



THE COUGAR



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Message from Mrs. Gardiner



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Calendar Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

August 9, 2023	First Day of School
September 4, 2023	Labor Day Holiday
November 20-24, 2023	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 20-22, 2023	*Make Up Contingency Dates
December 21-31, 2023	Christmas Holiday
January 1-3, 2024	Christmas Holiday
January 4, 2024	Return to School
January 15, 2024	M.L. King Day Holiday
February 12-16, 2024	Mardi Gras Break
February 14-16, 2024	*Make Up Contingency Dates
March 29- April 5, 2024	Easter Holiday
April 3-5, 2024	*Make Up Contingency Dates
April 19, 2024	No School-Parish Fair
May 23, 2024	Last Day of School
May 24, 2024	*Make Up Contingency Dates
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day

*Represents days when school would be made up in the event of an emergency school closure.

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Home and School

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st – May 5th! We are so blessed here at St. Jude to have the best teachers and staff around! Please see the attached flyer for ideas on how your child can make their teachers feel special and visit the Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48aaae22abf94-teacher#/> to see how you can help with breakfast throughout the week. The Home and School Association will be joining in the fun with gifts and acts of gratitude for our faculty and staff throughout the week too!

FIELD DAY: **FIELD DAY:** Mark your calendar for Field Day 2023 on Tuesday, May 23rd. Please consider volunteering for this fun event to help end our school year on a high note! [Sign up here.](#)

USED UNIFORM SALE: Parents, mark your calendars!! The next Used Uniform Sale is July 9th from 9am - 12pm in the gym . This is a great opportunity to stock up on uniform items at amazing prices and support the St. Jude Home and School Association. If you have any items to donate, you can drop them off in the office or contact Ashley Territo at 225-610-4914 or Amanda Marshall at 225-333- 0306 to make other arrangements.

TEACHER TREATS: We would like to thank the PreK parents/grandparents for providing treats for the faculty and staff to enjoy this month. They were much appreciated!

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Athletics

SPRING SPORTS PHOTOS: Spring sports and club pictures are on **Monday, April 24th. That is Monday of next week.** This includes **Cougarettes, Boys Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Soccer, Cheer, Altar Servers, Choir, Band, Student Advisory Committee, Cougars for Christ, Drama, BETA, Quiz Bowl, Robotics and Spirit Club.** If your club/activity has a t-shirt please wear it for pictures. Please make sure that student athletes bring their sports uniforms to school on Monday for their pictures. Students will not be able to call home for their uniform or club t-shirt. If your sport is over for the season, you will turn your uniform in after pictures. Parents will receive an email from the photographers after pictures with ordering information.

ATHLETIC BOARD: We are looking for someone to be part of the Athletic Board by being the uniform coordinator. If interested in what it entails please reach out to lmccombie@stjudebr.org.

FOOTBALL: If your child is interested in playing Football for the 2023-2024 school year please fill out the form: [2023-2024 Football Sign up HERE!](#)

ATHLETIC BANQUET: All 6th - 8th grade students who participated in a sport for the 2022-2023 school year are invited to the Athletic Banquet! Please see link below for invite! [Athletic Banquet Invite Here!](#)

BOOSTER CLUB: The 2023 St. Jude Booster Club Golf Classic is fast approaching. Be on the lookout for registration and sponsorship information coming soon!



The Booster Club is selling Field Signs at the St. Jude Football Field for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information on either new field signs or renewing existing signs for next school year please contact Jason Young info@jysites.com or Ryan Nesbit nesbit@fox-nesbit.com



VOLLEYBALL: The 6th Grade Varsity Volleyball team beat St. Thomas Moore on Tuesday night. They played hard all the way though. Grace Lemoine served over 10 points in the 3rd game to capture the win!!

The 6th Grade JV Volleyball team beat St. Alphonsus at home Wednesday evening in an exciting match!

Yearbooks On Sale

Thank you to the parents who have already purchased a 2023 yearbook. If you have not purchased your copy, [click here](#) to reserve your copy today. Online ordering for yearbooks and 8th-grade ads closes on April 29th. Don't wait, order your copy today. Not sure if you ordered a copy, [click here](#) then select Continue. Scroll down and select Find My Order. Thanks again for purchasing a piece of St. Jude history.

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Terra Nova Testing

We will be administering the Terra Nova Standardized test beginning **Monday April 24th** and ending **Wednesday April 26th** in our 3rd-8th grade homeroom classes. Terra Nova testing will begin promptly at 8:00 am each morning.

In order for your child to perform their best, please make sure your child gets a good night's rest, eats a good breakfast, and has 2 sharpened number two pencils each day. It is also very important that your child arrives on time for school on these days. Once testing has begun, a tardy child entering the classroom not only disrupts the other students, but the child has also missed important instructions and part of the testing. Thank you for your help and cooperation during this important week of testing!

Important Dates

Friday, April 21st....Cougar Pride Dress

Monday, April 24th....Spring sports and club pictures

April 24th—April 26th....Terra Nova Testing

April 28th....Shakesperience parent show at 6:00pm

May 1st....Band concert at 6:00pm

May 3rd....Kindergarten May Crowning

May 23rd....Field Day

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Dear

My favorite thing about you is

You always say

You taught me

It's really fun when you

I appreciate you because





St. Jude the Apostle School
Teachers and Staff

Help us Bloom!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

MONDAY, MAY 1st - Friday, May 5th

We will be celebrating our teachers and staff to thank them for all that they do to help us bloom! Below is an itinerary of events for the week. We have also included ideas to show your appreciation to our teachers and staff - all suggestions are completely optional.



MONDAY



Bring in or draw a flower for your teacher. H&S will have the school decorated and will provide breakfast in the lounge Monday-Thursday.



TUESDAY



Cheers! Bring in 50 cents to buy your teacher a drink in the teachers' lounge. H&S will provide a small happy for teachers and staff.



WEDNESDAY



Write a note of thanks or use the provided template to let your teachers know what you appreciate about them! H&S invites the teachers and staff to choose a "flower" from the special display in the lounge.



THURSDAY



Do something sweet or bring a sweet for your teacher! H&S invites the teachers and staff to wear floral prints and accessories and will have a little prize for all that do.



FRIDAY



Snacks and fist bumps! Bring your teachers a snack and/or give them a fist bump. H&S will provide lunch for teachers and staff from Rouses Catering in the lounge.



THANK YOU



to our incredible teachers and staff for all they do to help us bloom! Thank you to our amazing community for supporting our teachers and staff!

- SJS Home & School Association