

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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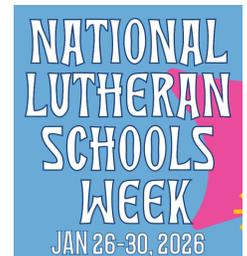
Psalm 98:4

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

January 28, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Jan. 29 - Brisket fried rice, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie, and milk.
Fri. Jan. 30 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.
Mon. Feb. 2 - Salisbury steak, tator tots, applesauce, roll, and milk.
Tue. Feb. 3 - Chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, mixed fruit, carrot cake, and milk.
Wed. Feb. 4 - Italian wedding soup, grilled cheese, apple slices, and milk.
Thurs. Feb. 5 - Meatballs, green beans, pears, chocolate pudding, and milk.
Fri. Feb. 6 - Chicken teriyaki, ramen noodles, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Thurs. Jan. 29 - VB @ ICS, 5:30pm
Fri. Jan. 30 - 11:20am Early Dismissal
Fri. Jan. 30 - VB "B" Trny @ PDR Begins
Sat. Jan. 31 - Spaghetti Dinner & Dance
Sun. Feb. 1 - Voters Mtng, 1pm, Fellowship Hall
Mon. Feb. 2 - VB v. TSJ/ILS/Oakdale, 5:30pm

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. Jan. 30 - ALL SCHOOL Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, Leaders - Mrs. Valleroy & 3rd Grade
- Wed. Feb. 4 - 3-8 Chapel, 9am, Church, Leaders - Ms. Ruhmann & 5th Grade
- Fri. Feb. 6 - Early Childhood Chapel, 8:30am, New Gym, Leader - Mr. Becker

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, No After School Care and No Lunch Served
- 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.

- 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
- **Monday, 2/2** - Comfy Cozy Day, Donation - Lip Balm/Chapstick
- **Tuesday, 2/3** - Sports Attire Day, Donation - New Playing Cards

Please bring all donations by Friday, 1/30 so they can be sent with the Phil's Friends representative.

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- The class of 2028 will host Daddy/Daughter, Mother/Son dance on Sat. Jan. 31st 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>

- 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.

100th DAY OF SCHOOL: is quickly approaching. The actual date is Jan. 28. Kindergarten will be having their 100th day of school celebration on Friday, Jan. 30. We will attend Early Childhood Chapel at 8:30 in the new gym and start the celebration in the old gym at 9:15. Guests are welcome to attend chapel too. All students who made a 100th day t-shirt in kindergarten, are invited to wear or bring their shirt for a group picture on Jan. 30th.

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 pre.**
- 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.

THANK YOU: The following note was received from our local LCFS office: Thank you for helping children at a very challenging time in their life. There are no words that adequately express our appreciation and gratitude. Your compassion, understanding, and commitment to helping others are genuine, touching, and greatly appreciated. Please know that your thoughtfulness and abundance of gifts donated to the clients made Christmas a reality and will forever be remembered. *Wanda Rollins, office supervisor*



National Lutheran Schools Week 2026

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



Monday - 2/2 Tuesday - 2/3 Wednesday - 1/28 Thursday 1-29 Friday - 1/30

Comfy Cozy Day

Wear comfy clothes or PJs

RESCHEDULE

Joyful noise in Praise

Sports Day

Wear any sports clothing

RESCHEDULE

Joyful noise in Worship

Flip-Flop Day

Dress like a teacher

Joyful noise in Service

Country/Western v. Country Club Day

Wear your best western wear -or- Preppy attire

Joyful noise in Community

Decades Day

Wear multiple items -or- 100 day shirt

Joyful noise in Christ Alone



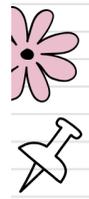
Activities

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

All items should be NEW with tags attached and/or sealed in original packaging.



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

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!!

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