

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!”

February 18, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Feb. 19 - Parmesan bowties w/butter chicken, cooked carrots, pineapple, cookie, and milk.

Fri. Feb. 20 - Hot ham & cheese sandwich, fries, green beans, applesauce, and milk.

Mon. Feb. 23 - Fish sticks, baked beans, peaches, banana cake, and milk.

Tue. Feb. 24 - Chicken nachos, lettuce, corn, pineapple, and milk.

Wed. Feb. 25 - Cheesy chicken and broccoli rice soup, mixed fruit, cinnamon roll casserole, and milk.

Thurs. Feb. 26 - Hotdog/chili dog, chips, dippable veggies, mandarin oranges, and milk.

Fri. Feb. 27 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Thurs. Feb. 19 - VB v. RBC, 5:30pm

Fri. Feb. 20 & Sat. Feb. 21 - VB “B” Trny @ RBL

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. Feb. 20 - Ash Wednesday Early Childhood Service, 8:30am, Leaders - Mrs. Schmitz & Kindergarten
- Wed. Feb. 25 - Midweek Lenten Service, 8:30am @ Church, Grades K-8 will attend
- Fri. Feb. 27 - **No Early Childhood Chapel Service**

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. Feb. 27th - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No After School Care or Lunch.
- Mon. March 2 - No School, Casimir Pulaski Day

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- 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.
- The current 6th grade class will host a Market on Main event on 2/21. If you are interested in pre-ordering baked goodies, click the following link: <https://forms.gle/GrvPCKNcCXMe2Dre8>
- The current 7th grade class will host an all you can eat fish and beer dinner on Sat. March 21 beginning at 5:30pm. Advance tickets are being sold for \$30 each. No carry outs or tickets at the door. If you would like to purchase contact any 7th grade family.

BASC JOB OPENING: The After School Care Program is in seek of additional assistance. We are looking for a responsible and caring individual to assist with overseeing after-school child care. Duties include supervising children, helping with homework, and leading fun activities. Ideal candidates enjoy working with children and are reliable team players. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and available to start at 2:45p.m. Please contact Mrs. Courtney Schoenbeck for more information. cschoenbeck@stjohnsredbud.org

HEART CHALLENGE: Our annual Kid's Heart Challenge (aka Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart) is fast approaching. The date is Friday, February 27th at 9:45 in both gyms. During the event we will have a brief life walk in support of March for Life. The donation envelope and other materials were sent home this past Monday. Thank you for supporting this event.

LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST UPDATES: The winners who will be readers at the Language Arts Festival on Feb. 24 at Red Bud Public Grade School are Brooke Horrell and Amelia Langrehr. Doors open at 6pm. Readers need to arrive no later than 6:15 and the program begins at 6:30. Roxy Markotay also qualified to read from her book at the festival but is unable to attend. These three young authors all qualified to attend the Young Authors' Conference on March 28 at Sparta Lincoln School but Roxy will be the only one attending. They each will receive the official seal of the Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education on their books!

DINNER AUCTION: Our 16th annual dinner auction will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Hecker Community Center beginning at 5pm.

- Tickets are currently available for \$40/person and includes dinner, select drinks, and dessert. Be sure to purchase your tickets ASAP to assure you receive special auction materials and secure your spot at the County Fair.
- Donations for the silent and live auction are being accepted in the school office. Feel free to be creative with your donations and/or collaborate with a group to create a special, one-of-a-kind donation.
- If you love to create homemade items we need your help to create a special "exhibit hall" section for this year's auction. Baked bread, cakes, pies, spaghetti sauce, jam, jelly, and salsa are all examples of items that would be perfect donations! If you would like to donate, please reach out to the school office to arrange a date to deliver your item and be placed on the list for special auction booklet credit!

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-Feb. 27th. 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!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **GIRLS ON THE RUN:** It's GOTR time again!! 3-5th grade girls sign up online using the link below. Practices will start 3/10 every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:45 at RBES. The big 5k race will be 5/9. Moms - coaches spots still available. Questions please contact: Abby Carter 618-559-7437 afc7703@gmail.com
- **RBAA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:** District 19 registration is now open through Feb. 22nd. To register, visit "The Bud Athletics" page.

SAVE THE DATE: On Thursday, March 19th our PreK and Kindergarten open house will be held from 5-7pm. All students and families are welcome to attend. A complimentary soup and hot dog dinner will be provided, with desserts in each classroom. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: The PTL is looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to help make a difference at St. John's. There are multiple ways to pitch in, including Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinators, New Student Welcome Sign Crew, Fall Festival Chair, Cougar Prowl Fun Run, and PTL Secretary. See the list below for details on each opportunity to serve your child's school! Contact the school office or any current PTL officer if you are interested.

Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinators – (May 4 – 8) Thank you, Macey Liefer and Lisa Guebert for planning a week to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them! **New Student Welcome Sign Crew** - Thank you, Rachael Liefer for stepping up to welcome our new students this fall! **Spring Book Fair** - Thank you, Tiffany Stellhorn and Kim Valentine for coordinating the book fair this spring! **Fall Festival Chair** – Thank you, Tiffany Stellhorn for taking the reins on this SJL tradition! **Cougar Prowl Fun Run (or something similar)** - What's needed: Support teacher's wish lists, Teacher Appreciation Week, and general school needs by coordinating the annual Cougar Prowl Fun run (or something similar to bring in \$7500 – 10,000/year). What's provided: Details on previous fundraisers, fun run tracking spreadsheets and support from previous coordinators. **Faculty Gift Coordinator** - Unlike our classrooms, our faculty and staff do not have room parents assigned show appreciation throughout the year. What's needed: Show your gratitude by coordinating faculty and staff gifts. What's provided: list of faculty, special dates, and budget guidelines. **PTL Vice President** - Thank you, Kim Schlueter for joining the PTL officers in the 26/27 School Year! **PTL Secretary** - Help keep our PTL organized and running efficiently! The Secretary records meeting minutes, maintains documentation, and assists with communication to PTL members and school families.



**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.

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

**CALLING ALL HOMEMAKERS
WE WANT TO SHOWCASE
YOUR CREATIONS AT THE
SJL
County Fair**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF HOMEMADE GOODIES FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION EXHIBIT HALL ON 3.14.26. IDEAS FOR DONATIONS INCLUDE: FRESH BAKED BREAD, COOKIES, SALSA, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, JAM, JELLY, CANDY, ETC. IF YOU CAN MAKE IT, IT WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO OUR EXHIBIT HALL SHOWCASE!

Contact the office with questions or to arrange drop off.
618.282.3873

**RBAA
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
DISTRICT 19 REGISTRATION**

January 18, 2026 - February 22, 2026

To sign up click the link below:
<https://redbudathleticassociation.sportngin.com/register/form/057719178>