



The Cougar



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St. Jude the Apostle School provides a Catholic family environment, dedicated to the formation of each student's relationship with Christ through faith, academics, and excellence.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, August 25		Box Top Collection forms sent home (Due Sept. 6)
Sunday, August 28	12:30pm-3:00pm	Back to School Open House/ H&S Gen. Session Mtg.
Tuesday, August 30	5:00-5:30pm	Boys 3rd&4th Football Sign-Up Night (Activity Center)
Tuesday, August 30	5:30pm-6:00pm	Girls 3rd-5th Basketball Sign-Up Night (Activity Center)
Wednesday, August 31	8:15am	School Liturgy (8A facilitates) Dress Uniforms
Friday, September 2	7:30am	Donuts and Devotion (8th grade– Ministry Build.)
Monday, September 5		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 6	6:30pm	Advisory Council Mtg.
Tuesday, September 6		Box Tops Collection Forms Due
Wednesday, September 7		Progress Reports
Wednesday, Sept.7-Friday, Sept. 9		ACT ASPIRE TESTING
Friday, September 9		“Favorite Team” Theme Dress for HR 100% Box Tops
Sunday, September 11		<i>Parish 50th Anniversary– Activity Center</i>
Wednesday, September 14	8:15am	School Liturgy (8B facilitates) Dress Uniforms
Wednesday, September 14	12:30pm-2:30pm	5th Grade Retreat (Parish Hall)
Thursday, September 15	6:30pm	St. Jude Men’s Club Mtg. (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, September 20	8:15am	8th Grade Level Liturgy (Dress Uniforms 8th Grade)
Wednesday, September 21		School Picture Day-Barberito Photographers



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, August 31, we will attend our first school liturgy. I am looking forward to celebrating mass with the students. The beginning of the year has been quite unique, but through it all one thing has been constant– our faith. There have been so many opportunities for us to live out our faith by helping family, friends, and local communities. As this school year begins for a second time, we are reminded of our school/church theme of “One Hope! One Faith! One Family!” Please continue to do the good work of Christ and continue to pray for those affected by this event.

Open House is this Sunday, August 28, from 1:00-3:00. Please make every effort to attend. Information about our school, parent organizations, upcoming events and spirit wear will be available. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher who is excited to do the same.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for making me feel so welcome at St. Jude. From working with the teachers, the students’ smiles and the handshakes from parents, this new endeavor has been so fulfilling!

One in Christ,

Mrs. Tina Schexnaydre, M. Ed.
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

OPEN HOUSE: We invite all parents (pre-K through 8th!) to join us this Sunday, August 28th in the activity center for Open House. The event runs from 1pm-3pm starting with a Home & School general session meeting followed by classroom visits. The 'Cougar Pride Fair' will begin at 12:30pm. Please plan to attend and discover all the opportunities available for parents to get involved at SJS! **Once again, open house is a parent-only event.** 2016-17 student spirit apparel will be on hand for sizing questions and order forms will be available.

SCHOOL WIDE LITURGY: St. Jude School students will attend our first school liturgy on Wednesday, August 31; Pre-K and Kindergarten WILL NOT attend. All students in grades 1-8 will need to be in dress uniforms (please refer to the [Parent/Student handbook](#)) and may need to be reminded about reverent behavior in church. Once again, SJS will collect items for the Greater Baton Rouge food bank prior to all liturgies. Donations can be sent in the child's backpack and will be collected during homeroom. At this time, the food bank is in dire need of donations and would not be able to feed thousands of hungry people in our area without our support. As always, we invite and welcome all parents to any liturgy.

BUS SERVICE: As noted in an email to parents earlier this week, **we expect bus service to resume Tuesday, September 6th.** Thanks for your continued patience; we again encourage our families to carpool with neighbors and friends!

BAND PROGRAM: We regret to inform our parents that due to unforeseen circumstances our Band program is indefinitely hold for the year. We will notify you of any changes as they occur.

CAFETERIA: Please note that we have been declared a major disaster area. **As a result, ALL students may receive a free hot lunch effective August 22nd-September 30th.** This only applies to the hot meal provided by the cafeteria and DOES NOT include any extra sales or a-la-Carte items.

