

# Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

April 17

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PTL sponsored a skating event for moms and their sons- it was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped plan, and to those who came out to support this fun event!

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## From the Principal's Desk

What a crazy weather week! Spring temperatures have arrived, but they certainly roared in, with all of our students having their own "basement story" to tell this week. We are glad that all of our Cougars are marked safe!

This Monday and Tuesday, we will have some special guests in our building, as our NLSA Accreditation Visiting Team will be on site, exploring our facility, talking with students and teachers, and getting a feel for all that we do here at St. John's. If you see an unfamiliar face in the hallway, be sure to say hello! Thank you to our PTL for sponsoring a lunch for the teachers and team this week.

Also this week is our dinner theater production- be sure to use the attached flyer to purchase tickets! Dinner reservations are required in advance- tickets are due tomorrow!

Have a blessed week ahead (and hopefully a significantly less windy one!)

## Looking Ahead...

April 19-21- NLSA  
Accreditation Visit

April 25- Dinner Theater

May 1-5- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade DC Trip

May 4-8- Teacher  
Appreciation Week

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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 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is.”



Some of our 5th-8<sup>th</sup> graders took part in RLHS's Academic Bowl this past weekend. We are proud of you, Cougars!

## Athletics

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

## 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.

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. This week’s rockstars are Julaiya Jones (5K), Benjamin Perona (1st), Moshe Riley (4th), and Liam Fernandez (8<sup>th</sup>). Keep up the great work, Cougars! We are proud of you.



## Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

A huge thank you to those who were involved in the planning of the Mother-Son Skating Event. It was a fun-filled way to spend the Sunday afternoon, and all the photos are filled with smiling faces!

Another thank you to those that came out to Chick-Fil-A for the Dine Out this past Tuesday- we packed the house! It was so fun to see so many students, parents, and teachers dining together!

## 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.

## Dinner Theater

This year’s dinner theater production is “The Thirty-Three Little Pigs” and will take place this coming Saturday (dinner at 6, the show at 7). Please see the attached flyer for details on menu and ticket pricing. Tickets for dinner MUST be ordered in advance, and the order form is due tomorrow (Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>). Tickets for the show will be sold at the door (\$5 per person- cash only).

## Crusader Corner

Please see the attached poster for information on RLHS’s spring play, “The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza!” This takes place Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Also, 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!**