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Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

There are several exciting events occurring at St. Jude during the last few weeks of October!! Please see important information below.

St. Jude Feast Day: The Feast of St. Jude will be celebrated on Friday, October 28th from 11:30 am -12:30 pm. Students will attend a special prayer service in the gym followed by a picnic lunch out on the deck. Additionally, I would like to thank the Men’s Club for graciously donating a frozen sweet treat for every student.

Scouts: The St. Jude Scouts will wear their scout uniforms to school on Friday, October 28th.

Fun Run: The Annual Fun Run and class Halloween parties will take place on Monday, October 31st. You will receive information from your child’s homeroom teacher regarding the times for both events.

Grandparent’s Day 2022: The much-anticipated Grandparent’s Day 2022 performance of “St. Jude on Broadway” will be held on Friday, November 18th at 8:45 am in the St. Jude Activity Center followed by a visit to the classrooms. Parents and siblings are invited to attend a special performance on Thursday, November 18th at 1:00 pm in the St. Jude Activity Center. Detailed information regarding this special day will be sent out in November.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

St. Jude School Campus Coffee Informational Meeting & School Tour

OCTOBER 26, 2022
9:00AM - 10:00AM
ST. JUDE SCHOOL LIBRARY

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES FOR THE 2023-24
SCHOOL YEAR
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Home and School

FUN RUN: The Class Competition is C-L-O-S-E close!! Currently the 1st Graders hold the lead, but the 5th Graders and 2nd Graders are super close in 2nd and 3rd Places!! The last day to count toward the class competition is Friday, October 28th. We have 100% participation from all of 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 6th Grade, as well as Mrs. Downing's 5th Grade Class, Mrs. Mestayer's 8th Grade Class, Mrs. Cannon's Kindergarten Class, and Mrs. Ammon's Pre-K Class. Please help us to reach our 100% school community participation goal! Online donations can be made here: [HERE](#), or you can continue to submit donations via the FUN RUN envelope.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS: Do you want to serve lunch to our students but can't commit to a full shift? We now have 1/2 shifts available for sign up! 1/2 shifts will start at 9:45am and end around 11:15am. When signing up, simply indicate in the comments whether you are signing up for a full or 1/2 shift. Please make sure you have completed all child protection steps before committing to a date to serve. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ada628a4f94-lunchroom>

SANTALAND: The Christmas season is quickly approaching! Every year our students are given the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for family & friends! Santa Land is coming to SJS Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 2. Please consider volunteering your time to help make this fun holiday event a success. It is great fun for the kids and adults, alike. As always, thank you for your support!

Please click the [signup genius link](#) to volunteer.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The Beautification Committee is gearing up for Christmas. They are in need of the following items to help deck our halls with Christmas cheer!

1-2 Artificial Christmas trees
Red, white, or blue ornaments
Green wreaths
Christmas tree toppers
Christmas tree lights (any color)
Large red bows
Outdoor Christmas decor

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please contact Lauren Malek (laurencmalek@gmail.com). Thank you!

SPIRIT WEAR:

*****TINY SAINTS FUNDRAISER!***** During the entire month of October, St. Jude School will be having a fundraiser through Tiny Saints! When you shop at www.tinysaints.com, you will have the option to select St. Jude School from a drop-down menu during checkout. When you select St. Jude, your supporting purchase will contribute to the school's fundraiser! Head on over to browse the adorable items – they have charms, board books, a lanyard, and even a rosary!

Your favorite SJS tattoos, face glitter, garden flags, car decals, and Saint Jude Tiny Saint charms are always available for purchase at <https://ourschool.support/homeandschoolstore>.

REMINDER: St. Jude navy fleeces are now only available at Classic Image Uniforms. Cooler weather is here, so make sure you get your orders in! There are 3 ways to order your navy fleeces: 1 - Call Classic Image Uniforms at (225) 929-8989, 2 - Visit them at 120 Staring Lane in Baton Rouge, or 3 - Order online at <https://www.classicimageuniforms.com>. If you order online, click on "Group Sign In" at the top right of the webpage, then enter "cougars" as the code.

If you have any questions about spirit wear, please contact Emma Long at emma.m.long@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUBS: Please help Home and School continue the wonderful tradition of providing a half-day substitute for our teachers during Christmas season. It's a little "thank you" for all they do. Use the Sign-Up Genius link provided to view slots that need to be filled. You can sign-up as many times as you like. Home and School is so appreciative of your generosity!

