



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, January 5th		Return to School
Thursday, January 5th		Report Cards
Friday, January 6th	7:30am	Donuts & Devotion (8th Grade– Ministry Building)
Wednesday, January 11th		Box Tops Collection Forms Due
Friday, January 13th		Elem. Conf. Day– NO SCHOOL PK-2nd
Monday, January 16th		MLK, Jr. Holiday– NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 17th	6:30pm	Advisory Council Mtg. (Ministry Build.)
Wednesday, January 18th	8:15am	School-wide Liturgy (5B) Dress Uniforms
Thursday, January 19th	6:30pm	SJMC Meeting (Parish Hall)
Friday, January 20th		Re-Registration Packets sent home
Friday, January 20th		Free Dress for 100% Box Top Participation
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	New Student Open House (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	Pep Rally- Cougar Pride Theme Dress
Friday, January 27th		New Student Applications DUE
Friday, January 27th		2017-18 Re-Registration DUE
Friday, January 27th		2017-18 Extension Registration DUE



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Interim Principal of St. Jude School. I have over 33 years of experience in education. I served as a teacher, Curriculum Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and Principal at St. Louis King of France for thirty of those years. I retired in 2013, but went back to St. Louis as Interim Principal last year.

Yesterday, I was able to work with the outstanding group of faculty and staff members who serve St. Jude. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you this semester.

Mrs. Mary Clare Polito
Interim Principal
principal@stjudebr.org



SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

ATTENTION PRE K-2nd GRADE PARENTS: Pre-K, 1st, and 2nd Grade Conference Day is Friday, January 13th, 2017. Students in these grades will not attend school on this day.

MLK HOLIDAY: Please note there will not be school on Monday, January 16th (all grades) in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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.

COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, January 17th, 2017** E-mail sdrisse@stjudebr.org

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.

IMPORTANT CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE: Anyone who has completed child protection paperwork as an employee or volunteer is required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge to complete the most up-to-date on-line training entitled *Recognizing Child Abuse*. If you completed the training *PRIOR* to 2013, you will need to complete the “new” training. Anyone who has not completed this training will be considered NON-compliant and their files will be made inactive. Please feel free to contact Lori Layman at 769-2344 or email llayman@stjudebr.org if you have any questions. The website to complete the training and/or to log-in to see if you have completed the training is: <https://safeandsacred-diobr.org/login/index.php>

STUDENT OF THE YEAR: We are proud to announce 8th grader, George W., will represent St. Jude the Apostle School in the student of the year competition conducted by the Louisiana Department of Education! After a team of judges review the 25 page portfolios each student had to submit, students will undergo an interview process. Local winners will move onto the regional competition. In order for a student to qualify to for student of the year, they must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 each semester in grades 6, 7, and 8. Other academic achievement including standardized test scores are also considered. Students must also demonstrate leadership ability, participation in activities and citizenship and service involvement. Finally, candidates must possess good inter-personal skills such as poise, voice projection, ability to relate his/her ideas for the interview process. Congratulations, George!



ATHLETIC INFORMATION

GIRLS ON THE RUN: Due to lack of coaches, we will not have a team for Girls on the Run for the spring semester. If you are interested in helping out in the future, please contact Jenny Hanks at boot1@me.com.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL: Students who signed up to play intramural basketball in grades PK-2nd will begin their season this Saturday in the activity center. Games will be held on 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4 and 2/18. Game times are listed below. There are no practices. Thank you to all parent volunteers that signed up to coach! **PreK:** 8-9am **Kinder:** 9-10am **1st Grade:** 10-11am **2nd Grade:** 11-12pm

HOME & SCHOOL INFORMATION

USED UNIFORM SALE: Parents mark your calendars!! The next Used Uniform Sale is coming up on January 21st! It will be held 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 225-328-0630 to make other arrangements.

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: Please remember to return completed Box Tops forms by Wednesday January 11, 2017. All classes with 100% participation will earn a free dress day on Friday, January 20th! Also, you may send in Community Coffee labels at any time to help earn extra cash for our school.

