

Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

October 24



1st and 2nd graders had a great time creating their own Pout-Pout Fish during Art Club the past few weeks. Students sculpted the fish, painted it, and added striped and spotted details to create this keepsake based on the children's book!

From the Principal's Desk

Happy November, St. John's!

Hopefully everyone was able to get in a little extra sleep this morning, as the clocks "fell back" for Daylight Saving Time. On this first Sunday of November, we commemorated All Saints' Day in church this morning, honoring the memory of all those who joined the heavenly chorus during the past year. It was a beautiful service with beautiful music.

You should have received an email about signing up for the Christmas program. Please do so by this Friday, November 7th, so we have an idea of who will be in attendance at each service. This will help us plan as we start rehearsals with our students in the weeks ahead.

Cooler weather is certainly here to stay- we ask that you please send appropriate coats- and as the winds get stronger, hats and gloves- so that our students may continue to enjoy outdoor recess.

Chapel offerings this quarter go to help our Families in Need Food baskets. We are also taking donations of non-perishable food items throughout the next weeks. You can find a donation box in your child's classroom.

Have a restful Sunday, Cougars!

Looking Ahead...

Nov. 12- Open Board Meeting
Nov. 13- Dine Out @ Culvers
Nov. 15- PTL Lego Build/Auction Event
Nov. 17- Blood Drive
Nov. 26-28- Thanksgiving Break

"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 "For All the Saints."



On our half day last week, the middle school celebrated some of their favorite books with themed activities and decorations.

Athletics

Basketball and cheerleading practices have begun! Stay tuned for upcoming games and tournaments as our winter sports season amps up. Contact the athletic director, Mrs. Knoell, with questions about the season: knoell@stjohnsracine.org.

From Our Church

Mark your calendars for the next Fellowship Friday event- November 21st. Dinner will be baked potatoes- just bring a dessert or side to share and let Mrs. Chapman know you are planning to come (chapman@stjohnsracine.org).

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: Kenzie Patzke (5K); Jack Froese (1st); Kameron Wright (4th); and Shawn Beernink (5th). Keep up the great work, Cougars!

Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Lego Build and Auction event on November 15- it is going to be a lot of fun, and we hope to see you all there! See the attached flyer for more specifics, and watch for pre-order tickets for the spaghetti dinner.

Also, please join us for the next Dine Out event at Culvers (on Douglas) on Thursday, November 13th!

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.

We are looking for local businesses / individuals who would like to sponsor an ad in the tournament brochure (\$60 half page / \$100 full page). All advertisements will be featured in the tournament booklet, which is available to about 1,000+ guests throughout the weekend. If you own a business and/or have a connection with a local business who would like to participate in this sponsorship, please reach out to Amanda Kotowski at 262-498-8695 or email her at akotowski8695@gmail.com. Thank you for your support – Go Cougars!

Crusader Corner

Come see the fall play at RLHS on Friday, November 7th or Saturday, November 8th. See the flyer for more details!



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!