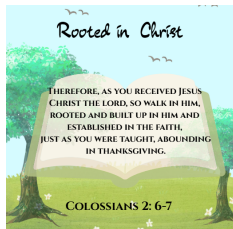
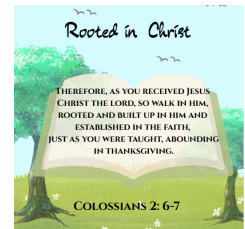


Cougar Tracks



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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Colossians 2: 6-7

"Therefore, as you received Jesus Christ the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

September 9, 2026

LUNCH:

Thurs. Sept. 10 - Chicken quesadilla, shredded lettuce, pineapple, and milk.
Fri. Sept. 11 - 11:20am Early Dismissal, No Lunch
Mon. Sept. 14 - Scrambled eggs, hashbrown, mixed berries, doughnut, and milk.
Tue. Sept. 15 - Turkey wrap, smile fries, grapes, and milk.
Wed. Sept. 16 - Burger noodles, green beans, pears, and milk.
Thurs. Sept. 17 - Cheese pizza, carrot/celery sticks, mixed fruit, mousse, and milk.
Fri. Sept. 18 - Grilled chicken strips, cheesy broccoli, rice, mandarin oranges, and milk.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Sept. 9 - CC @ Sparta Fairgrounds
Thurs. Sept. 10 - PTL Meeting, 7pm, Cafeteria
Fri. Sept. 11 - 11:20am Early Dismissal
Fri. Sept. 11 - BB/SB (B) @ Coulterville, 4:15pm
Sat. Sept. 12 - SB "A" Trny @ RBC

Mon. Sept. 14 - BB/SB v. Valmeyer, 4:15pm
Tue. Sept. 15 - CC @ St. James Milstadt
Tue. Sept. 15 - BB/SB @ RBES, 4:15pm
Wed. Sept. 16 - SB @ New Athens, 4:15pm

UPCOMING NO SCHOOL & EARLY DISMISSAL DAY:

- Friday, Sept. 11th - 11:20am Early Dismissal, **No Lunch or After School Care**

CHAPEL SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

- **Fri. Sept. 11** - Early Childhood Chapel Service, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Mrs. Liefer & 2nd Grade
- **Wed. Sept. 16** - 3-8 Chapel Service, 8:30am @ Church, Leaders - Mr. Becker & 4th Grade
- **Fri. Sept. 18** - Early Childhood Chapel Service, 8:30am @ Church, Leader - Pastor Mark

SEPTEMBER CHAPEL OFFERINGS: During the month of September offerings will benefit Give Me Water Lord. This organization is led by Mr. Vic Hamer and strives to provide clean drinking water to African nations that would otherwise go without. Chapel offering envelopes will be sent home for early childhood chapel each week. Please consider sending in a gift of any size. Thank You!

STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Individual notes have been sent home regarding missing health requirements/documentation. If you received a note, please submit the required documents as soon as possible or reach out to the office to let us know about scheduled appointments. Thank you for your cooperation!

FUNDRAISING LETTERS: Attached you will find two letters pertaining to updates to our 8th grade fundraisers moving forward. Please take the time to review them and take action as you feel inclined.

GIVING WALL EXPANSION: Dear Church and School Families, we are excited to invite you to join the donors' wall in the New Gym Lobby. Each tile is a six-inch stainless steel square that can be engraved with a message. The cost to add a tile to the wall is a \$500 donation. You can order via the following link: <https://forms.gle/6jDpHh2PktcAflQ28> Once we

have a specific number of orders, we will then start the process of collecting the message that you would like engraved on your tile.

SYCAMORE SYSTEM INFORMATION: We are actively working on our system updates. Please ONLY USE SYCAMORE for any payments and to view your child's grades. Questions can be directed to the school office and we will do our best to answer them.

COUGAR PROWL: We are in search of an energetic individual or group of individuals that are willing to lead our Cougar Prowl Fun Run. This event brings in donations that benefit our school directly, over 95% of funds directly benefit our study body. If you are willing to volunteer to lead this event please contact the school office.

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

- Our 34th annual golf tournament will be held on Sat. Sept. 19th at North County Country Club. See the attached flyer for details and/or to register your team. All proceeds benefit our school athletic fund.
- The current 7th grade class will host a Yard Sale Sept. 17-19th in the Old Gym. Please contact a member of the class for further information.
- The current 6th grade class will host a GloBingo on Sat. October 17th beginning at 7pm in the Old Gym. If you would like to purchase tickets please contact a member of the class.
- The class of 2030 will host a holiday craft fair on Sat. Nov. 14th at school. If you are interested in exhibiting please complete the linked form. If you have any questions please reach out to Chrystal Kiefer.
<https://forms.gle/cDWkD2UkT3jvxLSEA>

STUDENT CHOIRS SINGING IN CHURCH: Save the date to enjoy our student choir's singing in church.

