

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!”

January 21, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Jan. 22 - Turkey wrap, fries, peas, applesauce, and milk.
Fri. Jan. 23 - Chicken alfredo, roll, corn, apple slices w/caramel dip, and milk.
Mon. Jan. 26 - Biscuits -n- gravy, cubed taters, oranges, and milk.
Tue. Jan. 27 - Corndog, chips, mixed fruit, funnel cake fries, and milk.
Wed. Jan. 28 - Chicken tortilla soup, cheese, pineapple, and milk.
Thurs. Jan. 29 - Brisket fried rice, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie, and milk.
Fri. Jan. 30 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Jan. 21 - VB "A" Trny @ RBC Begins
Thurs. Jan. 22 - BBB ALT "A" Trny Begins
Sat. Jan. 24 - Father/Daughter Dance & Dinner, Old Gym
Sun. Jan. 25 - National Lutheran School's Week Begins
Sun. Jan. 25 - 4th Qtr Voter's Mtng, FH, 1pm
Tue. Jan. 27 - VB @ Chester Grade School, 5:30pm

CHAPEL SERVICES/ CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- Fri. Jan. 23 - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, Leaders - Mrs. Schnepel & 7th Grade
- Wed. Jan. 28 - NO 3-8 CHAPEL SERVICE
- Fri. Jan. 30 - ALL SCHOOL Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, Leaders - Mrs. Valleroy & 3rd Grade

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:

- Fri. Jan. 30th - 11:20am Early Dismissal
- Mon. Feb. 16th - No School, President's Day

LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEK: Next week, 1/26-1/30, we will celebrate National Lutheran School's week with special dress up days, activities, and a week long collection for Phil's Friends, benefitting cancer patients in need. See the attached flyer for full details.

- Monday, 1/26 - Comfy Cozy Day, Donation - Lip Balm/Chapstick
- Tuesday, 1/27 - Sports Attire Day, Donation - New Playing Cards
- Wednesday, 1/28 - Dress like a teacher day, Donation - Travel Size Mouth Wash
- Thursday, 1/29 - Country/Western -or- Country Club Day, Donation - Fleece Blankets
- Friday, 1/30 - Decades (Multiples) Day -or- 100th Day Shirt Day, Donation - New Men/Womens Hats

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!
- The class of 2026 will host a euchre tournament on Sun. Feb. 22nd beginning at 1pm. See the attached flyer for full details and information regarding registration.

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.

SNOW DAY REMINDER: In the event of a district snow day, we have multiple methods through which parents/guardians will be notified. Messages will be sent out via Remind and a post will be made on our school's Facebook page. You can also look for "Red Bud CUSD 132" on local TV stations. We will notify parents when a decision is made by the district regarding school cancellations.

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/1FAIpQLSfEP7KqkFTGWHLb-HyheJrnIclsmJHjTwiUwXlavuHM3-sOg/viewform?usp=publish-editor> In Christ, 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. 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 previous weekend.**
- 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!

BIBLE BEE: Two bible bees will be held during National Lutheran Schools week. Grades 1-4 on Tue. Jan. 27th at 2pm, and Grades 5-8 on Thurs. Jan. 29th at 2pm. All are welcome to attend! Participants will be as follows: 1st - Demi Grohmann, Ben Langrehr, Everett Liefer, 2nd - Waylynn Ebers, Huxton Grohmann, Bently Valentine, 3rd Grade - Kolton Meier, Ava Moll, Hayden Schlimme, 4th Grade - Hayden Mounts, Blakelynn Grohmann, Kayden Sicka, 5th Grade - Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liza Wagner, 6th Grade - Evlyn Heck, Kelly Pollard, Henry Schnepel, 7th Grade - Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Aiden Kiefer, 8th Grade - Colton Albert, Lane Cowell, Payton Liefer.

RBHS CHEER CAMP: Attention students in PreK 4-8th grade, you are invited to join the RBHS cheerleaders for their Country Girl Strong cheer camp. Camp dates will be held on Feb. 4th & 5th from 5:30-7:00pm each night. Cost is \$40/cheerleader and registration must be completed by 6pm on 2/1 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Click the link to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xi03h3Yi8oPAX24j_vvpt0JttNiX8IPNIwXuWyfB-N0/viewform?edit_requested=true

National Lutheran Schools Week 2026
Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

Monday - 1/26	Tuesday - 1/27	Wednesday - 1/28	Thursday 1-29	Friday - 1/30
Comfy Cozy Day Wear comfy clothes or PJs <i>Joyful noise in Praise</i>	Sports Day Wear any sports clothing <i>Joyful noise in Worship</i>	Flip-Flop Day Dress like a teacher <i>Joyful noise in Service</i>	Country/Western v. Country Club Day Wear your best western wear -or- Preppy attire <i>Joyful noise in Community</i>	Decades Day Wear multiple items -or- 100 day shirt <i>Joyful noise in Christ Alone</i>
Activities		Phil's Friends Donation List		
1/26 - Phil's Friends Kick-Off, 8:30am 1/27 - Grades 1-4 Bible Bee, 2pm 1/29 - Grades 5-8 Bible Bee, 2pm		Lip Balm/Chapstick, Playing Cards, Travel Size Mouth Wash, Fleece Blankets, Men/Women's Hats <i>All items should be NEW with tags attached and/or sealed in original packaging.</i>		

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

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Sunday February 22 at 1:00p



Doors Open at 12 noon

Registration 12 noon - 1:00

Fundraiser for SJL Class of 2026

- 7 games of Euchre, 12 hands per round (3 rounds = 1 game)
- Partners randomly rotated each round
- Team points follow players for all rounds
- Prizes awarded for top 3 places
- \$15.00 registration per person (pay at door, cash only)
- Food 12 noon- 3pm (TO GO Orders are Open to the Public)
Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Slaw, and Potato Salad by SLAM Catering

Location: St. John's Lutheran School Old Gym
808 South Main St., Red Bud, IL

Contact for Reservations:

Chrystal Kiefer at 618-201-7683 (call or text), or email at
ChrystalKiefer@gmail.com - WALK INS are Welcome!!