



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

Wednesday, Sept.6-Friday, Sept. 8	
Friday, September 8	
Saturday, September 9	
Monday, September 11	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 13	
Saturday, September 16	
Tuesday, September 19	6:30pm
Wednesday, September 20	8:15am
Wednesday, September 20	
Wednesday, September 20	12:30-2:30pm
Monday, September 25	
Wednesday, September 27	8:15am
Thursday, September 28	5:00-7pm
Thur., Sept 29-Thur., Oct 5	
Friday, September 29	
Tuesday, October 3	6:30pm
Wednesday, October 4	12:30pm-2:30pm
Thursday, October 5	
Friday, October 6	
Monday, October 9	



ACT ASPIRE TESTING

“Favorite Team” Free Dress for HR 100% Box Tops
 Intramural Soccer Begins
 H&S Assoc. Exec. Comm. Mtg. (Library)
 School Liturgy (8B facilitates) **Dress Uniforms**
SJMC Fishing Rodeo
 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Parent Mtg. (Parish Hall)
 8th Grade Level Liturgy (Dress Uniforms 8th grade only)
 School Picture Day (Barberito)
 2nd Grade Retreat (Parish Hall)
 Vision & Hearing Screening: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th
 School Liturgy (8B) **Dress Uniforms /Beta Induction**
Book Fair Kick-Off Night: Saddle Up and Read!
 Book Fair Week
 Fun Run Kick-Off/Packets Sent Home
 Advisory Counsel Mtg. (Ministry Bldg.)
 4th Grade Retreat (Parish Hall)
 Fun Run 1st Turn-in Date
NO SCHOOL– Diocesan In-Service
NO BUS SERVICE– EBR Holiday



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents/Guardians,

The faculty and staff at St. Jude value the strong relationships we have with our families and community. We know that when a school works together, our students benefit greatly. On Tuesday, I had the distinct pleasure of gathering with the School Advisory Council for our first meeting of the school year. I want to publicly thank all of the members for agreeing to serve our school system in this capacity. We are very excited about the collaborative work we will do to help benefit our school community and the bright future that is ahead of us.

As we embark upon the fall sports season, I would like to thank our Athletic Association, coaches, parent volunteers, and parents for your pre-season preparation and involvement in the life of our student athletes. The support and encouragement provided to the students, their teams and coaches is vital to the success of our sports season. As well, your testimony to our opponents and officials will be a great witness for the school and more importantly, for our Lord!

Parent volunteers are a vital part of our school community. We realize that each family is unique – with its own priorities, needs, talents and time constraints. With this in mind, we try to provide as many different kinds of volunteer opportunities as possible. Please consider volunteering around the school in some capacity this school year. Contact names are listed for various outlets that need volunteers in this edition. It is easy—and it really makes a difference!

Blessings,
Michelle Gardiner, M. Ed.



SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

PICTURE DAY: Individual school pictures for ALL grade levels will be taken on Wednesday, September 20th beginning at 8:00 AM. The school uniform must be worn– dress uniforms are not necessary. Look for an order form coming home in your child’s backpack; ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID. Retakes are scheduled for a later date, but please try to avoid absences.

AUCTION: Save the date! Our second annual school auction will be held Saturday, March 10th. We are in the beginning stages of planning and are seeking volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering on a committee, please contact Starr Driesse. Committees range from decorations to food and beverage to class projects! Please consider becoming in planning a fun evening of fellowship to support St. Jude School!

ADVISORY COUNCIL: We would like to welcome our 2017-18 Advisory Council members: President-Ryan Nesbit, Vice President-Casey Anderson, Secretary- Tammy Brown, Treasurer- Julie Kennedy, Members-at-large- David Goldsmith, Andrew Mouledous, Kelly Elliott, Chris Mensman, Taylor Gravois, Andrea Baham, Jeremy McDaniel, and Clay Roccaforte. We had a great first meeting this week and thank you in advance for your service!

