



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, April 27th	1:45pm	“Shakesperience” (School Performance)
Friday, April 27th	6:30pm	“Shakesperience” (Family Performance)
Sunday, April 29th	3:00pm	First Eucharist
Monday, April 30th		Free Dress (MFF Fundraiser)
Mon., April 30th– Fri., May 4th		Teacher Appreciation Week
Wednesday, May 2nd	8:15am	School Liturgy (Dress Uniforms) (2A)
Wednesday, May 2nd		H&S Class Pictures
Thursday, May 3rd	6:00pm	Band & Choir Spring Concert
Thursday, May 3rd	7:50am	May Crowning (PK & Kindergarten)
Friday, May 4th		Taste Fair (3rd & 4th Grade)
Saturday, May 5th	7:30-10pm	7th & 8th Grade Dance (Cafeteria)
Mon., May 7th-Wed., May 9th		ACT ASPIRE Interim Testing
Wednesday, May 9th	8:15am	2nd Grade Level Liturgy
Thurs., Fri, Mon. May 10th, 11th & 14th	7:50am-11am	8th Grade Exams
Tues., May 15th-Wed., May 16th		No School-8th Grade
Wed., May 16th, Thurs., May 17th & Mon. May 21st	7:50am-11am	7th Grade Exams
Thursday, May 17th	9:00am	8th Grade Graduation Practice (Church)
Thursday, May 17th	10:00am	8th Grade Brunch & Awards (Church)
Thursday, May 17th	4:30pm	8th Grade Graduation (Church)
Friday, May 18th		No School-7th Grade
Friday, May 18th	8:30am	Pre-K Closing Ceremony
Friday, May 18th	10:00am	4th Grade Vocabulary Parade
Tuesday, May 22nd		No School-7th Grade
Tuesday, May 22nd	8:15am	Living Rosary (Activity Center)
Wednesday, May 23rd		No Bus Service
Wednesday, May 23rd		Field Day & Class Parties
Thursday, May 24th		No Bus Service
Thursday, May 24th		No PM Extension
Thursday, May 24th	8:15am	Closing Liturgy & Awards Ceremony
		Students dismiss from Church 10am
		No PM Extension, NO PM Buses



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter into the final weeks of school, there are several special events scheduled that showcase the talents of our students and teachers. On Friday, April 27, 2018 the eighth grade class will perform their interpretation of the Shakespeare plays-Othello, Mid Summer Night’s Dream and Macbeth. These brilliant and talented eighth grade students, under the guidance of Mrs. Megan Riedel, have written, directed and choreographed their own unique version of these three famous Shakespeare plays in “Shakesperience Goes Hollywood”. There will be a 6:30 p.m. family showing. Tickets are \$5.00 and available at the door.

On Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. the St. Jude Beginner and Advance Band and Choir will host a Spring Concert. The boys and girls have been working second semester honing their craft and musical gifts under the direction of Ms. Suzanne Buerkle, Band Director and Mrs. Stephanie Littleton, Choir Director. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Next week, St. Jude Home and School Association will recognize the faculty and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. This year’s theme is “Wild About Our Teachers!!” I would like to publicly thank all of our teachers for their commitment and dedication to creating a classroom environment that encourages each student to become a lifelong learner. I am forever grateful and appreciative for everything you’ve done and will continue to do to help shape the boys and girls of St. Jude in their faith and education. Thank you for answering God’s call to be a Catholic School educator.

Blessings,

Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

EXTENSION: There will be NO afternoon extension on Thursday, May 24th. All students must be picked up by 10:30am from the church.

BUS SERVICE: There will be **NO BUS SERVICE** Wednesday, May 23rd or Thursday, May 24th.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Following the end of year liturgy and awards ceremony on Thursday, May 24th, students in grades 1st-7th will be given report cards and dismissed for the year. All students must be picked up by 10:30am from the church.

NURSE MICKEL: Please remember to pick up any medication that is on hand in the health room. Any medication left after May 24th, 2018 will be discarded. Thanks for your prompt attention.

CAFETERIA: Parents, please be reminded to make sure you child's lunch accounts are current or pay the account through the last day they will be eating in the cafeteria. Money remaining in the account will be rolled over into next year. Parents may contact the cafeteria manager at: judecafe@diobr.org or 225.769.3594.

TUITION DUE: Please be reminded that tuition and/or a loan secured by Gulf Coast Bank and Trust is due May 2nd, 2018. Parents will have the option this year of paying TUITION ONLY via credit card. Please contact [Mary Tangney](#) for more information. Thank you.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENT: Added to Pg. 13 *"All new students to St. Jude School, regardless of grade level, are placed in regular classes. Teachers are given the opportunity to assess classroom performance and grades earned. A new student's placement may be adjusted after these observations take place."*

McLINDON FAMILY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all who contributed to our McLindon Family Foundation fundraiser providing special bikes for special children.

We surpassed our \$2,000 goal! All students will enjoy a free dress day on Monday, April 30th. (Please refer to page 28 of the student handbook for free dress guidelines.)

DUKE University TIP: Each year, Duke TIP identifies a group of academically talented students in the United States based on their exceptional grade-level standardized test scores. Only those who score at or above the 95th percentile qualify. Congratulations to the following seventh graders who qualified for participation in the 2018 Duke University Talent Identification Program:

Alexis Baham, Justin Baker, Harrison Boudreaux, Caroline Losavio, Meredith Martin, Grant Mathis, Ava Nesbit, and Roman Reed.

The following students qualified for State Recognition, by earning scores that are approximately equal to the 50th national percentile rank for college-bound seniors taking the tests: Ella Benjamin, Isabella Clardy, and Susana Cuadra.

