

Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

October 3



The teachers journeyed to the LEA convocation in St. Louis this week. They learned about topics like AI in Education, Classroom Management strategies, how to foster faith in their students, and much, much more. These conferences are a blessing to our school, allowing our teachers to hone their craft and continue the tradition of excellence in teaching at St. John's.

From the Principal's Desk

Good evening, Cougars,

This past weekend, members of our faculty joined over 3,000 other Lutheran educators at a conference in St. Louis. It was a privilege to have the time to fellowship, learn from, and laugh with so many other educators. We were also blessed to watch Mrs. Cheryl Witek, our former kindergarten teacher, be officially recognized in front of the group for her award in Early Childhood Education.

Please watch your emails this week- information will be coming soon about sign-ups for parent-teacher conferences on October 23rd and 24th. These conferences are a vital part of what sets us apart as a community- it is an opportunity for teachers and parents to come together as team members in order to help our students achieve their best. Please watch for more details and be ready to snag a time that works for you.

Tomorrow, don't forget to wear your pink in support of all who have fought and continue to fight against breast cancer.

God's blessings on your Sunday.

Looking Ahead...

Oct. 6- Play for Pink

Oct. 17- End of Quarter;
Trunk or Treat

Oct. 23- Half Day

Oct. 24- No School

Oct. 23-24- Parent Teacher
Conferences

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Psalm 98:4

In Chapel This Week...

This year, our chapel messages will use our school theme- Make a Joyful Noise- and focus on some of the hymns we sing in church. Please join us next Wednesday at 9 am to hear about the hymn "What God Ordains is Always Good."



Kindergarteners finished up making paper collage chickens in Art Club this week.

Athletics

Upcoming games:

Volleyball- Mon., Oct. 6- Play for Pink!

Tues., Oct. 7 @ Racine Christian

Oct. 10-11- B Girls Conf. Tourny

Soccer- Tues., Oct. 7 @ KCL

Cross Country- Sat., Oct. 11- State Meet

Crusader Corner

8th grade parents- mark your calendars for the first open house on October 13th from 5:00-7:00 pm.

From Our Church

A new member class is taking place at 9 am in between services. If you are interested in joining our church, or if you want to know more about what Lutherans believe, it isn't too late- please come and join the class! It will be held in the 5th grade classroom.

Rockstars of the Week

This year, we will be recognizing students who stand out for their acts of kindness and/or service toward others, who are helping to "Make a Joyful Noise" in God's glory here at St. John's.

Our Rockstars of this week were the following students: Ana Borgardt (5K), Paul Weisner (2nd), Annistyn Anzalone (3rd), and Mariano Gutierrez (8th)

Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

Trunk or Treat – PTL will be hosting concessions and a bake sale during the event. Please consider signing up to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BAEAC2DA4F85-trunk>

We are still looking for people to organize the mother/son event – please reach out to Amanda Kotowski or Tiffany Lippold if interested. If we do not have volunteers, we may have to cancel this event.

A big thank you to everyone who purchased pretzels during the recent sale- the fundraiser was a great success!



Please join our girls' volleyball teams in wearing pink on Monday for our annual "Play for Pink" fundraiser!

Art Club

An Art Club will be offered to 1st and 2nd Graders on Wednesdays. The Art Club will be held in the 5th grade classroom from the end of the school day until 4:30. The dates are October 15, October 22, October 29, and November 5. There is no fee to join. Please contact Ms. Hoffmann by Friday, October 10th at thoffmann@stjohnsracine.org to sign up as space is limited.



We'd love to have you join us for worship! We have two services on Sundays- one at 7:45 and one at 10:15, with Sunday School and Bible class in between. There is also a Wednesday evening service at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there!