BOX TOP COMPETITION: We had a great response to our Quarter 1 homeroom box top competition! ALL

STUDENTS have earned a “Favorite Team” theme dress day this Friday- tomorrow. Please refer to pg. 28 in the [parent/student handbook](#) for guidelines. Students may wear a t-shirt reflecting their favorite team or sport with blue jeans, uniform pants or uniform shorts, uniform skirt OR t-shirt worn over a uniform jumper. Free choice of sneakers with free choice of socks. Girls may wear flats or boots with a flat heel. No cowboy boots are allowed.

5th GRADE RETREAT THANK YOU: Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the 5th grade retreat. Students from St. Joseph’s Academy served as our group leaders and the following parents also assisted with the retreat: Karalyn Cass, Megan Higginbotham, Carrie Tucker, Amy Waguespack, Arianne Zaunbrecher. The students enjoyed the afternoon learning about the Apostles and their walk with Jesus. Thanks again to all who assisted in making our retreat a success!

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.

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). Please make plans to saddle up and join us for what is always a fun night of fellowship!



 **ATHLETICS**

GIRLS’ BASKETBALL JAMBOREE: Come out and cheer on our SJS 7th and 8th grade girls’ basketball teams as they play in 2017 CSAA Girls Basketball Jamboree at the St. Jude Gym tonight! The 7th grade team will play St. Thomas More at 6:30 p.m.; the 8th grade team will play St. Thomas More at 7:30 p.m. Go Cougars!

FOOTBALL JAMBOREE: Good luck to our SJS 5-8 grade football teams as they play in this weekend’s football jamboree at Ascension Catholic! The 5th and 6th grade team will play St. Aloysius at 1:30 p.m. and then Ascension Catholic at 2 p.m. The 7th and 8th grade team will play St. Aloysius at 3 p.m. and Ascension Catholic at 3:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS: Congratulations to the SJS Cross Country Team for their outstanding results at their latest races!

Bayou Boogie Classic (hosted by St. Michael High School on Sept. 2) – The girls’ team finished fourth overall (out of 14 schools) while the boys finished 8th (out of 19 schools). The top seven SJS girls finishing the race were Stella V., Ava D., Cate W., Alex M., Channing B., Meredith M., and Georgia M. The top seven SJS boys finishing the race were Bennett S., Eli W., Eli V., Andrew S., Mason D., William S., and Hunter U.

Baton Rouge Zoo Run Run (held Aug. 26) – The following runners placed in their age groups: **GIRLS** (through age 11) Stella V., 1st; Georgia M., 2nd; Julia M., 3rd. and (ages 12-H14) Alex M., 2nd; **BOYS** (through age 11) Eli V., 2nd.



PRACTICE JERSEYS: If your child still has a practice jersey belonging to SJS from a previous year, please turn it in to Mrs. Peggy in the school office.

MINI- CHEER CAMP: St. Jude Athletics offered a mini cheer camp for girls on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 -12. This was a first time event of this kind for our Association. Over 60+ girls in grades K - 3rd spent the morning learning cheers, chants and a dance. Special thanks to our Cheer Moderator Lauren Andermann, St. Jude Varsity cheerleaders and Champ for job well done! GO COUGARS!



SWIMMING: Good luck to all our of St. Jude swimmers as they compete in their first meet tomorrow night!

VOLUNTEERS: Are you interested in volunteering to help with Athletics? Opportunities range from concession stand to coaches to field maintenance. Please contact [Tanna Moses](#) for more information!

HOME & SCHOOL

DIRECTORY: The deadline for changes to appear printed in the 2017-2018 directory has passed. Please continue to update your personal information in RenWeb throughout the year as changes occur so we have your most up-to-date information.

Directories will be distributed by the end of September and will go home with your designated child. All families receive one directory as part of their Home and School dues. If you wish to order additional copies of the directory, please send \$5 (along with your name and your child’s name and homeroom) for each additional directory you wish to purchase to the office in an envelope addressed to Julie Kennedy/Directory by Friday, September 15th. Checks should be payable to Home and School. If you have any questions regarding the directory, please email Julie Kennedy at juliekennedy@hotmail.com.