In addition, Maria Hargrave and Kyle Oubre received Grand Recognition by earning scores that are approximately equal to the 90th national percentile rank for college-bound seniors taking the tests. Congratulations!

7th GRADE RETREAT THANK YOU!! Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with our recent 7th grade retreat. The retreat was facilitated by Jason Romero, and the following parents served as our group leaders: Tricia Fernandez, Stephanie Remson, Kristie Esteve, Sarah Losavio, Lee Shields, Kami Carpenter, Elizabeth Cavalier, Jessica Braun, Lisa Hebert, Sarah Baker and Michelle Gray. The retreat theme focused on how we are all created "In His Image." At the conclusion of the retreat, the 5th, 6th & 8th graders joined us for a Praise & Worship session. Thanks again to all who assisted in making our retreat a success!

INVITATION TO ADORATION: Adoration is a wonderful opportunity for families to teach their children the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and prayer. What we learn as children remains in us and helps us to stay close to Jesus. St. Jude Church offers Adoration from 6pm-8pm every Tuesday. No appointment/commitment necessary and you may come and go as you please. We hope you will consider making adoration a part of your family prayer life.

BAND HONORS: Ryan Alexander and Joseph Mensman, grade 6, were chosen for the Zeaglar Music Beginner Honor Band on April 14. They attended a morning workshop and performed in a concert with students selected from 36 area middle schools. Suzanne Buerkle is their band instructor.



STATE SCIENCE FAIR: Congratulations to Estelle Mensman and Andrea Thompson who recently attended the state science fair. Estelle took home 2nd place overall in her category and Andrea placed 4th overall in her category. Way to go!



YOUTH LEGISLATURE: St. Jude School 8th graders participated in the Boy's Club/Girl's Club Youth Legislature on April 16 and 17, 2018, at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge. The following students were recognized for their achievements:

West Barker – Speaker of the House of Representatives

Christopher Cerniauskas – Commissioner of Agriculture, Wildlife and Fisheries

William Post – Secretary of Prison Affairs

Ava Dunn – House Clerk

Anthony Chiasson and Graham Trainor – Senate Sergeants at Arms

Hall of Fame: Ann Marie Benoit, Caroline Donahue, Owen James, Emma Littleton, Estelle Mensman, Macon Moore, Barrett Sonnier, Eric Uter, and Anna Webre.

The following bills were passed and signed by the governor:

Road Safety for Seniors – Presley Fernandez, sponsor and Ann Marie Benoit, co-sponsor

Juvenile Detention Facilities – Bennett Saia, sponsor and Benji Gordon, co-sponsor

Water We Gonna Do? – Grant Reynolds, sponsor and Macon Moore, co-sponsor

The class did a wonderful job representing SJS. A special thanks to Mr. Camile Gautreaux for preparing them so well!



ATHLETIC INFORMATION

BANQUET: On Tuesday, April 24th we honored our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who participated in football, basketball, volleyball, cross country, swim, cheer and track. Over 300 of our parents, athletes and coaches came together to remember their accomplishments this past school year. Special thanks to the Men's Club for preparing our delicious burgers, Matt Moscona, 104.5 ESPN radio host, for sharing his message with our athletes, and all the faculty and volunteers who made this evening fun for our students.

Congratulations to the recipients of the St. Jude Cougar award, Izzy Besselman and Benji Gordon. These students were recognized for all their contributions to their respective teams and living their Christian values on and off the field. It's been a great year COUGARS!



COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, April 24th** E-mail sdriesse@stjudebr.org.

 **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: We are WILD about our Teachers! Teacher Appreciation Week is next week April 30 – May 4. Thank you to all who signed up to bring items. Please remember to have your items in the lounge on your designated day between 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sydney Braud at smbraud@bellsouth.net or 318-518-1951.

FIELD DAY: Field Day is always a highlight to the end of the year for the students and it's just around the corner! In order for it to be a successful and fun day for all, we NEED VOLUNTEERS! We are in need of parents to escort the classes between stations. Please use the link below to sign up. Any questions or suggestions can be sent to Kimberly McDaniel at kimberlydmcdaniel@gmail.com. Thank you!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DAFA62DA3F49-sjsfield1>

CLASS PICTURES: Class pictures will be taken Wednesday, May 2nd. Forms went home in your child's backpack. Contact Lindsey Stelly at lindseystelly@yahoo.com with any questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: School supplies for the 2018-19 school year will be sold again through School Tool Box. The packs come with the teacher-approved supplies your student needs and includes trusted brands like Avery, Elmer's and Crayola. School Tool Box saves you precious time searching for those hard-to-find items in the back-to-school crowds. Place your order at www.schooltoolbox.com and it will be waiting for your child at school. Ordering starts May 3rd through June 10th. BE SURE TO ORDER NEXT YEAR'S GRADE!!!

USED UNIFORM SALE: The summer sale will be held in July. There will be lots of great bargains available on uniforms for the 2018-19 school year. Uniforms to donate for the sale may be dropped off at the school office during regular school hours, or you may contact Ginny Anderson at ginnycrigler@gmail.com or 225-328-0631 or Ashley Territo at ashleysterrito@gmail.com or 225-610-4914.

 **PARISH NEWS**

FIRST EUCHARIST: Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive the body of Christ this Sunday at 3pm! A special thank you to Mrs. Erin Simonson, Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Oubre, Mrs. Layman, Mrs. Bordlee, and Mrs. Sperier for all the time spent in preparing our students for this sacrament.