- Grades 3-8 will sing "Blest Are They" on Sun. Sept. 13th at the 8:00am service. Please complete the following form if your student will be present to sing:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQtdPEPowSQqJMII9rZMXntqnFedX93unZ3iOloffxgUWjtA/viewform?usp=dialog>
- Grades K-2 will sing "Go Into the World" on Sun. Sept. 20th at the 10:30am service. Please complete the following form if your student will be present to sing:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMUw6bTnmHkaWwurA3oe90paywQrtBRLrGf1sa7Yd-5DcevA/viewform?usp=dialog>



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34th Annual
**St. John's
Lutheran School
Golf Tournament**

**September 19, 2026 9am Shotgun Start
4-Person Scramble**

Entry Fee: \$320/team

Includes Golf & Cart, and Meal following the tournament
Flighted Cash Prizes & Optional Skin Game

All proceeds will benefit

St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund

North County Country Club, Red Bud, IL

Please contact Andrew Stellhorn for questions or to enter your team.

Email andrew@wfdesignz.com or text 618-334-3182.

Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran School

Player 1: _____ ** Hole Sponsor Opportunity, \$75

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

8th Grade Fundraising Letter - Kindergarten - 8th Grade Families

SJL Parents,

There has been a lot of discussion recently about the policies regarding fundraising for your child's 8th grade class trip and while it may seem like a lifetime away or that this does not pertain to you as your child is not of "fundraising age" yet, the Board of Parish Education would like to take a proactive approach by creating a committee of parents, board members, and the trip director (Mr. Becker) to begin discussions on how this process could be improved upon.

Fundraising fatigue is a real thing and we realize that many parents experience this by the time their child reaches 8th grade, let alone those of us with multiple children. We also understand that not everyone has the luxury to pay for the trip outright. We heard you loud and clear with the survey results that a possible combination policy would be much appreciated. We ask for your patience in this process as change takes time and we do not want to rush the process. We are asking that each class select 2 parent representatives to join this committee. We will accept volunteers first. Should a class have more than 2 volunteers, a class vote will be held to elect 2 representatives from the list of volunteers. Once the committee has been formed, they will meet monthly or more if deemed necessary to discuss and create possible new fundraising policies to present to the Board for approval. We are so incredibly grateful for our parent involvement at St John's Lutheran and look forward to working together to make positive changes.

Sincerely,
Board of Parish Education

8th Grade Fundraising Pass Down Policy - 5th -8th Grade Families

All fundraisers from the outgoing 8th grade class will be evaluated by Mr. Becker and 1 or 2 School Board members to determine if they qualify for the fundraiser draft. This evaluation should take place by the 1st week of May to provide time for the draft to be completed by the end of the school year.

If the outgoing 8th grade parent in charge of an available fundraiser has a child in the incoming 5th, 6th, or 7th grade class they will be given the choice to retain that fundraiser for that child's class as long as they wish to remain in charge of said fundraiser for the new class. We understand you have put in much time and dedication perfecting the event and you should be allowed to continue to do so for your younger child as long as they are of fundraising age. If you do not wish to continue with this fundraiser it will be put in the list for the draft.

You can no longer "pass" a fundraiser onto a friend or family member to take over for their child.

The available fundraisers will then be put in a list containing the fundraiser title, average past profit, complexity, and past lead person's name. This list will be shared with the incoming 5th, 6th, and 7th grade classes via their Facebook pages. The classes will have time to review the list and decide amongst themselves which fundraisers might fit their class the best and those they would like to try and obtain.

A date will be set no more than a week after the list is posted to perform the "draft". Each class will assign a point person to correspond with Mr. Becker on this. 5th grade will go first and choose 1 fundraiser from the list, then 6th grade will choose one, followed by 7th grade choosing one. Then back to 5th grade to repeat the process until all fundraisers have been spoken for.

Should there be fundraisers left unclaimed, they will remain on the list to be included in the following years draft with the exception of concession stand events which need to be covered every year.

If the current 8th grade class is either done fundraising at the beginning of the school year or has fundraisers they would like to give up for their 8th grade year then those fundraisers will be compiled at the beginning of the school year and the process will be performed at that time. Should all available fundraisers be drafted at the beginning of the school year, with none left to disperse at the end of the school year, the school board reserves the right to retain 1 or 2 of those fundraisers for the following years incoming 5th grade class so that they will not be entering 5th grade empty handed.

If #7 happens (ONLY if the current 8th grade will not be hosting the event) and the 8th grade parent in charge has a current 4th grade child, they will be allowed to hold onto that for that child's class if they wish since it is out of their control that the draft happened at the beginning of the school year instead of the end. Since 4th grade cannot yet fundraise, we will allow 5th, 6th, or 7th to perform said fundraiser for ONLY the 1 year. Then the event will go back to the previous 8th grade parent that was in charge for their next child's 5th grade year. It will be added to the list as available for this year ONLY!

We encourage parents to be creative and come up with new and exciting fundraising ideas! If you have a new idea you would like to move forward with, you will first need a majority vote from the class and approval from Mr. Becker before proceeding.