



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, March 23rd		Fair T-Shirt with Blue Jeans
Friday, March 24th		Free Dress
Friday, March 24th		NO AFTERNOON EXTENSION (Fair Set-Up)
Friday, March 24th		Deadline to order yearbook
Fri. Mar. 24th-Sun., Mar. 26th		Parish Fair
Tuesday, March 28th		Spring Sports Pictures (Barberito)
Wednesday, March 29th	8:15am	School-wide Liturgy (3B) DRESS UNIFORMS
		<i>Volunteer Appreciation Mass- Reception in Library</i>
Wednesday, March 29th		Building Use Fee Due (\$235/family)
Friday, March 31st	7:30am	Eighth Grade Portraits (Kleinpeter) Graduation Attire
Friday, March 31st	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
Monday, April 3rd		Box Top Collection Forms Sent Home
Tuesday, April 4th	8:00am	3rd Grade Reconciliation
Wednesday, April 5th	6:30pm	H&S Exec. Comm. Mtg. (Library)
Thursday, April 6th		H&S Class Pictures
Friday, April 7th	8:30am	<i>Living</i> Stations of the Cross (Church)



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

There are many improvements that are being addressed. Hopefully, you have noticed the improved lighting in the parking areas. Proceeds from the auction were used for this project. We will be using the remaining lighting amount for walkway and other areas around school.

New cameras have been installed on the back of the gym and back entrance to the cafeteria. This allows us to monitor the buses and deliveries. It greatly improves our security coverage.

The elementary building roof will be completed over Easter break. Last year half of the roof was changed because of hail damage. However, the other half has been a source of problems. It is more feasible for long range planning to be able to have an entire roof of about the same age.

Plans are proceeding for the renovation of the cafeteria and the gym bathrooms. The funds from the 2016 Home and School Fun Run and the 2015-16 Annual Appeal are being used for the project. Plans have been drawn and will be presented to the Diocese for approval next month. The project is scheduled to begin the day school ends for the year. Thanks to the committee in charge of this undertaking.

The funds from the auction were dedicated to lighting, Athletics and bathroom upgrades. We are currently working to identify which bathrooms are most in need of improvement.

Next year, we will be getting new Social Studies books. Funds from the Annual Fund Drive made it possible for us to provide new books for the 2017-18 school year.

Carpool maps have been completed by Kim McDanel. We have collated the carpool forms you sent in. Our next step will be to get carpool cards made and distributed. Then, we will send out information about the carpool pilot program. We will leave the carpoolcommittee@stjudebr.org (no www in front of that address) open so you can send suggestions or comments throughout the process. We will make adjustments where we see they are needed.

The School Advisory Committee has been a great help with changes that are being made.

We are looking at other improvements around the campus. Please email me if you know of any issues that need to be addressed.

One in Christ,

Mrs. Mary Clare Polito, Interim Principal

principal@stjudebr.org

 **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

YEARBOOK DEADLINE : Yearbook orders will close tomorrow– Friday, March 24th, 2017. NO ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME– ORDERS ARE ONLINE ONLY. Please note: NO EXTRA BOOKS WILL BE ORDERED. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#) your 2016-17 yearbook! Enter order #16544 at the prompt.

TOMORROW: Due to the parish fair set-up, there will be NO PM EXTENSION on Friday, March 24th. If you have child(ren) enrolled in afternoon extension, please make arrangements for them to be picked up after school. In light of the added traffic, afternoon carpool will run on the following amended dismissal schedule: 2:30 dismissal for carpool riders in grades PK through 1st grades and any students in grades 2nd-8th that ride with them on Friday, March 24th. All other families with children in 2nd-8th grade will dismiss at normal time. All bus riders will be dismissed at normal time.

TARDINESS: Please be reminded that students should be with their homeroom class when the tardy bell rings at 7:53am. The school day and our learning begins at this time and families should not be pulling into carpool at 7:53 am. Note that five tardies in a nine week period could result in a detention. Refer to pg. 24 of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information. Thank you for assisting your student with beginning the school day on time!