DONUTS & DEVOTION : A reminder to all 8th graders that we will meet for Donuts & Devotion on Friday, September 2nd at 7:30am in the ministry building.

PICTURE DAY: Individual school pictures for ALL grade levels will be taken on Wednesday, September 21st beginning at 8:00 AM. The school uniform must be worn— Dress Uniforms are not necessary. Look for an order form coming home after Labor day in your child's backpack; ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID. Retakes are scheduled for a later date, but please try to avoid absences.

THANKS SJMC: We would like to extend a special thank you to our St. Jude Men's Club for assisting with morning carpool. These volunteers are a great help for our staff and other parents alike!

ATHLETICS

BOYS 3RD&4TH FOOTBALL: Families with sons in 3rd&4th grade wishing to participate in football should plan on joining us in the cafeteria for a mandatory meeting from 5-5:30pm on Tuesday, August 30th. [The Medical Authorization Form/Parent Contract](#) will be due at that time along with the \$85 fee.

GIRLS 3RD-5TH BASKETBALL: Families with daughters in 3rd-5th grade wishing to participate in basketball should plan on joining us in the cafeteria for a mandatory meeting from 5:30-6pm on Tuesday, August 30th. [The Medical Authorization Form/Parent Contract](#) will be due at that time along with the \$85 fee.

FEES DUE: If your child is participating in swim, cross country, Boy's 6th-8th football, or Girl's 6th-8th basketball, please note the fee payment and [Medical Authorization Form/Parent Contract](#) are due no later than Monday, August 29th. Fees association with sports can be found on the athletic area of our website!

COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, Sept 6th** E-mail sdriesse@stjudebr.org.

THANK YOU: SJS Home and School Association would like to welcome everyone back to school once again. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we begin our school year in the midst of these difficult times for our community. Together with the support of our entire St. Jude Family, we will do our best to make 2016-17 an awesome year! If we can assist you in any way, you may contact us at homeandschool@stjudebr.org.

ROOM MOM'S NEEDED: Please note applications for room mom's having been slow to come in. If you are interested in helping your child's teachers and getting involved in lots of fun school-day activities, please consider applying! The form can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#) or on the next page.

COUGAR PRIDE FAIR and HOME & SCHOOL GENERAL MEETING: Our Cougar Pride Fair and Home & School General Meeting will be held Sunday, August 28th beginning at 12:30 in the Activity Center. It will be followed immediately by Open House which is from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Cougar Pride fair will showcase many wonderful ways parents can get involved with organizations and events on campus. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

If you have any questions, you can contact us through email at homeandschool@stjudebr.org. Your questions or comments will be forwarded to the proper officer or chairperson.

DIRECTORY: We have extended the deadline to update your personal information in RenWeb to Monday, August 29th. Any changes made after this date will not be reflected in the student directory.

As a reminder, our printed student directory is generated from your contact information in RenWeb. The following information will be printed in this year's directory: Student name, Parent(s) names, address, home phone, cell phone (Mother), cell phone (Father), and a primary email address (Mother's email address).

Forms were sent home in the re-registration packets in January. Any requests you made on this form as to how the above information will be displayed in the directory will be honored. If you are a new family to St. Jude (i.e. you didn't register in February), an email will be sent to you this week indicating how you can make changes to your information if needed.

Any questions regarding how your information is to be printed in the directory can be sent to Sydney Braud at smbraud@bellsouth.net.

SPIRIT AND APPAREL: You can find order forms for student spirit apparel by [clicking here](#). Orders are due by Friday, August 31st so that items can be delivered before the first pep rally on October 7th. Samples of the items will be on display at the Cougar Pride Fair/Open House on Sunday, August 28th if you would like to view sizes prior to placing your order. Thanks in advance for getting your orders in timely!

