

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!”

March 11, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. March 12 - Corndogs, salad, bananas w/caramel, and milk.
Fri. March 13 - Chicken soft taco, lettuce, corn, tropical mousse, and milk.
Mon. March 16 - Burger noodles, green beans, pineapple, and milk.
Tue. March 17 - Shepherd's pie, peaches, jello, and milk.
Wed. March 18 - Sloppy joe on bun, tater tots, cottage cheese, mandarin oranges, and milk.
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.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. March 11 - Confirmation Questioning @ Church, 7:30pm Sat. March 14 - Dinner Auction @ HCC, 5pm
Fri. March 13 - VB "C" Tryn @ St. Mary's Wed. March 18 - Confirmation Questioning @ Church, 7:30pm
Fri. March 13 - 3rd Quarter Report Cards Go Home

CHAPEL SERVICES:

- Fri. March 13 - Chapel service @ School, 8:30am, New Gym, Leaders - Mrs. Miller & 1st Grade
- Wed. March 18 - Midweek Lenten Service, 8:30am @ Church, Grades K-8 will attend
- Fri. March 20 - **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

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. **This is your last chance to attend the County Fair. Lots of new items are on the auction this year!**
- 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 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 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.
- 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 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-MZnq9jtSklii9DkQjuRhLYLw-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/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:

- 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.

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

808 S MAIN STREET
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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

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

FREE! YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

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

FIRST COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX
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Save your spot now!
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For questions or more info text:
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