BUILDING USE FEE: Please be reminded that the building use fee of \$235/family is due on Wednesday, March 29th for both current and new students. Thank you.

SUMMER CAMPS: Summer camp information for SJA can be found at <http://www.sizzlingsummer.org/>. Catholic High School summer programming is available at <http://catholichigh.org/students#summer-chs>. St. Michael's Diocesan High School also has summer camp offerings available at <http://www.smhsbr.org/smhs-summer-camp>.

THANK YOU FROM NURSE MICKEL: On Tuesday, March 21st grades 4th, 6th, and 8th were screened for scoliosis. The following parents were volunteers for the scoliosis screening that took place on Tuesday, March 21. Dr. Connor Patterson, Dr. Joseph Shows, Mandy Apolzan, Kristin Hamner, Sheila Gordon, Lisa Hebert and Health Chairman Nina Gazmen. Thank you to these parents for volunteering your time! Students will receive letters only if they need follow-up.

SHAKESPEARIENCE EVENING PERFORMANCE: In an effort to raise money for new speakers in the activity center, the eighth grade class will put on an evening performance of "Shakespearience Bandstand" Friday, April 28th at 6:30pm. Admission is \$5; SJS students are free!

OPERATION QUENCH: We collected a total of 4,148 single serve drink mixes for our military and 162 quarts of drink mixes for the Greater Baton rouge food Bank. All items have been totaled and the winners are: (Special mention to the individual class with the most items - Mrs. Oubre's 2nd grade brought in 360 items)
3rd place - collected 533 items - Kindergarten
2nd place - collected 578 items - 2nd grade
1st place - collected 621 items - Pre K - **WINNER OF FREE DRESS**
Special thank you to PK and 2nd grade for special donations to the Food Bank! these two classes each brought in items 1,000 items the military can't use but the food bank can!

 **ATHLETIC INFORMATION**

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Administration is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 Athletic Director. If you or someone you know would be a good fit, please [CLICK HERE](#) and fill out an application. Completed applications and/or questions may be sent to Mrs. Polito at principal@stjudebr.org.

SPRING SPORTS PICTURES: Students who participated in the following sports will be photographed for the yearbook this Tuesday, March 27th. Please bring uniforms to school! Order forms are available in the office should parents wish to purchase team and/or individual pictures.

***Boys 3rd-8th Basketball**
***Track**
***Volleyball**

Great job to our track team on their performance at the Episcopal meet last weekend. Please see results below!

JUNIOR GIRLS:

3rd shot put- Mary Dawson A.
3rd discus- Mary Dawson A.
6th long jump- Abbie T.
6th 4x100m relay- Abbie T., Kate D.,
Ava Kathryn N., Abigail D.
4th 4x200m relay- Abigail D., Charley
F., Kate D., Abbie T.
6th 4x200m relay- Ava Kathryn N.,
Alexandra F., Madison A., Amelia B.

JUNIOR BOYS:

4th shot put- Jase H.
2nd discus- Jase H.
5th discus- Kirk W.
4th high jump- William S.
2nd long jump- Hunter U.
3rd long jump- William S.
3rd 4x100 relay- Alex B., Hunter
U., Peter K., Roman L.
4th 400m- Roman L.
4th 4x200m- Roman L., Alex B.,
Peter K., William S.

SENIOR GIRLS:

3rd discus- Camille S.
6th discus- Anna Michael I.
2nd 4x100m relay- Camille S., Jen-
nifer M., Katherine M., Ava D.
3rd 4x200m relay- Camille S.,
Jennifer M., Abigail M., Ava D.

SENIOR BOYS:

2nd 4x100m relay- Jordan M.,
George H., Eli W., Conner S.
6th 1600m- Bennett S.
6th hurdles- Eli W.
5th 100m- Conner S.
3rd 400m- Bennett S.
6th 400m- Jordan M.
4th 4x400m relay- Bennett S.,
Jordan M., Blake R., Conner S.



