



THE COUGAR



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Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday and was able to spend quality time with family and friends. The annual Santaland Shop is open this week for students to do some Christmas shopping. I would like to thank the H&S Santaland committee for all of their hard work in organizing and coordinating this fun and memorable event for our students. Over the next three weeks, there are many special events that will take place at St. Jude.

- On December 6th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas was a man of faith who lived his life in devotion to Christ. He cared for the needy and believed in the importance of giving to others. The children in grades Pre-K through 8th will leave a decorated paper shoe at their classroom seat in anticipation of a small treat and learn more about the true Santa Claus.
- If you are looking for a great opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas, please come and join us for St. Jude’s Christmas concert performed by our amazing band and choir students on December 6th at 2:00 pm in the Activity Center
- Do you need a sweet treat? The Beta Club will be selling baked goods to parents and visitors on December 6th at the Christmas concert to raise money to purchase gifts for their Wildwood Pre-K buddies. We appreciate your generosity in helping support the good work of the Beta Club and this learning experience for our students.
- The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is December 8th. Our Blessed Mother is a wonderful example of being a servant of the Lord. In keeping in the spirit of serving others, the Beta Club is hosting a Toy Drive as an Advent service project during the week of December 5th-9th.
- On December 15th everyone is invited to come and join our school community for the Nativity Play performed by the first and second grade beginning at 8:15 am.
- Lastly, on December 16th class Christmas parties will be held in the afternoon.

“For to us a child is born...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

I hope everyone has a blessed Advent season,

Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

Home and School

BEAUTIFICATION: St. Jude's Beautification Committee is looking for a large outdoor nativity scene for school. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, please contact Lauren Malek at laurencmalek@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

USED UNIFORMS: Save the date for the next Used Uniform Sale on January 8, 2023 from 9am to 12pm. Donations can be dropped off during school hours at the school office.

THANK YOU to Lauren Malek and the Beautification Committee for the beautiful Christmas decorations on campus. Thank you for helping us all get into the Christmas Spirit!

Athletics

INTRAMURAL SPORTS: Signups for intramural basketball are due Thursday, December 15th. Parents with children in PreK-2nd grade will receive an email with a Google sign up from Mr. Willoughby.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Our 4th grade boys basketball teams, Blue (Coach Hart) and White (Coach Perry), begin play next week. The White team plays on December 5th against St. Thomas More, and the Blue team plays on December 6th against Our Lady of Mercy. Good luck for the start of their seasons!!

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St. Jude the Apostle School BETA TOY DRIVE

Dear Parents,

As the holiday season approaches, we are sometimes overwhelmed with the commercialism of the season. Although our custom of giving things to those we love is reminiscent of the Wise Men who brought the valuable presents to the Infant Jesus, we should remember that the perfect gift which Jesus gave the world, the gift of Himself, is far more precious than anything of monetary value.

Each year, the St. Jude School students, in conjunction with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, sponsor a campaign to help members of our parish who are unable to provide gifts for their children at Christmas. As a family, you may choose one of the items from any of your children's homerooms and send it to school. This gift should be a new item and should be UNWRAPPED. We will sort all items and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will assemble boxes of items for each family.

Below are listed the items by grade/homeroom that were requested by St. Vincent de Paul Society. You may send these items from **December 5-9, 2022.**

GRADE LEVEL	ITEM
PreK - Frazier	Stuffed Animals - ages infant-2 years
PreK - Folse	Children's scarves/winter fun socks
PreK - Ammon	Art Supplies - Play Doh, sketch pads, crayons, coloring books, etc
Kindergarten	Toys for a GIRL - for children 12 and under
1 st Grade - Albert	Toys for a GIRL - for children 12 and under
1 st Grade - Stacey	Toys for a BOY - for children 12 and under
2 nd Grade	Toys for a BOY - for children 12 and under
3 rd Grade - Smith	Children's Games
3 rd Grade - Porta	Family Games
4 th Grade	Books - Birth to 7 years
5 th Grade	Art Supplies - Play Doh, Sketch pads, crayons, coloring books, etc.
6 th Grade	Sports Toys/Equipment
7 th Grade	Sports Toys/Equipment
8 th Grade	Sports Toys/Equipment





Attention Parents, Grandparents, and Teachers:

We are having a Bake Sale to raise money for Christmas gifts for our PreK class at Wildwood!

Who: St. Jude Beta Club
When: Tuesday December 6th
Time: 7:30-3:00
Where: Gym
Selling to: Parents/Grandparents/Teachers

All treats will be \$1.00!

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SILLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH



Important Dates

Friday, December 2nd....Spirit Day

Tuesday, December 6th....Feast of St. Nicholas

Tuesday, December 6th...Band and Choir Concert at 2:00

Thursday, December 8th...School Mass/Dress Uniform

Friday, December 9th...Silly Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day

Thursday, December 15th....2nd grade Nativity at 8:15

Friday, December 16th...Grinch Day

December 19th-January 2nd....Christmas Holidays

January 3rd...Return to school, NO BUS SERVICE ON THIS DAY



Hope



Peace



Joy



Love