

Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

December 5



This weekend is our Cougar Classic Tournament! We cheered on our basketball teams and cheerleaders with a pep assembly this afternoon. Look at all that blue and white- go Cougars!

From the Principal's Desk

Happy Friday, St. John's!

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." in more ways than one! Our big snow storm over Thanksgiving break left us with a winter wonderland outside- so this is a good opportunity to remind everyone to send snow gear with your students, so they can enjoy snow forts and snow angels and all the joy of the winter season! Hats, gloves, and boots are necessities, and snow pants are always welcome for the more adventurous youngsters.

Decorations have also started appearing in our classrooms, hallways, and church. They are great reminders of all the Christmas festivities coming our way- concerts, school programs, class parties. But ultimately they also remind us of the coming of our Savior in the manger. On Wednesdays, our church holds a 6:00 pm Advent service, to help us prepare for Jesus's arrival. We hope you can join us for the many special church services and events in the weeks ahead!

Looking Ahead...

Dec. 6-7- Cougar Classic
Tournament @ RLHS

Dec. 14- Christmas Choir
Concert

Dec. 15- School Christmas
Program

Dec. 16- Dine Out Night @
Panera

"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. Next week, we will focus on the hymn "The Advent of Our King."



Last week, our PreK3, PreK4, and K students came together to celebrate thanksgiving with a special craft and the making of pudding pies.

Athletics

Upcoming basketball games:

Dec. 6/7- Cougar Classic Tournament @ RLHS

****Come enjoy some great concessions and cheer on our Cougars at our biggest athletic fundraiser of the year!**

From Our Church

We are in the middle of a food collection, sponsored by our church's Stewardship Board. Now through December 12th, we are collecting canned and nonperishable food items, which will be assembled into baskets and given to families in need in our community. You can send in donations with your student (there are collection boxes in each classroom) or bring it to the back of church.

Our church also hosts a Christmas Concert on December 14th, at 6 pm. This is a separate event from our school program on the 15th! Our choirs, bells, chimes, and other instruments will provide beautiful, festive music- please join us!

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 for this week: Skylar Lopez (3K); Aria Swiecichowski (1st); Sofia Lopez (4th); and Eli Al-Jehani (8th). Keep up the great work, Cougars!

Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

Our next Dine-Out event will take place at Panera on Tuesday, December 16th. The dine-outs are a great fundraiser for events like the Dad-Daughter Dance and the end-of-year Field Day, so please plan on one less night of meal-planning during this busy season, and join us for a meal at Panera on the 16th! See the attached flyer for details.

Cougar Classic

Every year, we host a grade school basketball tournament for local schools. This tournament is the athletic department's only source of income and sole fundraising event. The funds raised during this weekend allow us to keep athletic equipment current, replace jerseys as needed, and allows our student-athletes to participate in a variety of tournaments and events throughout the state. This year the tournament will take place at RLHS.

We still need some volunteers for Sunday! If you would like to sign up to help, please use this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/621541044073/false#/invitation>

Crusader Corner

Free Babysitting Day – Hosted by the Service Club at Racine Lutheran High School

Need a few hours to run errands, recharge, or enjoy some quiet time? The Service Club at Racine Lutheran High School is excited to offer a Free Babysitting Day!

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: RLHS, 251 Luedtke Avenue

Cost: Free (a freewill offering is welcomed but not required)

Children will enjoy games, crafts, stories, and supervised play. Snacks will be provided. Space is limited to 40 children, so please sign up early.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/pN6thjxYhubysaLo8>

Questions? Contact: Debbie Menk;
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If you have a current 8th grader who is planning to apply to Racine Lutheran High School for the 2026-2027 school year, we want to let you know that enrollment applications are already underway!

Our next Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Enrollment folders will be available at that time. Katie Fox will also have a table at the Cougar Classic, so feel free to speak with her in person!



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!