuesday, February 24 at Red Bud Elementary School. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6pm. Winners will be asked to read their books at the festival. Readers need to arrive by 6:15. The program starts at 6:30. Every book will be on display and will receive a ribbon. The winners are asked also to represent our school at the Young Authors' Conference on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Sparta Lincoln School. We hope to have a lot of participation this year in the Language Arts Festival! Happy writing! If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Rebekah Liefer.

BABY ITEMS DRIVE: As our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod celebrates the sanctity of human life during the month of January, so our 2nd graders will be celebrating also by doing their mission project to support human life. They will be collecting diapers or other baby items for Life Network of Southern Illinois from January 20-30. This coincides with our school celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week as well! A table here at school will be set up in the lobby to collect these items. Another table will be set up at church. An informative poster about Life Network is hanging near the office at school. It explains that our chapel offerings will go to Life Network, also. Everyone is welcome to help support the 2nd graders' mission project. Please place your items on the table at school or at church. Thanks so much!

CHURCH UPDATES:

- Beginning 1/7/2026 a Wednesday evening spoken word service will be offered at 6:30pm. If weekend services do not fit into your family's schedule, this is the perfect opportunity to worship our Lord each week! **This service does count as your child's church attendance for the week.**
- Pastor Mark has been working diligently to set up a new church app. Currently, you can view services and create prayer requests through the app. In the future, online giving will also be available. Click the following link to download the app and begin enjoying its features: <https://tithely.app.link/stjohnsredbud>

DINNER AUCTION: Our 16th annual dinner auction will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Hecker Community Center beginning at 5pm. Donations are now being accepted in the school office. No item is too small and each donation will help make this event a success! Tickets are currently available for \$40/person and includes dinner, select drinks, and dessert. We hope you will join us for our SJL County Fair evening, a night that is sure to be a grand prize winner!

DADDY DAUGHTER/ MOTHER SON DINNER & DANCE

January 24, 2026
St. John's Lutheran School
Red Bud, IL

Spaghetti dinner reservations start at 5:30
Dance 6-8pm



\$35 per couple
+\$10 each additional child
+\$15 each additional adult



**IT'S TIME TO
ORDER YOUR
GAME-DAY
FAVORITES!**

SUB SANDWICHES

EACH SUB HAS HAM, ROAST BEEF, TURKEY,
SALAMI, & AMERICAN CHEESE

6 INCH SUBS - \$7 EACH

WHITE NACHO CHEESE

1 QUART - \$13 EACH

(CAN BE FROZEN)

Orders are due January 26, 2026
Money is due at the time of order

Pick Up: St. John's Lutheran School:
Saturday, February 7, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8, during Sunday School

All proceeds benefit the Class of 2027

CONTACT ERIN KUEHN OR ANY 7TH GRADE FAMILY TO ORDER



St. John's Lutheran School's 15th Dinner Auction

Saturday, March 14, 2026
Hecker Community Center

The Dinner Auction has become the largest fundraiser for St. John's Lutheran School and your support is greatly appreciated. We recommend purchasing your tickets early in order to accommodate your seating requests.

For further ticket or donation information, please contact
Erin Krick, 618-615-3821,
sjldinnerauction@gmail.com

Each couple or individual attending receives special auction material that must be prepared in advance. Please enter complete information for ALL those in which you are purchasing tickets for.

Name (s) _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

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I would like to be seated with:

Tickets WILL NOT be distributed. Once payment is received, your name will be placed on an attendance list and you will be checked in at the door the evening of the auction.

Tickets are \$40/per person (until February 28th)
(\$45/per person at the door) and includes:
Dinner & Dessert
Unlimited refills on soft drinks, draft beer & the specialty drink of the evening.
Doors open at 5:00pm
Silent Auction 5:00-8:30pm
Dinner served promptly at 6:00pm
Live Auction begins at 7:30pm

Make checks payable to:
St. John's Lutheran PTL

Enclosed is my payment for \$ _____.
Total number of attendees _____.

I will not be able to attend.
Please accept my donation of \$ _____.

(All donations will be recognized in the dinner auction program.)

To reserve your seats, please send this form and payment to:
St. John's Lutheran School
Attn: Dinner Auction
808 S. Main Street
Red Bud, IL 62278