[Christmas Shopping Subs for Teachers](#)

HALLOWEEN PARTIES: Halloween parties will be held on Monday, October 31st. Only designated chaperones may attend parties. All volunteers must be child protected to participate. Room Parents have communicated with parents what will be served at each party. Please contact your Room Parent and/or teacher if you need to make alternate accommodations for your child because of allergies. Remember, per the student handbook, "No peanut products, including peanut oil or any products containing peanuts, may be served at class parties or special events."

CHILD PROTECTION: Anyone wishing to volunteer at St. Jude School in ANY CAPACITY (as a chaperone for party or field trip, cafeteria or library volunteer, etc.) must fulfill the requirements mandated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Please contact Lori Layman if you are unsure whether you have fulfilled this requirement and are scheduled to attend an upcoming event at school.

FACULTY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We would like to thank the 7th grade parents for providing snacks for the faculty and staff to enjoy. They were very much appreciated!

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Athletics

FALL ATHLETIC PHOTO AND UNIFORMS: Team Sports Pictures for Fall Sports will be on Monday November 14th. All Fall Athletes with SJS Uniforms will return their cleaned uniforms in a bag labeled with his/her name after photos are completed that day. Sports include 3rd/4th Football, 5th/6th Football, 7th/8th Football, Swimming, Cross Country and Girls' Basketball 3rd-7th.

7th/8th FOOTBALL: Come cheer on the Cougars at upcoming 7th/8th grade St. Jude/Our Lady of Mercy "Saints" football games:

October 19th, 6:30pm vs. LSU Lab School at OLOM

October 30th, 3:30pm vs. St. George at OLOM

November 6th, 4:30 pm vs St. Alphonsus/St. Jean Vianney at St. Jude Cougar Field

5th/6th FOOTBALL: The next game for 5/6 grade football will be Sunday, October 30th at 2:30 against STM/MBS at St. Jude field. Come cheer on our Cougars!

CROSS COUNTRY: The cross country team competed in two meets over the last two weeks and will compete in another meet this evening.

Our boys won the Port Hudson Braves Battlefield meet with Quinn Merchant, Braeden Gasser, Murphy Maynard, Noah Seely and Nolan Pizer all finishing in the top 20. Our girls placed 6th overall with Catherine Walters, Molly Luke, Sylvie Vincent, Lily Hermann and Julie Murray rounding out our top 5.

The boys finished 4th overall in the St. Aloysius Invitational on October 8th. The team edged out Our Lady of Mercy to finish 1st of all the Baton Rouge area Catholic Middle Schools. The top finishers were Quinn Merchant, Murphy Maynard, Braeden Gasser, Noah Seely and Philip Wesley.

The girls finished 12th with Molly Luke, Kate Stacey, Emma Boedefeld, Sylvie Vincent and Julie Murray scoring for the Cougars.

The team will compete tonight in the St. Jean Vianney Invitational at Highland Road Park. The girls race begins at 5:00 pm and the boys follow at 5:30 pm.

Our final meet will be in the Middle School Metro Championship meet on November 5th at Highland Road Park.

7th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Cougar 7th grade team won their last two games - 10 - 4 vs. Holy Family and 17 - 2 vs. Most Blessed Sacrament. Final home game is 11/2/22 vs. St. Thomas More.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Parents - The deadline to register for Boy's Basketball for 3rd-8th grades will be Thursday, October, 27th!

- **6th Grade:** Jason Schexnayder (Head Coach) will hold tryouts on **Thursday & Friday, November 3rd/4th from 4:00 - 5:00** in the St. Jude gym.
- **7th Grade:** Matt Tucker (8th Grade Head Coach) will hold tryouts on **Tuesday, Nov 1st from 6:30 - 7:30 & Thursday, Nov 3rd from 6:00 - 7:00** in the St. Jude gym. Bennett Charles Saia will be the Head Coach after tryouts.
- **8th Grade:** Matt Tucker (Head Coach) will hold tryouts on **Tuesday, Nov 1st from 5:00 - 6:30 & Thursday, Nov 3rd from 5:00 - 6:00** in the St. Jude gym.

