



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

Friday, September 22			“Jeans for Greens” Hurricane Relief Free Dress
Monday, September 25			Vision & Hearing Screening: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th
Wednesday, September 27	8:15am		School Liturgy (8B) Dress Uniforms /Beta Induction
Thursday, September 28	5:00-7pm		Book Fair Round-Up Night
Thur., Sept 29-Thur., Oct 5			Book Fair Week
Friday, September 29			Fun Run Kick-Off/Packets Sent Home
Tuesday, October 3	6:30pm		Advisory Council Mtg. (Ministry Bldg.)
Wednesday, October 4	12:30pm-2:30pm		4th Grade Retreat (Parish Hall)
Thursday, October 5			Fun Run 1st Turn-in Date
Friday, October 6			NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service
Monday, October 9			NO BUS SERVICE – EBR Holiday
Wednesday, October 11th	8:15am		School Liturgy (7B) Dress Uniforms
Thursday, October 12th			5/6th and 7/8th Football “Under the Lights” @ CHS
Friday, October 13th	7:30am		Donuts and Devotion (Ministry Bldg.) 8th only
Tuesday, October 17th	8am		8th Grade Reconciliation
Wednesday, October 18th	8:15am		7th Grade Level Liturgy
Wednesday, October 18th			Report Cards
Thursday, October 19			Fun Run 2nd Turn-in Date
Thurs., Oct. 19th-Sun., Oct. 22nd			Girl’s Varsity Basketball Tournament
Friday, October 20th			8th Grade Retreat
Friday, October 20th			PK-4th Grade Conference Day (NO SCHOOL PK-4th)
Monday, October 23rd			5th-8th Grade Conference Day (NO SCHOOL 5th-8th)



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Matthew 5:16 asks each of us to “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” This week’s focus during Morning Prayer reflection has been on the importance of giving and serving others. Questions asked of each one of the students is to think silently in their hearts, “How has God been generous to you?” and “How can you help someone today.”

The St. Jude Beta Club and Community Cougars have organized a “Jeans for Greens” fundraising effort to raise money for hurricane relief. According to NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) more than 150 Catholic schools were in the storms’ path of destruction. The funds raised on the “Jeans for Greens” day will be used to help Catholic schools impacted by the storms to rebuild, reopen and re-enroll students.

The “Jeans for Greens” fundraising effort is a powerful opportunity to engage our students in living the Gospel message of compassionate service to others. In keeping with this call, they are encouraged to make a donation of a minimum of \$1.00, but more will be happily accepted, to participate in a Free Dress Day on Friday, September 22, 2017. The proceeds we raise will be sent to NCEA Student to Student Campaign. 100% of funds collected will be distributed to dioceses in the affected areas for their Catholic school communities.

The faculty and staff of St. Jude appreciate your generosity in helping support the good work of the Beta Club and Community Cougars and this learning experience for our students, who can make a real contribution to their peers whose lives have been turned upside down by this disaster.

Blessings,
Michelle Gardiner, M. Ed.

SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

BETA RESULTS: We would like to announce the results of the 2017-18 Junior Beta Club Officers' Election:

Sergeants at Arms 7th grade: Isabella C., Margaux M., Roman L.

Sergeants at Arms 7th grade: West B., Amelia W.

Secretary: Maria H.

Treasurer: Ava D.

Vice President: Ava Kathryn N.

President: Ann Marie B.

Congratulations to the winners and we are very proud of all of the students who participated in this election.

COMMUNITY COUGAR RESULTS: We would like to announce the results of the 2017-18 Community Cougars

Officers' Election:

Chaplain: Emma T.

Secretary: Jacob T.

Vice President: Jack E.

President: William P.

Congratulations to the winners and we are very proud of all of the students who participated in this election.

NO SCHOOL: Schools will be closed Friday, October 6th due to Diocesan in-service.

NO BUS SERVICE: EBR Transportation will not be available on Monday, October 9th. There will be NO BUS SERVICE on this day.

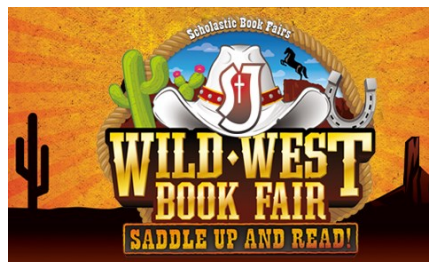
ATTENTION ELEMENTARY PARENTS: PreK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade Conference Day is **Friday, October 20th**. Students in these grades will not attend school on this day. A parent letter will be sent home soon with additional information.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS: 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Conference Day is **Monday, October 23th**. Students in these grades will not attend school on this day. A parent letter will be sent home soon with additional information.

PRINCIPAL EMAIL ACCOUNT: To contact Mrs. Gardiner, please use the email address mgardiner@stjudebr.org. The email account principal@stjudebr.org will be phased out September 30th.

ADULT SPIRIT APPAREL: Some of the merchandise from the online sale has experienced delays in manufacturing due to Hurricane Harvey. Please be patient as the orders arrive!

