

# Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

January 30



Happy Lutheran Schools Week! This is our K-8<sup>th</sup> graders at the chapel and concert held by Racine Lutheran this past Tuesday, showing our love for Jesus and each other! See more pictures of our festivities on pg. 3.

## From the Principal's Desk

Happy Lutheran Schools Week!

Our Cougars closed out January in style, with activities like an 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. teacher toe-tag game (the 8<sup>th</sup> graders won the hard-fought battle), an assembly with Concordia, Trinity, and RLHS at the high school, a movie day, a Soup-er service event, two school field trips, and finally- VIP Day, a day that our students always look forward to celebrating with their special person.

There is a lot of effort that goes into this week of fun. You'll read a special thank-you to our PTL on the next page, and we are so thankful for the VIPs who brought their energy to our building. But an important thank you should be said to three of our teachers- Tiffany Hoffmann, Kim Hoffmann, and Jackie Kellner, for their work in planning the week's festivities. Thank you, ladies- you are the teacher rockstars for the week!

Have a great weekend, Cougars. See you on Monday!

## Looking Ahead...

Feb. 13- Midquarter

Feb. 16- No School

Feb. 18- Ash Wednesday

Feb. 26- Red Cross Blood Drive

"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 "As With Gladness, Men of Old."



The PTL organized a field trip for our 1<sup>st</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> graders to The Lanes for some bowling and pizza- it was a blast!

## Athletics

Come cheer on our Cougars:

Wed.-Sat., Feb. 4-8- B Boys Tournament @ St. Rita's  
Sat. Feb. 8- Home vs. Wisconsin Lutheran- all teams  
(9:00/10:00/11:00/12:00)

## From Our Church

Marriage & Family Retreat, March 6-7 - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pleasant Prairie (4311 104th St.) is pleased to host the annual Marriage & Family Retreat! This retreat is for everyone: couples, families, and singles! Our keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Brian German (professor at CUW) who will give multiple presentations on "Marriage & the Matriarchs." There are also multiple breakout sessions led by local pastors and professionals. The \$25 registration fee covers Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Childcare costs \$25/family, which includes meals. Presentations, discussions, fellowship, worship/preaching - all meant to strengthen Christian marriage and family. Visit [goodshepherdluth.org](http://goodshepherdluth.org) for registration and details.

## 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.

The rockstars for this week: Theo Krewal (4K); Charlotte McIlwain (1st); Braelyn Bradshaw (4th); and Andrew Malott (6th). Keep up the great work, Cougars!

## Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

During Lutheran Schools Week, we are celebrating everything that makes our Lutheran school special-- and we can honestly say that one of groups that works hard to help us stand out is our PTL.

Thanks to a massive effort, PTL coordinated not one, but two field trips this past Thursday. Our preschools and kindergarten ran, climbed, and slid the day away at Kidcadia. Our 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders glowed brightly on the bowling lanes as they played for strikes and spares. All students were treated to a delicious pizza lunch, and all students received an ice cream sundae upon their return to school. And this was ALL because of a great deal of effort from our Parent-Teacher League.

Parents of the PTL, thank you for supporting our school and making it a truly amazing place to work and learn.

If you'd like to get involved in upcoming events- the Father-Daughter Dance, the Mother-Son event, Field Day, etc.- please reach out to Amanda Kotowski! [akotowski@wi.rr.com](mailto:akotowski@wi.rr.com)

## Crusader Corner

Open enrollment begins on February 2<sup>nd</sup>! If you have not already reached out to Katie Fox to get an enrollment packet for your incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader, this is the week!

A shout-out to our alumni, Josiah Hasseldahl, for an incredible chapel message during the all-school assembly this past Tuesday. We are proud of you- once a Cougar, always a Cougar!

More Crusader news coming soon!

