

COUGAR CONNECTION



2023-2024 School Theme: Connected in Christ

"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

This week, we officially began the 2024 half of the school year- and it has already been quite eventful. Between end of the 2nd quarter, busy basketball schedules, and 'snow' days, this week certainly felt longer than just three days of school!

We have used up our two snow days already, but should we need to cancel school again, plan on having a 'distance learning' day, where teachers will email or send activities for your child to do on their day off. Hopefully this will prevent us from having to make up days at the end of the year.

As temperatures really get cold this week, remember to have your students bundle up! We will not go outside for recess if the temperature is too cold, but please make sure coats, gloves, hats, and boots become a regular part of your student's accessories.

This is a full newsletter, so please check out the notes about upcoming events and special presentations, and be sure to read through the attached flyers.

We pray for God's blessings in 2024!

-Ms. Heins-



CHAPEL NOTES

Next week in chapel, Pastor Gilbert will be preaching on the 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Please join us at 9:00 am in our sanctuary on Wednesday morning!

LSW/VIP DAY

The week of January 22-26 is our annual Lutheran Schools Week. It is a week of fun and fellowship as we all celebrate what it means to be a Lutheran school! Please see the attached flyer for information on Spirit Days. That Friday will also be our VIP day, and the sign-up sheet is also attached to this newsletter.

ART CLUB

An Art Club will be offered to 2nd Graders on Mondays. The Art Club will be held in Mrs. van Sliedrecht's room from the end of the school day until 4:30. The dates are January 22, 29, and February 5. There is no fee to join. Please contact Mrs. van by Friday, January 19th at vansliedrecht@stjohnsracine.org to sign up as space is limited.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Our 5th and 6th grade girls team took 1st place in the Oconomowoc Basketball tournament last weekend. Congrats, girls!

ATHLETICS

Come cheer on our Cougars in their upcoming games:

Tuesday, Jan. 16th- HOME vs. Christian Life (5, 6, 7, 8)

Thurs., Jan 18th- Sat., Jan. 20th- B Teams will be playing the Crusader Classic at Trinity Caledonia

Tues., Jan. 23rd- HOME vs. Trinity Caledonia (5, 6)

Thurs., Jan. 25- Sun., Jan. 28- A Teams will play at the Hales Corners Invitational

RLHS NEWS

The next RLHS Open House is January 29 from 5-7 pm. This is a drop-in event- no registration needed. If you are an 8th grader and interested in hearing more about Lutheran High, this is a must-go event!

RLHS is sponsoring an evening speaker on Monday, January 22. Mr. Ben Tracy will be discussing life in the digital age as he helps parents face the challenges that social media and cell phones present to our children in today's world. The event will start at 7:00 pm, in the old gymnasium. Mr. Tracy will be talking to our junior high and high school students on Tuesday morning as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22-26- Lutheran Schools Week

January 22- Ben Tracy Presents @RLHS, 7 pm

January 26- VIP Day

February 1- Open Enrollment Begins

February 3- Father Daughter Dance

PARENT-TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL)

The PTL's next open meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30 pm in Ms. Pesch's classroom.

2nd Quarter Ice Cream truck will take place when we are in session this week, at a time to be determined.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Fellowship Friday- Our next Fellowship Friday is this week- January 19th, from 5-7. Mostaccioli and meatballs will be served as the main meal. Please contact Kimberly Chapman (chapman@stjohnsracine.org) or Sharon Adel (adel@stjohnsracine.org) if you plan on attending.

Lenten Dinners- The Board of Elders will sponsor our first Lenten dinner on Ash Wednesday, but we are still looking for other groups to host the Lenten dinners for February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, or March 20. If you or your group might be interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible (chapman@stjohnsracine.org).

Youth Bible Jeopardy- St. John's plans to participate in the South Wisconsin District Youth Bible Jeopardy event again this year. It will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wales, WI on Saturday, February 10. The topic will be the Book of Judges and this is open to 7th-12th graders. We can have up to three teams made up of 2-5 people. Please contact the school office or tell one of the pastors if you would like to participate!

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE: 7:45 AND 10:15 AM

*BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BETWEEN THE SERVICES

WED. CHURCH SERVICE: 6:00 PM