

# Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

May 1

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One of the many blessings we have at St. John's is our close proximity to the lake. Pastor Gilbert took our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on a walking field trip to the beach to talk to them about how to appreciate God's beautiful creation.

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## From the Principal's Desk

Apologies that this is getting to you late this week- I had the privilege of flying out to join the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their DC trip over the weekend, and due to time and travel, my internet access was limited.

If you have not yet received it in the mail, please see the attached brochure that explores the future growth and renovation of our facilities. A project of this magnitude would be a large undertaking for our school and congregation, and we are seeking input as a part of a feasibility study to evaluate the potential for expansion. Fill out the survey using the QR code, and please feel free to attend an information session to ask questions and hear about the potential plans.

It is hard to believe, but the end of school is quickly approaching! Starting next week, your students are able to wear shorts once again, and warmer weather is on the horizon. If you are planning to attend an end-of-year field trip, please check with your teacher that a background check and all relevant paperwork is on file. Blessings on the week ahead!

## Looking Ahead...

May 4-8- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 14- Dine Out at Jersey Mike's (all day)

May 20- School Picnic

May 21- Kindergarten Graduation

May 22- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

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

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## 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. When we return from break, the hymn of the week will be “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good.”



8<sup>th</sup> Graders climb on the statue of Einstein for a class picture during their time in DC this past weekend.

## From Our Church

Join us on Friday, May 15 from 5:30-7:30pm for Fellowship Friday. Pastor DeYoung will be making his St. John's famous tacos! Everyone connected to St. John's is invited to attend. Please come as individuals or families, and if you do, please bring a taco topping, side, dessert, or drink to share. Please consider bringing a game of some kind to perhaps play with others. The gym will also be open for part of the evening. If you plan to attend, email Kimberly ([chapman@stjohnsracine.org](mailto:chapman@stjohnsracine.org)) or Sharon ([adel@stjohnsracine.org](mailto:adel@stjohnsracine.org)).

The Stewardship Board is sponsoring a neighborhood cleanup that will take place on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9-10 am. Join us to help brighten up our neighborhood!

## 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. This week's rockstars are Macklin Smith (5K), Lily Krewal (1st), Manny Perez (4th), and Charlotte Friesema (5<sup>th</sup>). Keep up the great work, Cougars! We are proud of you.

## Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

PTL is hosting a variety of activities this week to show their appreciation for our teachers. Please get involved in the fun and make sure you say thank you to your child's teacher this week!

They will also be looking for volunteers to help out on Field Day: Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and clear your schedule- this is an amazing day for our students that cannot be done without your help! Watch future communications for a sign-up link.

## Athletics

The annual athletic banquet will be held on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

8th graders- essays for the athletic scholarship to RLHS are due to Mrs. Knoell.

## Summer Bridging

St. John's will once again be hosting a Summer Bridging program through Younique Minds. Classes are offered to 1st-8<sup>th</sup> graders and focus on math and literacy, and they run Mondays through Thursdays from June 15 to July 16. A virtual algebra readiness class will also be offered to incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please see the attached flyers for details.

## Crusader Corner

A number of sports camps are available this summer at RLHS- check out the attached flyers for details!



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**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!**