

Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

March 20



Naomi Holthaus demonstrates how fabric was woven in the 1700s. She and several other re-enactors were in the gym during our Social Studies fair to show our students a picture of life in Revolutionary War times.

From the Principal's Desk

Good evening, Cougars,

I hope you all enjoyed a couple days of break with your family and were able to get outside in the nicer weather this weekend.

A big thank you to Mr. Wentzel and Ms. Pesch for organizing our Social Studies Fair event- and we also thank Naomi Holthaus and our guest re-enactors that helped make the evening truly special. What a great way to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday!

Another big thank you to the PTL for the Father-Daughter event this past weekend. It is always a joy to see our girls enjoying a special night out with their father figures!

We are in the midst of Forward testing this week. We appreciate how hard our students are working! Spring break is right around the corner- another week and a half, and we will all be able to enjoy a longer breather and hopefully even warmer weather. Blessings on the week, Cougars!

Looking Ahead...

March 23- Pizza Forms due

March 29- Examination (9:00 am) and Confirmation (10:15 am)

April 2- Maundy Thursday service and 1st Communion for confirmands

April 3-April 12- Easter Break (No School- see email for service times during Holy Week)

"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. When we return from break, the hymn of the week will be "My Song is Love Unknown."



Last Saturday, our gym was all decked out as our biannual Father-Daughter Dance took place.

Athletics

**We are looking for a track coach for the upcoming season. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know!

From Our Church

Please join the Stewardship Board on Saturday, April 25 for a spring service field trip to Feed My Starving Children, a Christian organization in Libertyville, Illinois that partners with volunteers to pack life-saving meals for children in need around the world.

Our packing session will take place from 2:00-3:45pm. We will meet at the Highway 20 Park and Ride at 12:45pm and caravan together to Libertyville.

This is a meaningful and hands-on opportunity to give back, and we hope you and your family will consider joining us. Please note: for safety reasons, Feed My Starving Children requires all participants to be at least 5 years old.

Please sign up at <http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=8762ZB>

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. Due to the shorter week this past week, we will announce the Rockstars in next week's Cougar Connection.

Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

Pizza sale flyers are due tomorrow! Please get your order in for your Ferraro's pizza. This is a great way to show your support for our school!

If you'd like to get involved in upcoming PTL events- the Mother-Son event, Field Day, etc.- please reach out to Amanda Kotowski! akotowski@wi.rr.com.

Summer Bridging

St. John's will once again be hosting a Summer Bridging program through Younique Minds. Classes are offered to 1st-8th 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 8th graders. Please see the attached flyers for details.

SJL Holy Week Service Schedule

There are many opportunities to join us in worship in the coming weeks. Here are some of the special service times:

Palm Sunday- 7:45/10:15 (Examination @ 9:00 in between services; Confirmation @ 10:15)

Maundy Thursday- 4:15/6:30 (1st communion @ late service)

Good Friday- Noon (Chief Service); 7:00 (Tenebrae)

Easter Sunday- 6:00 am/10:15- fellowship @ 8:00 am with Kringle and coffee

Crusader Corner

Open enrollment has begun! If you have not already reached out to Katie Fox to get an enrollment packet for your incoming 9th grader, this is the week!

More Crusader news coming soon!



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!