ROOM MOM COORDINATOR: We would like to thank all that applied to be room mothers this year. **JUST A REMINDER** - we have room mom meetings in the cafeteria this Friday, September 8th. Pre-K - 6th grades from 8:00-8:45AM and grades 7th and 8th from 9:15 - 10:00 AM. If you have any questions about the meeting times, please email Karalyn Cass at tkcass@yahoo.com.

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.***

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: Thanks to everyone who helped send in enough Box Tops for the school to meet our 100% participation goal! We raised over \$600 for SJS!! As a reward, students may wear their “Favorite Team” top tomorrow, Friday, September 8th. Please refer to the uniform guidelines on page 28 of the handbook. Any questions, please email Erin Simonson, erinsimo@gmail.com.

HEARING & VISION SCREENINGS: will take place September 25th. 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th graders may participate. Look for an information/consent form in your child’s folder soon!

 **PARISH NEWS**

SCOUTS: Some of our Bears, Arrow of Lights, and some Boy Scouts earned their religious awards August 27th from Bishop Muench. The Bear earned the Light of Christ and the Arrow of Lights, while the Boy Scouts earned their Parvuli Dei. Girl scouts Mariana C., Gigi N., & Gracie P. also received "Our Lady's award". Great Job!



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!”

COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, Sept 19** E-mail sdriesse@stjudebr.org.



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****PRESS RELEASE****

Registration Open for 2017 St. Joseph's Academy Sticker Stampede 5K and Fun Runs

WHAT: Registration is now open for the 7th annual St. Joseph's Academy Sticker Stampede. On Sunday, October 1, we will gather on campus for mass followed by a celebration of health and wellness. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate in our half-mile, one-mile or 5K runs. Baton Rouge General presents our Finisher Festival and Marketplace, featuring free food and beverages, live music, kids' crafts and games and shopping with local vendors. Anyone looking to build up to or improve their 5K race is welcome to join us, along with race sponsor Varsity Sports, for a free, three-week training program, kicking off September 7 at 5 p.m. on the SJA campus. Sponsor opportunities for the event are available starting at \$250. Event proceeds will go towards the purchase of treadmills in the new Academy Student Center.

Prizes will be given to overall, masters and age-group winners in both male and female divisions, along with overall winners in our special Stroller Pusher Division for those with little ones. A group prize will go to the winner of the corporate team division registering the most participants.

The Sticker Stampede is sponsored by Presenting Level supporters Baton Rouge General; Varsity Sports; and MAPP. Gold Level sponsors are Baton Rouge Digital Products; The Celtic Group; Ryson Roofing; and Baton Rouge General Physicians – Bella Family Medical. Red Level sponsors are Provost, Salter, Harper & Alford, LLC; Cajun Industries; and State Farm – Reiter Marshall, Agent. White Level supporters are KBCook Weddings; PAX, LLC; Mary Sue Stages, CPA; McCormick & McCormick; Kleinpeter Photography; and Soiree.

WHEN: Sunday, October 1, 7 a.m.

WHERE: St. Joseph's Academy, 3015 Broussard Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808

REGISTRATION: Online registration is available through midnight on September 27. Early registrants will receive a race shirt. Early packet pickup will be held Friday, September 29, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Packets will be distributed in the horseshoe drive at Mother Alice Hall (Kleinert Avenue). Packet pickup and race-day registration will also be available on the morning of the race beginning at 6:30 a.m. near the Dining Hall (Kleinert Avenue parking lot).

PRICE: Early Registration (through September 23): \$20; \$15 for children 12 & under
Race Week Registration (September 24-27): \$25; \$15 for children 12 & under
Packet Pickup & Race Day Registration (September 28 and October 1): \$30; \$20 for children 12 & under

To register and for more information, please visit <http://www.stickerstampede.org>

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