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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

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Saturday, August 26
9:00am-12:00pm
K-3rd Grade Mini Cheer Clinic (Activity Center)

Tuesday, August 29
6:30pm

Wednesday, August 30
8:15am
School Liturgy (8A facilitates) Dress Uniforms

Friday, September 1
7:30am
Donuts and Devotion (8th grade– Ministry Build.)

Monday, September 4
School Liturgy (8B facilitates) Dress Uniforms

Tuesday, September 5
6:30pm
Box Tops Collection Forms Due

Tuesday, September 5

Wednesday, September 6

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We are officially into our third week of school!! How quickly time flies when you are having fun!!! Every morning at 7:45, the entire school community opens the day with Morning Prayer. Beginning each day listening to the readings and the entire student body sing “WE ARE” is a special and unique experience, and a wonderful way to kick off the school day. St. Jude School’s Catholicity is alive, present, and strong! Parent, grandparents and friends are always invited to come in and join us. There is no better way to get through the day than with prayer and listening to the voices of our angels sing and praise God.

Mrs. Michelle Gardiner
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

CARPOOL: If you have a babysitter or other family member that will be driving through morning or afternoon carpool, please be sure they are aware of the procedures. Also, please be reminded that when you pull into the parking lot, please drive into the shortest line that *IS NOT* moving. Do not pull into a moving line. Do not form a line directly in front of the church steps on the brick pavers.

BUSES: The majority of the bus drivers and routes are running smoothly. We are in regular communication with EBR Transportation regarding those routes that may be experiencing irregularities. If your child is on a bus route, we have placed them in a parent alert group with other families on that particular route, based on the addresses provided by EBR Transportation. As we become aware of a bus issue, we will utilize a text or email alert to communicate that information with parents. We will test the system this week via email; we anticipate having to make changes if the student no longer rides the school bus or has moved. Again, we are working from an EBR database— not RenWeb. Please follow the directions within the email to be removed from the parent alert group or if the route is not correct. Thank you and we appreciate your patience as we try to improve our communication with those who utilize the school bus!
ATTENTION NEW FAMILIES:  You MUST log-in to RenWeb– our parent portal–to access your students grades and classroom news and schedules, and other important school information.  Here are the steps:

1. Click the RenWeb link at the top of the school’s homepage.
2. Click “Create New Parents Web Account” on left hand side
3. Enter District Code STJ-LA
4. Enter your email address (note that it must be one of the email accounts associated with your child)
5. Create your own password, follow the remaining prompts.

Please make sure that you create your RenWeb Parent’s Web account by clicking the “Parent” button only.  If your account is not set up as a parent, you will not receive correspondence from the school.  Please contact Mrs. Allyson Corder or 225-769-2344 if you have any questions.

THANKS TO HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION:  The faculty and staff of SJS would like to extend a huge thank you to the H&S association for providing breakfast on Friday, August 11th.  It was delicious!

ACT ASPIRE:  We will administer the interim ACT Aspire assessment Sept. 6th-8th.  Please note this is a periodic, short duration appraisal that provides valuable insight to the school in terms curriculum and pace of learning.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATE:  Amendments to pg. 32 of the Parent/Student handbook are shown in red below:

Student eligibility to participate in fall sports is determined using the previous school year’s 4th nine weeks academic and conduct grade.

Activities for Students
Only students currently attending St. Jude School may participate in or tryout for extracurricular activities.

CSAA:  Eligibility requires an overall GPA of 2.25 and no F’s in any academic subject in order to participate. Also, any student participating in an athletic activity must maintain at least a B average in conduct. If the student fails to maintain these requirements, he/she will be put on probation for one grading period. (A grading period is determined by progress reports and report cards.) If no improvement is noted, he/she will be removed from the activity. Students absent from school may not participate in any sports activity/practice on that day.

ADULT SPIRIT APPAREL:  We will once again offer our adult SJS apparel items for sale via online orders only.  Our store is open NOW, and orders will only be accepted through September 3rd.  No extra product is kept on property for sale.  Products will be sent home with the student the last week of September.  Based on demand, the store may open again for a 2 week period in January, but please plan to get all your Cougar pride gear now!  Visit the store by clicking below or view the flyer included in this edition.

CLICK HERE TO SHOP NOW; enter code STJSP17.

Available in TWO colors!
**FOOD BANK:** We would like to thank our students and families for their ongoing support of donating canned good items on mass days. Last week’s donation was 146 pounds! Please continue to support this important initiative each time we have a school-wide liturgy.

**CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE:** School news and reminders are often sent via RenWeb in text, voice, or email format. If you have changed address, email, or phone numbers over the summer please login to your RenWeb account to update your contact information. Please note that in the case of an emergency or school closure, we will reach you by one or more of these methods so it is critical current information is on file.

**CAFETERIA:** Please note that information on the cost of student lunches, how to make a payment online, and how to apply for free and reduced lunches can be found on our website by CLICKING HERE. Please contact the Cafeteria Manager with questions.

**ATHLETICS**

**CROSS COUNTRY:** On Saturday, August 19, the Cross Country Team ran in Bay St. Louis in a meet sponsored by St. Stanislaus. For the girls, Stella V. won the race followed by Alex M., Cate W., Ava D., and Georgia M.. For the boys, Bennett S. won the race followed by Eli W., Eli V., Hunter U., and Andrew S. Both our boys and girls teams placed 1st place overall in the meet. Congrats to all runners! Next meet will be September 2nd at Highland Road Park!

**HOME & SCHOOL**

**COUGAR PRIDE FAIR:** Our Cougar Pride Fair was a great success! A big THANK YOU to all the people who helped make it possible. A special thanks to all the parents who came out and took part in our fair. What a great way to start the new school year!

**DIRECTORY:** Please remember the deadline to update your personal information in RenWeb is Friday, August 25th. Any changes made after this date will not be reflected in the school 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’s 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 Julie Kennedy at juliekennedy@hotmail.com.

**SPIRIT AND APPAREL:** You can find order forms for student spirit apparel by clicking here. Orders are due by Friday, September 1st so that items can be delivered before the first pep rally on October 27th. Thanks in advance for getting your orders in timely!

**COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN:** FiNd, CliP and SEnD! Every student will take home a Box Top challenge sheet today, August 24th. It will be due back Tuesday, September 5th. 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 8th. Refer to uniform guidelines on page 28 of the handbook. Any questions, please email Erin Simonson, erinsimo@gmail.com.
# Adult Spirit Items

## St. Jude Spirit Squad 2017

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at [https://redsticksports.itemorder.com](https://redsticksports.itemorder.com) and enter sale code: STJSP17
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

**Online Store Deadline:** Sunday September 3rd, 2017 (11:59pm CDT)

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Questions?
Orders@redsticksports.com
1-800-470-5299
Mona Regan
monar@redsticksports.com

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## Online Orders Only

No orders accepted after 9/3/17
HELP WANTED!

Volunteers needed to prep the St. Jude Football Field for the 2017 fall football season

Saturday, Aug. 19: 8 AM – 2 PM
Friday, Aug. 25: 1 PM till
Saturday, Aug. 26: 8 AM – 2 PM

Please contact Zach Boudreaux (225.229.3023 or zachboudreaux@yahoo.com) if you are available to help

GO COUGARS!!
### SEPTEMBER 2017

**LUNCH**

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**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.
CLIPPING IS EASY! Find Box Tops on hundreds of products you know and love.

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Learn-Practice-Teach-Encourage...Fortitude Is the Key to Creating Safe Communities for Children

The Virtue of Fortitude

What is Fortitude? Fortitude is the virtue by which we are able to remain strong, to make sacrifices and to not be intimidated by ridicule and threats. Fortitude allows us to withstand difficulties, but also enables us to move forward with strength and to undertake great plans and purposes.

Why Practice Fortitude? Fortitude helps us refrain from giving up from reasonable and just causes, even when we may want to. We can tap into and access a quiet strength, deep down in the rivers of living water which flow within us, during various storms of life. Our character can be formed to be “anchored” and we can conquer or overcome the impact of all fears.

We can think of the word itself: “fort”. A fort is a place of safety and strength. We live fortitude when we develop prudent decisions and remain with these, even with difficulties and challenges come. Fortitude is not to be confused with stubbornness-which is an inflexibility, even when prudent and reasonable alternatives are offered.

Evidence that I am living in Fortitude every day may include...

-I resist temptations to let society, media and consumerism tell me what to do with my money, my body and my life. I have a vision and plan for my future, which is open to the lead of the Lord.
-I carry out my duties and tasks, in charity and with enthusiasm.
-I can address conflicts with others directly and gently.
-I can peacefully let my “no” mean no and my “yes” mean yes. I do not let my social group determine my life choices or identity.
-I can be brave in my decisions and will stand up for causes which are just, good and right in the eyes of the Lord. I can fight the good fight in faith.

Adapted: A Guidebook on Virtues by Stephen J. Mattern-Sponsored by the Safe and Sacred Online Learning Community, Diocese of Baton Rouge