

# Cougar Connection

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2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

September 19

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Each fall and spring, our church sponsors a 'field trip' to Feed My Starving Children, which many of our teachers, students, and former students attend. This fall, our food is heading to Uganda, and we fed 127 kids for a year with the meals we packed! We hope to go soon with our middle school students.

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## From the Principal's Desk

Happy Friday, Cougars!

At the beginning of the week, I had a principal's conference that took me out of the school for a couple of days. It was a blessing to attend and learn alongside other area principals, but it is always a little nerve-wracking to be out of the building for an extended period of time. It was a joy to return and discover that my office had been covered in sticky notes by "anonymous" students, with drawings and well-wishes and notes of encouragement. It was a great reminder of how blessed I am to serve the students, teachers, staff, and families here at St. John's!

Our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are looking forward to an outdoor adventure this next week, so please keep them and their chaperones in your prayers as they travel. Have a great weekend, Cougars!

## Looking Ahead...

Sept. 24-26- Outdoor Ed

Sept. 30- PTL Meeting

Oct. 1- Half Day

Oct. 2-3- No School

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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. Please join us next Wednesday at 9 am to hear about the hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness."



Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are enjoying their class pet, Bella Chica, the guinea pig.

## Athletics

Upcoming games:

Volleyball- No games this week

Soccer- Mon., Sept. 22 @ KCL

Tues., Sept. 23 @ Trin. Cal (SCORE)

Cross Country- No meet this week

## Crusader Corner

Upcoming Grade School Fan Nights:

Varsity Football – Thurs. Oct 2, 7 pm (Horlick Field)

8<sup>th</sup> grade parents- mark your calendars for the first open house on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm.

## 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 of this week were the following students: Everlymae Reff (3K); Rebekah Gilbert (2<sup>nd</sup>); Aminah Rodriguez (3<sup>rd</sup>); and Aaron Rodriguez (7<sup>th</sup>)

## Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

Pretzel Sale begins today! This fundraiser gives a big percentage back to our school, so please check out the attached flyer and place an order! Orders are due by September 26th.

As part of the PTL event on November 15, they will be hosting a Silent Auction and are seeking donation items from local businesses. If you have any connections and are willing to reach out on our behalf, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Before doing so, please contact Kerry Jacquet at [kjacquet08@gmail.com](mailto:kjacquet08@gmail.com) to coordinate efforts.

Please join us for the **next PTL meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. You can join at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89255405900?pwd=pZaug9kZNWSvinb1QgsUYfymurl2i6.1>

## From Our Church

A new member class starts this Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9 am in between services. If you are interested in joining our church, or if you want to know more about what Lutherans believe, please come and join the class! It will be held in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

Our church holds worship services at 7:45 am and 10:15 am on Sundays, with Bible class and Sunday School in between. We also have a Wednesday evening service at 6:00 pm. We would love to have all of our school families join us for worship!

Children's Choir will sing on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 am service. We will meet in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom to warm up at 9:55.



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**We'd love to have you join us for worship! Our services right now are at 6 pm on Wednesdays and 9 am on Sundays. This will switch after Labor Day- watch for updates!**