If you would like to participate in basketball this year, please register using the link below.

[2022 Basketball Sign Up](#)

5th/6th BOYS SOCCER: We are still in need of a head coach for 5th/6th Boys Soccer – if you are interested or have any leads, please contact SJS Athletic Director, Lindsey McCombie at lmccombie@stjudebr.org

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OCT. 31- NOV. 4 **ST. JUDE**
SPIRIT WEEK 2022



MONDAY - Fun Run Dress Up - Fun Run shirts uniform bottoms & Halloween accessories.

7TH ANNUAL
ST. JUDE
FUN RUN

TUESDAY - All Saints' Day. Dress uniform with "My Saint Hero" sticker.

WEDNESDAY - Military & First Responder Hero Dress Up - Wear your favorite Military/First Responder shirt with uniform bottoms and accessories.

THURSDAY - Superhero Dress Up - Wear your favorite Superhero shirt with uniform bottoms and accessories.

FRIDAY - St. Jude spirit shirts or Team Jersey with SJS spirit accessories and "My SJS Staff Hero" sticker. Pep Rally @ 1:45pm



*STICKERS FOR TUES. & FRI. WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT SCHOOL.

IT'S TIME TO WATCH ST. JUDE ON BROADWAY

GRANDPARENTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 18, 2022
8:45 AM
ST. JUDE ACTIVITY CENTER

Walk to Defeat ALS Fundraiser October 28th

Help us raise money for our friend
Amelia Parkers' team
Ouiser's Warriors. She is fundraising for her
grandmother that passed away of ALS in 2018.

Wear red or blue shirts and accessories on October
28th for a \$1 donation. We will also be celebrating
the feast of St. Jude on this day.



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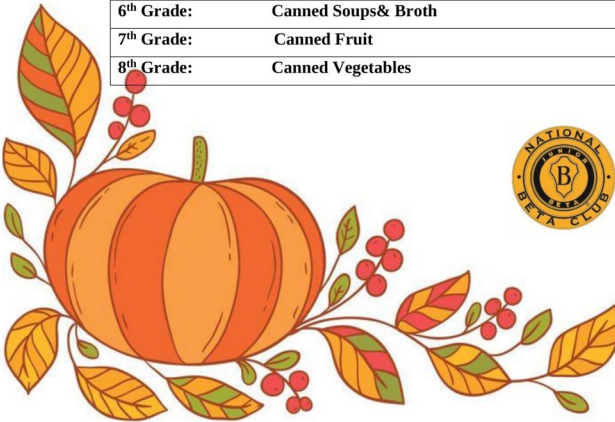
St. Jude BETA Thanksgiving Food Drive

Monday, Nov. 7th – Friday, Nov. 11th, 2022

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings received through the goodness of our God. Once again, St. Jude BETA Club will sponsor a food drive to benefit the St. Jude Parish Food Pantry in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to participate, please see the chart below which lists requested food items by grade. If you have more than one child in school, you may choose to send one item from the list or one item for each child. Donations will be collected in your child's homeroom. At the conclusion of the food drive, the items will be brought to the St. Jude Food Pantry where the baskets will be assembled just in time for Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support!

GRADE	FOOD ITEM
Pre-K:	Canned Beans & Canned Corn
Kindergarten:	Boxed Cereal (Breakfast), Oatmeal or Grits
1 st Grade:	Boxed Mixes (Hamburger Helper, Mac&Cheese)
2 nd Grade:	Canned Tuna, Chicken, & Spam
3 rd Grade:	Rice, Pasta
4 th Grade:	Beans (Canned or Dried)
5 th Grade:	Canned Tomato Products
6 th Grade:	Canned Soups& Broth
7 th Grade:	Canned Fruit
8 th Grade:	Canned Vegetables



Important Dates

Friday, October 21st...Fun Run/Spirit Shirts

Tuesday, October 25th...7th grade level Mass

Wednesday, October 26th...Campus Coffee for prospective families

Friday, October 28th...St. Jude Feast Day and ALS Fundraiser

Monday, October 31st...Fun Run Day and Halloween parties

Monday, October 31st to Friday, November 4th...Spirit Week

Tuesday, November 1st...All Saints Day Mass/Wear dress uniforms

Friday, November 4th...Spirit Day and Pep Rally