Cougar Chronicle

September 1, 2026

Upcoming Events:

Tues Sept 1
7:00 pm Board of Education

Sun Sept 6
9 am Worship

Tues Sept 8
4:30 pm Volleyball at Redwood Falls

Wed Sept 9
8:15 am Chapel

Sat Sept 12
9:00 am A-team Volleyball at GPLHS Tournament

Welcome Back! It's hard to believe this summer is over and school is back in session! I would like to introduce myself: I am Mr. Josh Fredrickson, and I am thrilled to join the staff at Samuel as the new Principal. This will be my 11th year in education but first as a principal and I am excited and eager for the challenge the Lord has put in front of me with this call. Besides serving as principal, I am also teaching K-8 phy ed and am taking over activities director duties. Besides myself, we have two new additions to the staff this year: Mrs. Andrea Spanovich was called to teach 6-8th grade and Mrs. Kelsey Larsen was called to teach Kindergarten. We are blessed to have them both join the Samuel faculty! I am looking forward to getting to know more of you throughout the year as we grow together in Christ. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can help with. God's Blessings!

School Year Theme: Our theme this school year is "Unshaken." The passage our theme comes from is Isaiah 54:10 which says, '"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.' What a comfort to know that God's love for us will always be stronger than any possible trouble we could face!

1st Semester Chapel Offerings: Our first semester mission offering is going to the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church (ELFK), our sister synod in Germany. They are a small synod of 16 congregations and 1,200 members, yet God has done amazing work through them. Their school is bursting at the seams and needs to add on at a cost of $1 million. You can learn more about the ELFK and our fellowship with them in this article: https://wels.net/150-years-fellowship-german-sister-synod/

Early Out Wednesdays: A reminder that ***beginning Wednesday*** we will dismiss *every Wednesday at 2:20 PM.* We are following the Marshall Public School's Wednesday schedule so that bussing will be available on those days.

Open House: Open House at Samuel will be held on Tuesday, September 15th from 6:00-7:00 PM. Invite grandparents, family, and friends to visit your school with you!



September Birthdays

Clifford Conrad-August 31
Mrs. Timm-August 31
Lincoln Brunsvold-2
Alivia Frank-15
Oliver Bartz-21
Pacey Rieke-29

School Pictures: School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 14th. We have scheduled a second picture day for Tuesday, September 29 for the preschoolers who do not attend on Monday or anyone who was absent. Picture forms were sent home on Monday or today.

PTF- Parents, Teachers, and Friends: You, yes, YOU are a member of our PTF group! We would love to have you come to a meeting (or all of them!) and help shape our school's activities and events. We had our first meeting of the school year on August 5th 2026 at 5:30PM. New officers were voted in. President Kallie Baumann, Secretary Roxanne Rieke, and Treasurer Sam Beilke. Different school activities and signups were discussed, as well as the upcoming Sounds of Summer Parade, school concessions, and fundraiser ideas. We would LOVE to have your ideas and input. Our next meeting is October 26th, 2026 at 5:30PM in the school cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

Sunday School Registration: Registration for Sunday School will be held on Sunday, September 13 from 9:15-10:15 in the church basement for children 3 years old (by September 1) through 8th grade. Sunday School classes will begin September 20.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed for our upcoming home volleyball games. Parents of players are strongly encouraged to sign up if you're able to do so! Follow this link: (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QRohAgxx7usmQ8GZAaT41E3OcaQFsftAsk8-gcsRoZo/edit?invite=CO6DqoUB) to access the sign-up sheet for line judges and scoreboard operators.

From the Nurse's Office Regarding Dispensing Medicine at School: Our school nurse, Mrs. Flock, recommends that parents give Tylenol, cough syrups, cough drops, vitamins, or any other over-the-counter (OTC) medications at home before school, after school, and at bedtime if necessary so the school does not need to become involved. The teachers are not supposed to administer any of these items without doctor's permission. The nurse also suggests mints or lemon drops work as well as the medicated cough drops. Since these are not medicine, teachers could supervise use of these items. Drinking water for a tickle or cough works quite well plus it keeps them hydrated. If specific circumstances occur where your child needs to take prescribed medicine at times away from home, you would have to contact the school nurse. Mrs. Flock is not in the school every day. She comes in once a week to do paper work and give advice if we have any health questions. Thank you for your cooperation.