BOOK FAIR ROUND-UP NIGHT: We invite all our partners to mosey on down to the St. Jude Corral from 5:30-7pm on Thursday, September 28th— children are encouraged to dress in cowboy and cowgirl theme! The library will be open for shopping and we'll have a chuckwagon on hand to purchase dinner (Rouge-A-Roux Food Truck). See attached flyer and menu in this edition. Please make plans to saddle up and join us for what is always a fun night of fellowship!



COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, Oct 3rd** E-mail sdriess@stjudebr.org.

2nd GRADE RETREAT THANK YOU!! Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the 2nd grade retreat. Students from St. Joseph's Academy served as our group leaders and the following parents also assisted with the retreat: Claudia Brooks, Karalyn Cass, Nikki Collette, Lisa Hargrave, Marie Johnson, Kimberly McDaniel, Marci Murray, Natalie Romero, Helen Stephansson, and Kari Ulrich. The students enjoyed the afternoon learning about forgiveness and God's love for us. Thanks again to all who assisted in making our retreat a success!

HANDBOOK POLICY REVISION PG. 28: A student's hair shall be of moderate uniform length and must be neat and clean at all times. Styling for both boys and girls must be simple, symmetrical and conservative (no hair tails; beaded braids or feathers; large, unkempt styles; line cuts; shaven heads; etc.). A boys' haircut should be above the ear, a ½ inch above the eyebrow, **a transition line from short to long should not be visible** and side burns should be short, neat and trimmed at all times. Middle school boys should be clean shaven. Tinted, bleached, highlighted or dyed hair is not acceptable. "Sun-In" products which alter hair color are not acceptable. The Administration makes the final decision in all matters of dress and grooming.

ORTHOPEDIC APPLIANCES: Students sent to school with an orthopedic appliance such as a cast, sling, brace, splint, crutches, etc., must bring a note from the physician regarding diagnosis and activity restriction. If a student is sent to school with an appliance before seeing a doctor, please send a note stating that an appointment has been made. This is a precautionary measure for the safety and well-being of your child and other students.

CAFETERIA: No outside/fast food may be brought in **under ANY circumstances.**

LMEA: We are excited to announce that Bella P., Carly M., and Emma L. were recently chosen for Louisiana Music Educator's Association District Honor Choir. Congratulations to these young ladies!



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS: Our cross country team ran in Abita Springs on Saturday. For the girls, the team finished 3rd out of 14th teams. For the girls, Stella V. moved up to 4th on the non-Highland record list for the junior girls and moved to 8th on the overall list. The top 7 girls were Stella V., Ava D., Alex M., Cate W., Georgia M., Breanna M., and Abigail M.

The boys finished 8th out of 14 teams. Bennett S., broke his senior boys and overall school records for non-Highland races, placing 6th overall. The top 7 boys were Bennett S., Eli W., Eli V., Grant R., Mason D., Matthew M., and Drew G. Congratulations to all of our runners!

SWIMMING: Our SJS Cougars had a great first meet of the season. Anna W. had a first place finish in the 50 Butterfly and William D. placed first in the 50 Breast. Congratulations to those who placed in the top 16 overall: William D., 3rd 50 fly; Charlotte D., 5th 50 free and 5th 50 fly; Andrea T., 6th 50 breast and 16th 50 free; Jackson D., 7th 50 breast and 10th 50 back; Mary Elizabeth C., 7th 50 butterfly and 12th 50 breast; Meredith M., 11th 50 back; Daniela L., 13th 50 back and 14th 50 breast; David L., 15th 50 breast. We wish our swim team best of luck at their second meet this Friday!

FOOTBALL: Congratulations to our 3rd/4th grade football team on a hard fought battle against STM on Sunday and our 7th/8th grade who came up short 32-12 against Holy Family. Congratulations to our 5th/6th grade on their victory against Holy Family of Port Allen. They beat the Bears 21-14.

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Congratulations to our 5th grade RED team on their victory against St. George 14-8 and our 4th grade team on their win edging out the Dragons 8-7 last Friday night. The 5th grade BLUE team and the 4th grade team took on St. Theresa Monday night and both came up with a win! 5th grade BLUE also won against the Sacred Heart Tigers Tuesday night!

Congratulations to our 8th grade varsity team who participated in the ST. Joseph's Academy tournament this past weekend. The girls played in two games, defeating STM in the tournament. They defeated St. Theresa on the road Monday night!



HEARING & VISION SCREENINGS: Hearing and vision screenings for 1st, 3rd, 5th & 7th graders are on Monday, September 25th. Please direct any questions to Sabrina Simoneaux, STEMPL8@hotmail.com.

COUGAR FUN RUN: Mark your calendars!! The kick-off for our COUGAR FUN RUN will be Friday, September 29th. Look for detailed information going home in the students backpack next Friday regarding our fundraiser. Please help support our children in their efforts to raise funds for school improvements. We are looking forward to 100% participation from our amazing St. Jude families! Any donation amount will allow your child to participate. Our goal is \$100 per family. Every dollar collected will go directly to our school!!!!!! The first Fun Run turn in date is Thursday, October 5th.

This MAD DASH event will be held during the school day on Monday, October 31st. We will be recruiting volunteers to help with activities on this day soon!