FIELD DAY: Plans are being made for a completely new and improved Field Day experience for all of our students! The committee will be working closely with our PE teachers to create some fun and exciting activities with many new additions. We are seeking suggestions and new ideas, as well as looking for some volunteers to help with the planning. If you are interested in helping planning the events, or if you have any recommendations based on your own past experiences, please contact Kimberly McDaniel at kimberlydmcdaniel@gmail.com or (225)931-0060. Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

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. We would love to speak with you about your ideas and ways you can help!

Home and School would like to wish everyone and happy and healthy New Year!



Lunch Menu –January 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>2</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Red Apple Wedges Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Monday</u> Pasta Salad OR Hamburger</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Red Beans w/Sausage & Rice Salad Cup Orange Wedges Cornbread Strawberry Jell-O w/ Whipped Cream</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Soft Tacos Corn Spanish Rice Salad Cup w/ Jalapeño Fruit Fiesta – Blue Ice Cupcake</p> <p><u>Choice Wednesday</u> Club Salad OR Pepperoni Pizza</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Salad Cup Apple Wedges Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Thursday</u> Taco Salad OR Smackers</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Salad Cup & Pickle Peaches Sugar Cookie</p> <p><u>Choice Friday</u> Asian Chicken Salad OR Breaded Mozzarella Sticks</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Honey Citrus Chicken Fried Rice Glazed Carrots Salad Cup Pineapple Sushi Treats</p> <p><u>Choice Monday</u> Pasta Salad OR Hamburger</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Turkey & Sausage Jambalaya Curly Greens & White Beans <small>Holly/Clegg</small> Salad Cup Red Apple Wedges Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Chicken Patty on Bun Potato Rounds Salad Cup & Pickle Strawberry Fruity Applesauce</p> <p><u>Choice Wednesday</u> Club Salad OR Pepperoni Pizza</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Salad Cup Orange Wedges Parmesan Garlic Bread</p> <p><u>Choice Thursday</u> Taco Salad OR Smackers</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cheesy Nacho Meal Steamed Broccoli Salad Cup w/ Jalapeño Pears Brownies w/ Dollop of Icing</p> <p><u>Choice Friday</u> Asian Chicken Salad OR Breaded Mozzarella Sticks</p>
<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holiday</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hot Dog on a Bun with Cheese Cowboy Beans Salad Cup Peach Cobbler</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Smacker Chicken Spaghetti & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Fiesta - Strawberry Wookie Chocolate Chip Cookie</p> <p><u>Choice Wednesday</u> Club Salad OR Pepperoni Pizza</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Beef Cutlets Creamed Potatoes and Gravy Salad Cup Green Apple Wedges Orange Jell-O w/ Whipped Cream Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Thursday</u> Taco Salad OR Smackers</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pizza Corn Blushing Pineapple Chocolate Pudding</p> <p><u>Choice Friday</u> Asian Chicken Salad OR Breaded Mozzarella Sticks</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Red Apple Wedges Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Monday</u> Pasta Salad OR Hamburger</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Red Beans w/Sausage & Rice Salad Cup Orange Wedges Cornbread Strawberry Jell-O w/ Whipped Cream</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Soft Tacos Corn Spanish Rice Salad Cup w/ Jalapeño Fruit Fiesta – Blue Ice Cupcake</p> <p><u>Choice Wednesday</u> Club Salad OR Pepperoni Pizza</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Salad Cup Apple Wedges Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Thursday</u> Taco Salad OR Smackers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Fried Catfish Spaghetti & Cheese Baked Beans Salad Cup & Pickle Peaches Sugar Cookie</p> <p><u>Choice Friday</u> Asian Chicken Salad OR Breaded Mozzarella Sticks</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Honey Citrus Chicken Fried Rice Glazed Carrots Salad Cup Pineapple Sushi Treats</p> <p><u>Choice Monday</u> Pasta Salad OR Hamburger</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Turkey & Sausage Jambalaya Curly Greens & White Beans <small>Holly/Clegg</small> Salad Cup Red Apple Wedges Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Notification Statement:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peanuts and Peanut Butter are not purchased for meals produced by the Baton Rouge Diocese Child Nutrition Program. However, some products served may contain nuts, may be produced in plants that use nuts and may contain traces of nuts.</p>

Notes: Menus Subject to Change. All Meals Served with Choice of Milk.