

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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<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 25, 2026

LUNCH:

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

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

Mon. March 2 - No School, Casimir Pulaski Day

Tue. March 3 - Roast beef pinwheels, dippable veggies, applesauce, oreo pudding, and milk.

Wed. March 4 - Chicken noodle soup, roll, orange slices, and milk.

Thurs. March 5 - Biscuits -n- gravy, cubed taters, cheese stick, chocolate covered strawberry bites, and milk.

Fri. March 6 - Hamburger on bun, mac-n-cheese, apple slices, green beans, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Thurs. Feb. 26 - VB v. Chester Lutheran, 5:30pm

Fri. Feb. 27 - 11:20am Early Dismissal

Fri. Feb. 27 - Heart Challenge & Life Walk

Fri. Feb. 27 - VB “C” Trny @ RBL

Fri. Feb. 27th & Sat. Feb. 28th - VB “A” Trny @ CL

Mon. March 2 - No School, Casimir Pulaski Day

Tue. March 3 - VB @ Evansville, 5pm

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. Feb. 27 - **No Early Childhood Chapel Service**

- Wed. March 4 - Midweek Lenten Service, 8:30am, @ Church, Grades K-8 will attend.

- Fri. March 6 - **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

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. **Ticket prices will increase beginning March 1st to \$45/ticket.**
- 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.

CURRENT FUNDRAISER:

- 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 last week. All donation packets should be turned in to your child's teacher on Friday, Feb. 27th. Thank you for supporting this event.

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.

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!

STUDENT CHOIRS SINGING IN CHURCH:

- Grades K-2 will sing on Sun. March 15th @ 10:30am. Please sign your child up using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScltCwa-MZnq9jtSkil9DkQjuRhLYLw-0kmlznmH7xQBL92w/viewform?usp=dialog>
- Grades 3-8 will sing on Sun. March 22nd @ 8:00am. Please sign your child up using the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekOUO9092HjhFzVgRLhAysUoq0oGKkGrvS4YAqv3MLJGMBDA/viiewform?usp=dialog>
- For both groups students should plan to sit in the balcony to sing. They will remain in the balcony until Pastor Mark calls them forward for the children's message.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next scheduled meeting for Mrs. Schmitz's retirement committee is on Thursday, March 5, at 3:15 in the school library.

ATTENTION PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: Students in primary sunday school classes will sing in the 10:30am worship service on Sun. March 8th. Pastor will announce when students should make their way to the front, and they will return to their seats after the conclusion of their song. We look forward to hearing your students sing!

SPRING PICTURE DAY: Will be held on Tuesday, March 10th. Packets with ordering information will be sent home with your student(s) today. If you misplace your packet there are extra copies in the school office. You can also order online at inter-state.com/order using school code 0420BRA.

COMMUNITY EVENT:

- **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

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 Cougar Prowl Fun Run, Faculty Gift Coordinator 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. **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 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.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 19, 2026
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL
5-7PM

Join us for a fun night including:

- Preschool & Kindergarten Signing, Meet-the-teacher, and Pre-Registration
- Complimentary Hot Dog & Soup Dinner
- Classroom Tours

QUESTIONS | MORE INFORMATION
618-282-3873

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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

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

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.