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: FiNd, CliP and SEnD! On August 25th, every student will take home a Box Top challenge sheet. Please tape or glue (no staples) 10 box tops to complete the form. Make sure the expiration is clearly visible and not expired. Included in this edition of the Cougar is a flyer which shows the variety of products that contain Box Tops. It is also a great time to save and turn in your Community Coffee labels. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Every class with 100% participation will receive "Favorite Team" theme dress day on September 9th. [Refer to uniform guidelines on page 28 of the handbook.](#)

ADULT SPIRIT APPAREL: NEW FOR 2016! Parents may place orders online for adult SJS Merchandise! [CLICK HERE](#) to visit our online storefront and get your Cougar Pride gear in time for fall sports! Orders must be placed online with a credit card. The storefront will **ONLY BE OPEN** thru Monday, August 29th! Merchandise will be delivered through the designated student's backpack September 16th.



ROOM MOM & ASSISTANT ROOM MOM SIGN-UP SHEET

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Room Mom or Assistant Room Mom for your child's class, please complete this form and return to school by **Friday, August 19th, 2016** in an envelope marked **ROOM MOM APPLICATION**. The selection process will include only those forms returned by this date.

Please note that if you plan to apply for Room Mom or Assistant Room Mom for more than one child, **you must submit a separate form for each child**. This form may be downloaded from the Home & School page at SJS's web site, www.stjudebr.org, or you can obtain a copy from the school office.

Additionally, if you are applying for 7th grade Room Mom or Assistant Room Mom, you may still apply for 8th grade Room Mom the following year.

The Room Moms and Assistant Room Moms are responsible for:

- Recruiting parent volunteers for classroom activities as needed
- Assisting the teacher in planning field trips, etc.
- Planning each class party and assigning parents to attend
- Managing the Activity Fee money
- Compiling a list of class booth volunteers for the Parish Fair
- Helping with Teacher Appreciation Week and Luncheon

I would like to be: Room Mom Assistant Room Mom Either

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Have you ever been a Room Mom or Assistant Room Mom before? _____

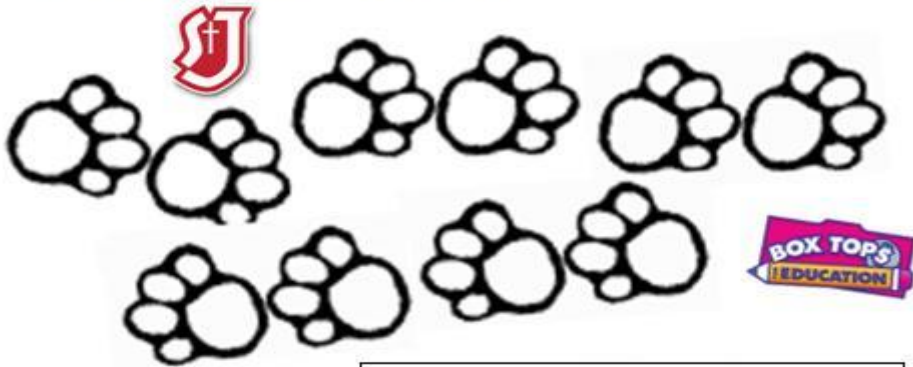
If so, when? _____

Additional Comments: _____

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Tuesday,
September 6



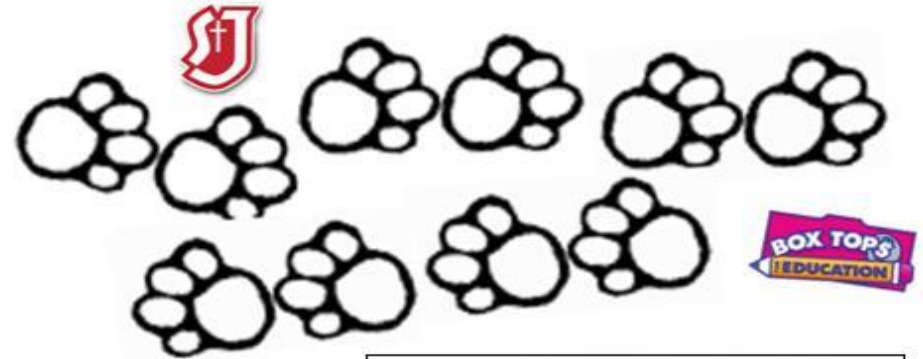
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