

Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

April 2



Last week in chapel, our poster winners from the "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest were honored by Bill Frayer from Knights of Columbus. Our students' artistic talents always shine in this competition! Also winners, but not pictured: Alice Duchac and Braelyn Bradshaw. Congrats to all of our talented artists!

From the Principal's Desk

A blessed Good Friday to all of our St. John's families!

The energy level at school this week was very high, as we have officially arrived at our Easter break! Students finished up Forward testing, worked hard on classwork, celebrated Holy Week and Easter, and adapted to all varieties of Wisconsin weather with indoor and outdoor recesses this week. Everyone is looking forward to a week off as we prepare for the last six weeks of the school year!

The end of the year is always packed with activity. I would especially ask that you consider helping with the PTL-sponsored Field Day- it is a favorite day for our students during the last week of school, and we always need plenty of parent volunteers to make it happen. Watch for sign-ups coming your way once we get back from break.

Congratulations to our confirmands who received their first communion last night at the Maundy Thursday service. There are a lot of opportunities to worship with us ahead this weekend, and we hope that you are able to join us for one of them. See the worship schedules listed on the next page.

Have a wonderful Easter break, Cougars! See you on the 13th!

Looking Ahead...

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

April 14- Dine out @ Chick Fil A

April 19- Mom-Son Skating Event

April 19-21- NLSA Accreditation Visit

April 25- Dinner Theater

"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 "This Joyful Eastertide."



Our 8th graders and their 1st grade buddies celebrated Easter yesterday with pancakes, word puzzles, math games, and of course, egg hunting!

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.

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 Lucy DeYoung (5K), Liza Burgos (2nd), Tony Chaudoir (3rd), and Grace Block (7th). Keep up the great work, Cougars! We are proud of you.

Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

The next Dine-Out night is the Tuesday after we return from break (April 14), and it is at Chick-Fil-A. We will send home the flyer with your student on Monday, April 13, but it is attached for your records.

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:

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

Please see the attached poster for information on RLHS's spring play, "The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza!" This takes place Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th.

Also, a number of sports camps are available this summer at RLHS- check out the attached flyers for 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!