SPORTS PICS NEEDED! SJS Athletics needs your photos! If you have group or action photos from any 6th-8th grade SJS sport this year and would like to share them at for a presentation at this year's Athletic Banquet to be held Tuesday, April 25, please email tmoses@stjudebr.org.

CHEERLEADING: Girls moving into grades 6th-8th for the 2017/18 school year are eligible to try-out for cheerleading. Please see informational packet included in this edition of the Cougar. Interest form must be turned into Mrs. Peggy by Friday, March 31st!

 **HOME & SCHOOL INFORMATION**

VOLUNTEER MASS: Please join us for the Volunteer Mass to be held Wednesday, March 29th at 8:15. Anyone who volunteers at St. Jude School is encouraged to attend. All guests are invited to a fabulous reception in the school library hosted by the faculty and staff immediately following liturgy. St. Jude's School Mother Seton Award Recipient will be announced at this liturgy.

THANK YOU: We would like to send out a big Thank You to Tippy Thomassie for distributing our fair t-shirts this year. She did a great job getting those bright green shirts out early and in time for St. Patrick's Day!!

CLASS PICTURES: Please mark your calendars! Class Pictures are scheduled for Thursday, April 6th. Forms will be coming home with your child soon. Please complete a form for each child. The price will be \$10.00 each and checks should be made out to St. Jude Home and School.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1-5. We will need assistance with various items. Be on the lookout in the next Cougar for ways you can sign up to help! Thanks in advance for making this a special week for our teachers!

COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, April 4, 2017** E-mail sdriesse@stjudebr.org



Lunch Menu –April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>3</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>4</p> <p>Turkey & Sausage Jambalaya Curly Greens & White Beans <small>Holly/Clegg</small> Salad Cup Fruit Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BBQ Hamburger Potato Rounds Salad Cup w/ Pickle Fruit</p> <p><u>Choice Wednesday</u> Club Salad OR Pepperoni Pizza</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Salad Cup Orange Wedges Parmesan Garlic Bread</p> <p><u>Choice Thursday</u> Taco Salad OR Smackers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cheesy Nachos Steamed Broccoli Salad Cup w/ Jalapeno Fresh Pears</p> <p><u>Choice Friday</u> Tuna Salad OR Breaded Mozzarella Sticks</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Chicken & Pasta Parmesan Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Salad Cup Fresh Pears Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Monday</u> Pasta Salad OR Hamburger</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hot Dog w/ Cheese & Chili Cowboy Beans Salad Cup Fruit</p> <p><u>Choice Tuesday</u> Grilled Chicken Garden Salad OR Baked Potato</p>	<p>12</p> <p><u>Easter Menu</u> Pastalaya Broccoli & Cheese Salad Cup Pears Dinner Roll Easter Cupcake</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Beef Cutlets Creamed Potatoes & 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>14</p> <p>Easter Holiday</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Easter Holiday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Easter Holiday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Easter Holiday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Easter Holiday</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Easter Holiday</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Dinner Roll</p> <p><u>Choice Monday</u> Pasta Salad OR Hamburger</p>	<p>25</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>26</p> <p>Soft Tacos Corn Spanish Rice Salad Cup Fruit Fiesta – Blue Ice</p> <p><u>Choice Wednesday</u> Club Salad OR Pepperoni Pizza</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Turkey & Gravy Steamed Rice Sweet Peas Salad Cup Fresh Pears Cheese Biscuits</p> <p><u>Choice Thursday</u> Taco Salad OR Smackers</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Salad Cup & Pickle Fruit Sugar Cookie</p> <p><u>Choice Friday</u> Tuna Salad OR Breaded Mozzarella Sticks</p>

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

Notification Statement: 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.

Shakespeare 2017

Hear ye, hear ye! We have an awesome announcement for April! That's right, at 6:30 P.M.

on Friday, April 28th, parents and guests are welcome to attend this year's

annual Shakespeare! Our theme this year is Shakespeare

Bandstand. Come see Shakespeare through the decades for a fundraiser

towards brand new gym speakers! Admission is only \$5 per person, and all

students of SJS get in FREE!