DIRECTORY: Directories will be distributed sometime in the next two weeks and will go home with your designated child. All families will receive one directory as part of their Home and School dues. Please continue to update your personal information through RenWeb as needed throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding the directory, please email Julie Kennedy, juliekennedy@hotmail.com.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed on the following days - the 3rd WEDNESDAY, 4th TUESDAY, 4th WEDNESDAY, 4th THURSDAY, 4th FRIDAY, 5th MONDAY, 5th TUESDAY, 5th WEDNESDAY, and the 5th FRIDAY. Please contact Nicole DeAngelo, Nicholas_70448@yahoo.com, if you would like to volunteer your time and see your kiddo(s) too!

UPDATED PARTY & EVENT GUIDELINES: New to the student handbook this year (page 30): “No peanut products, including peanut oil or any products containing peanuts, may be served at class parties or special events. Guidelines are provided to room mothers each year. Parents should reference The Cougar for class parties or special events for students.”

Home & School is increasing our efforts to communicate to parents what food items are being served at our events. When there is a school-wide event with food items being served, H&S will publish what is being served in The Cougar prior to the event to allow parents time to review and make accommodations if needed. In addition, all room mothers are being tasked with setting their party menu early and working with the teachers to insure the list of items being served at class parties is communicated to the parents in advance. The room mothers are informed of the school policy regarding no peanut products and are advised to avoid all nut products. We recognize that some allergies require more specific accommodations and we will work with families that choose to supply substitutions for their child. Please note, while every effort will be made to notify you of items being served, it is incumbent upon the parent to contact the teacher and room mother with any questions or concerns prior to the event.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS GIFT AND BAKE SALE: Catholic Daughters Court Regina #2063 is sponsoring a “Gift and Bake Sale” on Saturday October 14 from 9 to 5 and Sunday, October 15 after all masses in the St. Jude Parish Hall. Items being sold are GREAT DESSERTS and unique HANDMADE GIFTS such as terrariums, birdfeeders, tooth fairy pillows, super hero capes, key fobs, soft cover books, Crayon rolls, jewelry pouches, a large selection of baby items, LSU items, decorative pillows, embroidered kitchen towels, religious items, and other gift items too numerous to mention. We will also have a Silent Auction during the sale. This is a relaxed convenient way of shopping for your purchases of all holiday and birthday gifts and it will help your Catholic Daughters in its many endeavors. We welcome you to come and shop early for those “special items!”

FREE DRESS

"JEANS FOR GREENS"

Please help the St. Jude Beta Club and Community Cougars raise money for Hurricane relief. The money will help Catholic schools impacted by the storms. We will have a free dress day Friday, September 22nd. For free dress, a minimum \$1.00 donation is required.

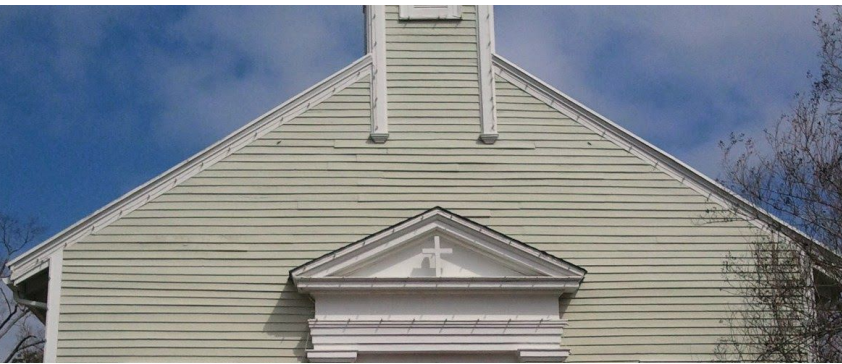
Thanks for your support,
Community Cougars
St. Jude Junior Beta Club



Office of Child and Youth Protection
Diocese of Baton Rouge

*** Family night is a great time to discuss the Virtues with children and young people.

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



The Virtue of Justice

What is Justice? Justice is the virtue by which we give to others that which belongs to them. Justice safeguards the rights of others, which are based upon the reality that each human person is made in the image of God. Our dignity is derived from our nature.

Why Practice Justice? Justice assures harmony in our relationships: family, society, work, church and others. We are equal in dignity and this dignity is deeper and richer than our ethnicity, heritage, culture, race and economic background. At the core of our being, we desire to be treated fairly and equitably. Justice is necessary in order to respect the order and dignity of societal and personal relationships.

Each person has the right to life, freedom, home and property. Each person has the right to worship God. Each person has dignity and the right to their good name. When our actions in daily life recognize and provide for these rights, we live justly.

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

- I tell the truth at all times, even when it is difficult.
- I draw in others who are left out of games, conversations and plans.
- I may be tempted to cheat or steal, knowing I will not be caught, but decide to be just and honest.
- I respect the space, time and boundaries of others. I do not use others, or anything about others, for my pleasure or satisfaction.
- I repair or replace anything I break or loose.
- If I hurt someone's feelings, I ask for forgiveness.
- I am aware of, and practically concerned for, anyone who is abused, neglected, exploited or used.