



# The Cougar



Published every two weeks for SJS Parents

[www.stjudebr.org](http://www.stjudebr.org)

January 19, 2017

*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, January 19th	6:30pm	SJMC Meeting (Parish Hall)
Friday, January 20th		Re-Registration Packets sent home
Friday, January 20th		<b>Free Dress for 100% Box Top Participation</b>
Saturday, January 21st	7:30am-10:00am	Used Uniform Sale (Cafeteria)
Monday, January 23rd	6:30pm	2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Meeting (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, January 24th	9:00am	<b>New Student Open House</b> (Activity Center)
Tuesday, January 24th	6:30pm	H&S Executive Comm. Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, January 25th		Science & Social Studies Fair (Activity Center)
Friday, January 27th	2:00pm	<b>Pep Rally- Cougar Pride Theme Dress</b>
Friday, January 27th		<b>New Student Applications DUE</b>
Friday, January 27th		<b>2017-18 Re-Registration DUE</b>
Friday, January 27th		<b>2017-18 Extension Registration DUE</b>
Saturday & Sunday Jan. 28th/29th	ALL MASSES	<b>St. Jude Proud</b> (Students wear uniforms to church)
Mon., Jan. 30th-Fri., Feb. 3rd		Catholic Schools Week
Monday, January 30th		Distinguished Graduate Dinner (CSO)
Wednesday, February 1st	8:15am	School-wide Liturgy ( <b>Dress Uniforms</b> ) (4A)
Wednesday, February 1st		<b>Progress Reports</b>
Wednesday, February 1st	10:00am	CSW Mass (Sacred Heart)
Thursday, February 2nd		Asst. Principal's Day
Friday, February 3rd	7:30am	Donuts and Devotion (8th Grade) (Ministry Bldg.)

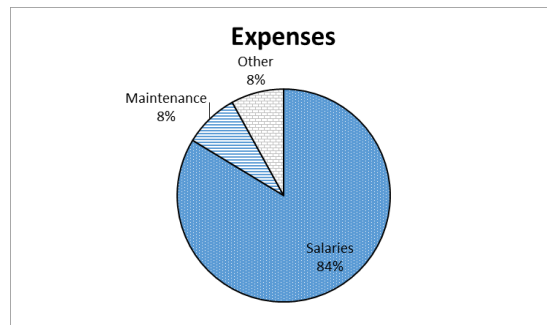
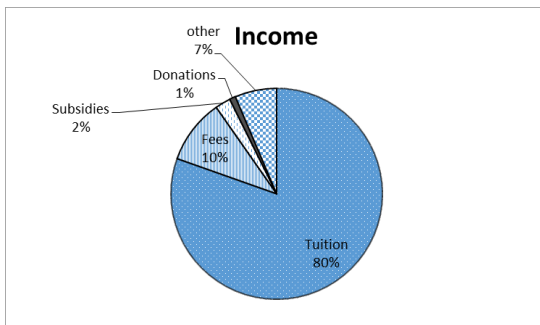


## SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

**RE-REGISTRATION:** Packets to re-register your child(ren) for the 2017-18 school year will be sent home tomorrow– Friday, January 20th. Signed registration forms and a registration fee of \$200 per child are due back on Friday, January 27th. A few important reminders:

- Forms and fee payment should be returned in the same brown envelope that they came home in.
- Re-Registration is due January 27th. Available space for new students will be assessed after that time.
- An application for extension will be included in the re-registration packet. **THIS IS A NEW PROCESS.** Students both currently enrolled in extension and students who may have a need for extension next year must fill out an application to be considered for a space. Students currently enrolled will be prioritized over students who do not currently utilize extension. **Extension applications are due January 27th!** Students not currently enrolled at SJS, but who are applying for the 2017-18 school year will have the option of applying for remaining spaces. Applications will be sent with the acceptance letter.

The tuition and fee scale that will accompany the re-registration packets was recently approved by the St. Jude School Advisory Council. All fee amounts will remain the same as the 2016-17 school year. Tuition will increase \$175.00 per child. While our primary goal is to keep Catholic education affordable for all families, the cost of benefits and healthcare is rising across the Diocese. This increases our largest expense– salaries. Please see the graphs below for more information in how expenses are funded by the various income at St. Jude School.



**NEW STUDENT/SIBLING APPLICATIONS:** Please note the application for new students (including siblings!) is posted on the website, and also available [here](#). Applications are due to the school office by Friday, January 27th. Children wishing to begin Pre-K next year must be 4 years old on or before September 30th of 2017.

**NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE:** Do you know a family that would make a great addition to our school community? Tell them about the SJS open house scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 9am in the activity center! Faculty, staff, students and representatives from the H&S Association will be available with information about our school; tours will also be given. Please contact [Starr Driesse](#) for more information.

**ST. JUDE PROUD:** We ask all students to attend the St. Jude liturgy of their choice in school uniform during the weekend of January 28th and 29th. There will be a speaker at each liturgy representing SJS and faculty representatives will be on hand in the back of church after Mass with a free dress coupon for those in uniform in attendance. Coupons may be used on Friday, February 3rd. Please encourage your child to participate to show our parish community the pride we have in our ministry of Catholic education!

