Cougar Chronicle

October 13, 2026

Upcoming Events:

Wed Oct 14
8:15 am Chapel

Thur Oct 15
NO SCHOOL

Fri Oct 16
NO SCHOOL

Sun Oct 18
8 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
1:00 pm Pioneers

MAP Testing: Standardized testing has begun. We are using MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing which is done on the computers. Just a reminder that with these tests, the questions gradually get harder or easier depending if students answer correctly or incorrectly to try and give a better indication of where each student is at academically. Each classroom will be staggering when they take the tests to fit each classroom's schedule. Our testing window is through Friday, November 6. Our hope is that this will allow enough time to generate results that can be shared with you at parent teacher conferences on November 12 or 13.

Fire Poster Winners: Our school had two winners for the Marshall Fire Department's annual fire prevention poster contest. Kinsley Hanson was named the kindergarten winner and Lucy Fredrickson the 4th grade winner. Both received an award at the fire department's open house last Thursday.

No School: There will be no school on Thursday and Friday as our teachers will be attending the Minnesota District Teacher's Conference in St. Paul.

Pioneers: Pioneers will kick off the 2026 season with pumpkin carving/decorating and some fall games at Samuel Lutheran School on Sunday, October 18th from 1-3 PM. Please text Wendy at 507-530-4402 if you plan to attend so she can make sure to have enough pumpkins. Pioneers is open to Christ Lutheran students from grades 1-8.



October Birthdays

Quincie Goracke-5
Walter Wyffels-6
Cameren Rieke-13
Jace Gorter-17
Kyllian Groeneweg-22
Herbert Wyffels-23
Ava Berg-24
Jade Sieber-26
Adaline Timm-27
Mrs MacArthur-28
Bria Lindstrom-29

Before School Care Program: Our Before School Care program for grades K and up will be implemented starting Monday, 10/19. Parents can drop off students any time after 7:30 AM. They can enter through the lower (main) doors and proceed to the west ECC room. Any K or older student entering through the lower doors from 7:30-7:45 will be charged a flat rate of $1.50 per day that will be added to their after school care bill. The upper doors will continue to open at 7:45 for regular entry time.

Book Bingo! Families of children in grades PreK-2nd grade-- please join us for Book Bingo on October 20th from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM in the Samuel Cafeteria. All students will leave with a small goodie bag. Winners will receive a FREE book! Bring a family that isn't enrolled at Samuel and earn and additional bingo card! All students must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are encouraged to help their child/children play. The Samuel Book Fair will be open during and after the event. Doors open at 5:45 PM. Use the link to let us know you are coming. Hope to see you there!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde-HdOthgekW6IT-nXXNUR6VVyRSpEIBQd_tLWIRCO0Mcx6g/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Parent Vs. Kids Volleyball Game: We are rescheduling the Parent vs Kids Volleyball game to Tuesday, 10/27 due to the Book Fair next week. B Team kids and parents will begin playing at 5:30 PM, A Team at 6:00, and we'll plan to eat around 6:30 PM. Families are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share and pizza will be provided. See you there and thanks for a great season!

PTF Meeting: Our next meeting is Monday, October 26th at 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

Scholastic Book Fair: Samuel Lutheran School will be hosting it's annual book fair, October 20 - 22. Times are: ***Tues., Oct. 20 – 2:00 – 8:00 PM, Wed., Oct. 21 – 1:30 – 6:00 PM, and Thur., Oct. 22 – 2:00 – 7:00 PM.*** Proceeds from the book fair make it possible for Mrs. Paxton to add several more books to our school's library. Students have the opportunity to use ewallet. Please use this link to assist you https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/samuellutheranschool

1. Sign in or create a new Scholastic account
2. Choose "Create an eWallet"
3. Select "I'm a parent…"
4. Add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute

You may also use this website to preorder the latest Dog Man #15 book as well as Diary of a Wimpy Kid #21.
I can't wait to see you and your child at the Fair!
Thank you! Mrs. Ellingson

SMSU Basketball Game Elementary Day: Our K-8 will be attending SMSU's Women's Basketball game on Monday, November 9, at 11:00 AM for their Elementary Day. We are planning on walking to the game and will return before the end of the school day. Students are asked to bring a sack lunch to eat at the game. Any parents interested in helping chaperone please let Mr. Fredrickson know jfredrickson@christinmarshall.org.

Help Wanted: We are still looking for help with our Before and After School Care Program. After school would typically be from 3:00-5:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 2:00-5:30 on Wednesday. Before school would start at 7:30 and hours could vary. We can be flexible in terms of which day(s) you would like to work each week. More hours are possible as well if that is your preference, either in the morning or afternoon. Just reach out and we can work with your schedule! If you enjoy working with kids or would like some experience with ECC or childcare, this would be a great opportunity! If you or anyone you know would be interested in working in our Before or After School Program please contact either Mrs. Martius (smartius@christinmarshall.org) or Mr. Fredrickson (jfredrickson@christinmarshall.org).

Pumpkins: Preschool is looking for pumpkin donations for some fun fall activities in the classroom! If you have extra pumpkins you'd be willing to donate, we would be so grateful. Small to large, any size or shape will do. Contact Sarah Martius 507-401-6448. Thanks

Trunk or Treat: The school, congregation, and Marshall community are all invited to participate in our Trunk or Treat event. It will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 12:00-2:00 PM in the Samuel Lutheran School parking lot. Please feel free to share the information for this event with friends and family! We welcome all to come take part in a fun, Halloween activity. If you would like to help in any way (decorating a trunk and handing out treats, candy donation or decorations) please contact Mrs. Martius smartius@christinmarshall.org and let us know!