

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!”

March 18, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. March 19 - Chicken strips, cooked carrots, grapes, cookie, and milk.
Fri. March 20 - Ravioli w/red sauce, peas, texas toast, mixed fruit, and milk.
Mon. March 23 - Popcorn chicken, fries, green beans, apple crisp, and milk.
Tue. March 24 - Lasagna, broccoli, breadstick, mixed berries, and milk.
Wed. March 24 - Pepperoni pizza, carrots, applesauce, chocolate cake, and milk.
Thurs. March 26 - Turkey & bacon club sandwich, chips, apple slices, and milk.
Fri. March 27 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. March 18 - Confirmation Questioning @ Church, 7:30pm Mon. March 23rd - 8th Grade Parent Mtng, 6pm, Library
Thurs. March 19 - PreK & K Registration & Open House, 5-7pm

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. March 20 - **No Early Childhood Chapel Service**
- Wed. March 25 - Midweek Lenten Service, 8:30am @ Church, Grades K-8 will attend
- Fri. March 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. March 27th - 11:20am Early Dismissal
- Thurs. April 2nd - 11:20am Early Dismissal, Maundy Thursday
- Fri. April 3rd & Mon. April 6th - No School, Easter Holiday

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE NOTE: Achievement testing will take place the week of March 23-27th for grades 3-8. During this time it is vital that students are in attendance. Please avoid any non-emergency appointments during this week to assure students are completing their tests in a timely manner.

OPEN HOUSE: Tomorrow, Thursday, March 19th from 5-7pm is our annual open house and PreK and Kindergarten pre-registration. A complimentary hot dog & soup dinner will be served, and desserts will be available in each classroom. Ms. Reagan Birkner will be here to greet future kindergarten students as she prepares for her new role in the 26-27 school year. All are welcome, and we cannot wait to see you!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: All 8th grade confirmands are required to attend the confirmation retreat on Sunday, March 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm at church. Pictures will follow. Please bring \$10/student for altar flowers. Thank You!

8th GRADE CLASS MEETING: We will meet at 6pm in the school library, on Monday, March 23rd.

DINNER AUCTION: Thank you to everyone who helped make our 16th annual dinner auction a success! Together we raised approximately \$88,000 that will help our students grow in the love of Jesus and their educational journey every day. Great job SJL!!! Save the date for our 17th annual dinner auction, which will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2027.

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- 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.
- The current 6th grade class is selling Stonie's quick sticks and summer sausages. Snack sticks can be purchased for \$2/each from any 6th grade student. 12oz summer sausages can be ordered online by scanning the code below or order forms are available in the office or back of church. Orders are due March 26th.

CAFETERIA NOTES: If your student brings their own HOT lunch, please make sure it is sent in a thermos or heated container that will keep it warm until their lunch time. Students are not able to microwave food due to county Health Department restrictions. Also, please refrain from packing and/or allowing your children to bring soda in their lunch.

SAVE THE DATES:

- AriSon records will perform a free community concert on **Friday, March 27th** at 7pm in the New Gym. Mark your calendars and invite your family to attend.
- **Tuesday, March 31st** will be volleyball, golf, and track sports picture day.
- Graduation for the Class of 2026 will be held **Thursday, May 14th** at 7pm. Location TBD.
- The last day of school for the 25-26 school year is **Monday, May 18th**. Dismissal will be at 11:20am.

STUDENT CHOIRS SINGING IN CHURCH:

- 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/vi](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekOUO9092HjhFzVgRLhAysUoq0oGKkGrvS4YAqv3MLJGMBDA/viewform?usp=dialog)
[ewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekOUO9092HjhFzVgRLhAysUoq0oGKkGrvS4YAqv3MLJGMBDA/viewform?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.

LOST AND FOUND: A large collection of lost items have been placed on a table near the main entrance. Please encourage your child to look through the items to find their items. Items will remain at school until the end of the school year at which time they will be donated to the clothing bin in the parking lot.

BOOK FAIR: Our annual Scholastic book fair will be held April 7-9th. Students will have the opportunity to create wish lists during the school day once the items arrive. The following link will take you to the scholastic website where you can create an e-wallet for your child to use to purchase books/other items. bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stjohnlutherschool3

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

- 6-8th grade will visit the Randolph County Courthouse on **Wed. March 25th**.
- 4th & 5th grade will attend Weather Bash on **Wed. April 15th**.
- 6th & 7th grade will visit the St. Louis Zoo for a Zoo Careers Presentation on **Thurs. April 16th**.
- 2nd and 3rd grade will be taking a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center on **Mon. April 27th**.
- K & 1st grade will be taking a field trip to the St. Louis Zoo on **Thurs. May 7th**.

SPELLING CONTEST: The Monroe-Randolph Regional Office of Education is again sponsoring a Spelling Contest. It will take place on Thursday, April 9 at St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Red Bud. Registration will start at 5:30. Students representing our school are: 5th grade- Claire Sachtleben, 6th grade- Aubrey Valleroy, 7th grade- Holden Wagner and 8th grade- Sophia Zeiger. The following students are alternates and will attend only if the primary speller is unable to: 5th grade- Nolan Liefer, 6th grade- Blake Horrell, 7th grade- Grant Florreich and 8th grade- Easton Ruebusch. Thank you, students, for participating, and best wishes!

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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Class of 2028 Stonie's Sausage

Please turn in all order forms to the office or directly to a 6th grade family. Orders due March 26th for delivery prior to Easter

12oz Summer Sausage Stick is made from a blend of beef & pork.

Name	Contact Phone Number
Flavor	Quantity
Original	
Teriyaki	
Pineapple Jalapeno	
Cheese and Jalapeno	
Total Number of Sticks X \$10 each	



Online order form

FREE! YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

TRAINING BY **BOB CARTER**
FROM RED BUD
PLAYS FOR U-15 LFA
NATIONAL QUALIFIER TEAM
MEMBER OF THE 2026 U-15
OOP NATIONAL TEAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

Who: 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds who want to learn!
Details: Bring a ball if you have. Cleats or athletic shoes and shin guards preferably as well.

5-7 YEAR OLDS 5:30-6:45 pm
8-10 YEAR OLDS 7-8:15 pm

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Save your spot now!
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