**INK RECYCLING:** We are now accepting used, undamaged, and not previously re-manufactured toner and inkjet printer cartridges. There will be a box just inside the front doors of school, next to the food barrels, where donations can be sent. Please feel free to place cartridges in a plastic or Ziploc bag and send to school with your child to be placed in recycling. The school will benefit with a monetary reimbursement from the recycling company as well as the environment. Thank you in advance for your support!

**PEP RALLY:** Next Friday, January 27th will be our last pep rally for the year. Students may wear Cougar pride attire to school on this date per the uniform guidelines in the parent/student handbook. Go Cougars!

**BOX TOPS:** Each homeroom earned 100% participation to have a FREE DRESS DAY ([guidelines on pg. 28 of parent student handbook](#)) tomorrow- Friday, January 20th! Thank you for your participation!

**HISTORY BEE NEWS:** The following St. Jude School students have qualified for the Regional Finals of the National History Bee. They are:

8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Landen A.; Jacob B.; Liam B.; Peyton C.; Caroline D.; and Conner G.

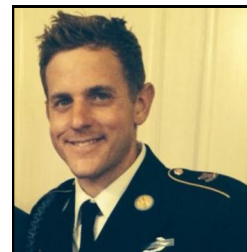
7<sup>th</sup> Grader: Anthony C.

6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Maria H.; Caroline L.; and Kyle O.

This competition will be held at the Dunham School on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and good luck at Regionals!



**DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE:** Congratulations to Alec Daniel '03 who will be named St. Jude the Apostle School's 2017 Distinguished Graduate! He will be joined by his family, several faculty members, and Father Trey at a dinner hosted by the Diocese during Catholic Schools Week.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK DONATIONS:** St. Jude School will collect donations of sheets, blankets, pillows of all sizes, shower curtains, rugs and gift cards such as Wal Mart, Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond, etc. to benefit Catholic Charities in our diocese. All items donated must be **NEW**. Please send donations to school by Tuesday, January 31st. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **ATHLETIC INFORMATION**

**TRACK:** ATTENTION 5th-8th GRADERS! Track season is right around the corner, and sign up is going on now through the end of January. With almost 15 different events there is something for everyone and **NO TRYOUTS REQUIRED!** Our team of coaches are excited to begin another winning season. Practices begin February 6th, so contact Coach Daisy Dunn ([daisylyndin@gmail.com](mailto:daisylyndin@gmail.com)) for more information or to sign up. There will be a brief meeting with those who are interested on Sunday, January 29th on the deck following the 11:30am mass.

**INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL:** We had a great start to our season! If you have not picked up your child's t-shirt, please contact [Mr. Willoughby](#). As a reminder, there are no games this weekend (January 21st).

 **HOME & SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**USED UNIFORM SALE:** The used uniform sale is this weekend! It will be held on Saturday, January 21 in the cafeteria from 7:30 am-10:00 am. This is a great opportunity to stock up on sweatshirts, fleece, and other uniform items you may need at an amazing price. If you have any items to donate, you can drop them off in the office or contact Ginny Anderson 225-328-0631 to make other arrangements.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY DVD:** Grandparent's Day Performance DVD's have been distributed through the students backpacks. If you have any questions or would still like to order a DVD, please contact Tricia Fernandez at [kftfpc@gmail.com](mailto:kftfpc@gmail.com). We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Jason Mabile for the donation of his time and services to help make these DVD's possible.

**MOTHER SETON AWARD NOMINATIONS:** Please begin thinking of your nominations for the Mother Seton Award. Recipients of the Mother Seton Award are honored for exemplary volunteerism and dedication to their Home and School, Church and Parish. Nominees must be an active member of their Home and School Association for at least 3 years. Nominations for this honor can be submitted to Home and School Presidents Tricia Fernandez and Tippy Thomassie. Nomination forms are available on the school website [HERE](#).

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED:** Home and School is looking for new board members. If you are interested in joining our volunteer board to take a larger role in one of the many exciting areas we contribute to the school, please send your contact information to Tricia Fernandez at [KFTFPC@gmail.com](mailto:KFTFPC@gmail.com). We would love to speak with you about your ideas and ways you can help!

**COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT -- HEALTH COMMITTEE:** Our Health Committee Coordinator works closely with nurse Mickel throughout the year to provide vital screenings for our students. These screenings include vision, hearing, and scoliosis. The Health Committee is chaired by Nina Gazmen and assisted by Sabrina Simoneaux. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work this year!!

**COUGAR DEADLINE:**

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, January 31st, 2017** E-mail [sdriesse@stjudebr.org](mailto:sdriesse@stjudebr.org)

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK DONATION PROJECT

On behalf of the Catholic Schools Office,  
St. Jude School will collect donations to benefit  
Catholic Charities in our diocese.

Our school has been asked to donate

**\*NEW\*** LINENS



Specifically sheets, blankets and pillows of all  
sizes, towel sets, shower curtains, rugs & gift cards  
such as Wal Mart, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, etc.

Please send donations to school by

**Tuesday, January 31st**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND

**\*NEW\*** ITEMS ONLY