



# THE COUGAR



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## Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

It has been a little over a year since Governor Edwards made the announcement that all Louisiana schools would be closed due to the COVID pandemic. This announcement came as a sudden and big surprise to many people. Once the initial shock was over many questions came to mind. How long will schools be closed? How will our children finish out their school year? How will my child receive their lessons...just to name a few. It was during this uncertain time that St. Jude's Faculty and Staff rose to the challenges placed before them and created a plan that would carry us all through the Spring of 2020 and continues to guide us through the end of this school year.

Throughout this whole pandemic there has been a group of professionals that provide consistency in the lives of our students--St. Jude's faculty and staff. Regardless of all the required accommodations made to the classrooms, schedules, policies and procedures, these men and women have dedicated themselves to providing our students with a loving, caring, and nurturing school environment, an excellent in-school learning experience, and an opportunity to join classes virtually when families needed it. The week of May 3rd-7th, St. Jude's Home and School Association will recognize our teachers and staff with TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

As Bill Gates once stated, "Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids to work together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important". Thank you, St. Jude teachers for being so flexible and adaptable in helping us achieve our NUMBER ONE goal for this school year... to provide our students an in-school education, no matter what comes our way!

As the principal of this incredible institution, I am extremely humbled and honored to work along side such an amazing group of educators! They truly model the love and commitment that answering God's call requires. Please continue to pray for them as we conclude the 2020-2021 school year.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

## Home and School

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** Teacher Appreciation Week begins May 3rd and we are so blessed here at St. Jude to have the best teachers around! Please see the attached flyers for ideas on how your child can make their teachers feel special and visit the Sign Up Genius [HERE](#) to see how you can help with breakfast throughout the week. St. Jude Home and School will be hosting a Hawaiian themed costume contest for staff on Thursday and supplying lunch on Friday, May 7th.

**VOLUNTEER MASS:** A mass celebrating all volunteers will be held on Monday, May 3rd at 8:30 am. Our 2021 Mother Seton Award recipient Tippy Thomassie will be honored as well. If you volunteered in any capacity (Home & School, Room Parent, Men's Club, Advisory Council, etc.), please join us.

**USED UNIFORM SALE:** Parents mark your calendars!! The next Used Uniform Sale is June 27. More details to come. 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.

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## REACH Lab

The Diocese of Baton Rouge Blessed Margaret of Castello REACH program is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year.

The department offers two programs, the Dyslexia Lab and Instructional Support Services in Reading.

Dyslexia and Instructional Support Services are small groups of 3-4 students for approximately 120 minutes a week.

The lab program aims to support students with a diagnosis of dyslexia and students who are in need of Instructional Support Services (ISS.) typical of those who would receive 504 accommodations in the public setting.

Lab services are designed to meet students where they are by first identifying deficits through diagnostic assessment (ex. Lexia, Orton-Gillingham, Activate) and then by using strategies appropriate to the students as individuals (to include learning style) rather than a program that we “plug” students into. Learning styles are considered, but the services are generally multi-sensory as part of a best-practice model in addition to having qualified and caring staff and on-going collaboration with classroom teachers.

Initial and periodic goal meetings are conducted where assessment data is interpreted and progress data is reviewed.

Please contact Michelle Levron at [mlevron@stjudebr.org](mailto:mlevron@stjudebr.org) for more information.

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*May 3-7, 2021*

HULA ON OVER FOR

*St. Jude School's  
Teacher Appreciation Week*

Here's a guide on how to show your gratitude this week! All suggestions are completely optional!

*Monday* BE SWEET OR BRING A SWEET TO YOUR TEACHER!

*Tuesday* WRITE A NOTE OR DRAW A PICTURE FOR YOUR TEACHER!

*Wednesday* BRING A SCHOOL SUPPLY OR DO A GOOD DEED FOR YOUR TEACHER!

*Thursday* BRING A CLEANING SUPPLY OR HELP CLEAN UP!

*Friday* SNACKS OR HI-FIVES! BRING YOUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE SNACK OR GIVE THEM A HI-FIVE!

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE OUR

## *Tiki-riffic Teachers!*

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
MAY 3-7, 2021**

PARENTS: PLEASE USE THE SIGN-UP GENIUS TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME OR DONATE ITEMS! HOME AND SCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDING OUR TEACHERS WITH BREAKFAST MONDAY-THURSDAY AND WITH A CATERED LUNCH ON FRIDAY!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL OR TEXT KRISTYN STARKOVICH  
KRISTYN.STARKOVICH@GMAIL.COM 225.337.1825

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**St. Jude the Apostle School  
Baton Rouge, LA**

#### Ordering Available:

**April 22nd - June 6th**

#### Pick-up Date at School:

**In classroom first day of school**

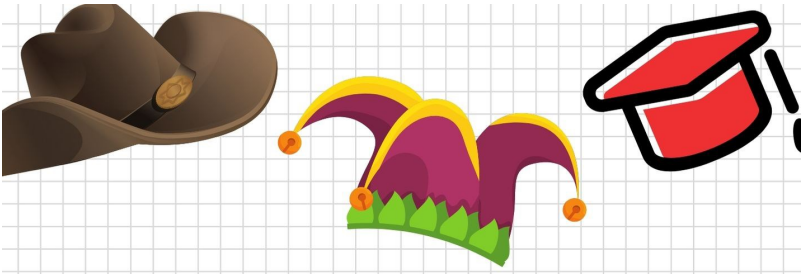
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3rd Grade - \$111.00  
4th Grade - \$84.00  
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**Hats Off to our 2021**

# **GRADUATES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH**

**WEAR YOUR HATS AS WE CELEBRATE OUR  
8TH GRADE FRIENDS ON THEIR LAST  
FULL DAY OF SCHOOL!**



## **Important Dates**

**Friday, April 30....Spirit Day and Cheer tryouts**

**May 3-7....Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Tuesday, May 4....Kindergarten May Crowning**

**Wednesday, May 5...Hats off to the grads**

**Friday, May 7....Spirit Day**

**Thursday, May 13th....8th grade graduation**

**Friday, May 14....PK Closing Ceremony, kindergarten field day/last day of school**

**Tuesday, May 18....Second grade Living Rosary**

**Thursday, May 20th....Field Day/Class Parties 1st-7th**

**Friday, May 21....Closing Mass and the last day of school**