



THE COUGAR



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Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

The “Cougar Krewe Rollin’ Through” Annual Auction was a huge success raising \$78,000 for the school!! The success of the Annual Auction would not have been possible without the generosity of our Sponsors.

The vision of transforming the gym into a Mardi Gras party, the organization of the silent and live auctions, and the selection of a wonderful caterer, band, and auction signature beverage comes from this year’s amazing Annual Auction Committee: **Emily Davis, Mission Advancement Director, Rebecca Moses, Kate Cook, Mandy Cushing, Brooke Roy, Brandi Alford, Leah Barbato, Anna Richard, Lauren Bordelon, Natalie Smith, Lisa Girouard, Natalie Smith, Kaysie Truax, Jenna Brown, Claudia Frantz, Melissa Dean, Alex Morasco, Shawna Jeider, Stephanie Horvath, and Keli Snelson.** Thank you so much for graciously sharing your gifts, talents, and time to this impactful fundraising event.

The money raised will go towards improvements designated in the school’s long-range plan – repainting the hallways in all three buildings along with the stairwells and improving and updating the outside of the administration building.

Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents, and friends who contribute to our two main fundraisers that allow us to continue to update the school facilities for our students.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Mardi Gras Break the week of February 20-24, 2023.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

Thank you to our Auction Sponsors



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Vacation Bible School

Calling all youth volunteers! Do you LOVE Jesus? Do you need service hours? Join us for Vacation Bible School as St. Jude and St. Aloysius blast off on a Stellar Adventure. VBS will be June 12-16th 9am-12pm at St. Jude. There are many opportunities to share your time and talents, and Youth Volunteer registration is now open. Follow this link for an out of this world experience! <https://tinyurl.com/sjsavbs2023yv>

Home and School

ST JUDE FAIR SHIRTS: **Today is the last day to order your fair shirts!** Please Click here to order. <https://event.auctria.com/e0f20a33-13d4-4316-a618-65bcf3e3ad55/>

Fair Shirts with uniform bottoms may be worn on the following days.

Wednesday, March 8

Wednesday, March 15

Wednesday, March 22

SPIRIT WEAR: We are excited to announce that St. Jude School has a new fundraiser with Mabel's Labels! They offer durable, personalized name labels for your student that are laundry, dishwasher, & microwave safe and 100% guaranteed. For every purchase made through this fundraiser, St. Jude will earn 20% back! There is also a personalized St. Jude School Logo Label pack! Here's how to order:

1. Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select St. Jude the Apostle School (Baton Rouge)
2. Click on Combo Packs in the main menu
3. Select Logo Label Pack
4. Personalize and buy your labels with our logo!

Mabel's Labels orders will ship directly to you with free shipping.

You may continue to visit <https://ourschool.support/homeandschoolstore> at any time to order your spirit items, such as spirit shirts (limited quantity available), tattoos, glitter, and garden flags. Items will be delivered to homerooms.

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

CLASS PICTURES: Class Pictures will be taken on Monday, March 13th. You can get your own copy by placing your order here!

MARDI GRAS KING CAKE: All grades will be served King Cake on Friday, February 17th. If there are allergy concerns, please contact your child's teacher and/or Room Parents.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! Home and School is looking for new board members. If you are interested in joining our volunteer board to take a larger role in one of the many exciting areas we contribute to the school, please send your contact information to Lindsey Gueho at lindsey_usry@yahoo.com. We would love to speak with you about your ideas and ways you can help!

THANK YOU! Big thanks to all the room parents who coordinated the auction baskets. We appreciate you!

TEACHER TREATS: We would like to thank the 1st & 2nd grade parents/grandparents for providing treats for the faculty and staff to enjoy this month. They were much appreciated!

Cougar Fan Gear Store

The ALL NEW SJS Cougar fan gear store is now open!

Scan the QR code to view the store and purchase items. Please note that this is fan gear and not school uniform approved items.



Athletics

SENIOR NIGHT: Senior Night and our last home boys basketball games will be held tonight, February 16th at 7:15 in the St. Jude Gym. Please come out and support our basketball team as well as our boys and girls soccer teams and cheerleaders that will be recognized before the 8th grade basketball game!

VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS: **Volleyball Uniform Distribution Sunday February 26 St. Jude GYM**

8th grade- 1:00 pm

7th grade- 1:20 pm

6th grade- 2:00 pm

5th grade- 2:30 pm

If you are unable to attend, please have a teammate pick up your child's uniform for you.

BOYS BASKETBALL: The 4th Grade Hart Boys Basketball Team finished out their 2022-2023 season with back-to-back home wins against St. Jean Vianney and Most Blessed Sacrament. Team MVP, Bryce Casey, led the team in scoring and leadership all season long, and Coach's Award recipient, Hansford Wilson, provided all of the plays not seen on a stat sheet. The "Bulldog" Defensive MVP, Ty Prather, dominated opposing teams and took on the toughest players and led the squad in steals and defensive stops. Great job, boys!!

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Important Dates

Friday, February 17th....Mardi Gras Dress and Kinder Mardi Gras Parade

February 20th-24th....Mardi Gras Break

Tuesday, February 28th....3rd grade level Mass

Thursday, March 2nd....Give Back Night at California Pizza Kitchen

March 6th-10th....Auction Free Dress Week