SJS Cheerleading Tryout Packet 2017-2018

Dear Parents and Students,

We are so excited that you are considering trying out to be a part of our 2017-2018 SJS cheerleading squad. Our goal is to support and encourage our sports teams to do their best while also developing our own skills at practice. In addition to being involved with multiple sports, we also have the privilege to support our schools academic and service organizations.

Please read carefully through the following information, as it explains all the commitments and regulations for participating in cheerleading tryouts, as well as expectations of cheerleaders at SJS throughout the summer and the 2017-2018 school year.

The **final page** needs to be filled out completely by the student and parent. The form is due back to school no later than **FRIDAY March 31, 2017**. Please return all forms to Mrs. Peggy in the front office.

All prospective cheerleaders will need to attend the Tryout Clinic Tuesday April 4th, Wednesday April 5th, and Thursday April 6th from 3:00-4:30pm to learn the material they will be required to perform at tryouts. CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS ARE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7th. Tryouts will begin at 3:00pm and will end around 5:00pm.

If your student plans to try out on Friday, on **Thursday April 6th**, there is a **mandatory parent meeting at 4:00pm**. Just the parents will be in this meeting.

Girls are asked to wear comfortable sporty clothing with tennis shoes to the clinic. For tryouts, they should wear dark colored shorts (black, navy) and a red shirt with tennis shoes. The St. Jude Spirit shirt is fine.

CD's are available for purchase (\$1.00) at the clinic. The CD will have the music for the dance they will be asked to perform at tryouts.

All cheerleaders are required to be at our summer camp for team building and skill learning. The dates for camp this summer are June 19-21. Please add these dates to your calendars now so vacations do not interfere with our camp dates.

Other requirements to consider when trying out for cheerleading:

- There is a financial obligation involved with cheerleading. We rent our uniforms from St. Jude athletics and buy camp clothes, shoes, bloomers, hair bows, body liners, socks, pompoms and bags.
- There is a time commitment involved with cheerleading. We cheer at football, boys' basketball and girls' basketball. These games are on weeknights and weekends. We also practice once a week after school for 1.5 hours.

If you have questions about the tryout process, please let us know. We look forward to working with you all. GEAUX GOUGARS!!

Lauren Andermann & Megan Riedel

Questions to: Landermann@stjudebr.org

Just the Facts...

Participating Students: Incoming 6th – 8th Grade students (Current 5th -7th grade students)

Tryouts:

Clinic: 4/4/2017 – 4/6/2017 3:00-4:30pm

Tryouts: 4/7/2017 3:00-5:00pm

Parents Meeting: 4/6/2017 @ 4:00pm

School Year Practices:

Tuesdays (August – February) 3:00-4:30pm

Summer Practices: To be announced. There will be two summer practices before camp that all cheerleaders need to attend.

Summer Camp: 6/19/2017 – 6/21/2017 Approx. 8:00am – 3:00pm at St. Aloysius School. Please keep these evenings open as well in case we need extra practice or some fun team bonding!

Cost and commitments:

Please note that all amounts are approximants

Camp: \$150.00

Uniform Rental: \$65.00

Other Uniform attire/accessories and Camp clothes: \$300.00 –Please know that I am constantly working to get these costs down. I understand this is a large financial commitment.

Grades:

All cheerleaders must maintain a “B” average in conduct.

All cheerleaders must maintain a GPA of 2.25 or higher.

No “F” should be earned on any report card. This is monitored by the office.



St. Jude Cheerleader Application

(Please fill out and return this page (THIS PAGE ONLY) no later than March 31, 2017)

Cheerleader's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Parent Emails (Please PRINT this information):

Prior Cheerleading or Gymnastics experience (experience is NOT necessary):

Other sports or clubs you plan to play or be involved in during the 2017-2018 school year:

Why do you want to be a St. Jude Cheerleader?

Agreement:

I have read and understand all of the requirements and commitments to become a St. Jude cheerleader. I am aware that my commitment is not optional and I will be required to participate in all of the events and practices throughout the 2017-2018 school year. I understand this is a try out process and will support the school and other students trying out regardless of my placement or non-placement on the squad.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____