



# THE COUGAR



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## Principal's Message

Dear St. Jude Families,

Happy 2021! As we enter into a new calendar year, it is a time of individual reflection, resolutions, and fresh starts. I would like to share a New Year's Prayer from Stand On The Promise: Daily Prayers for Young People by Father Trey Nelson.

Dear Lord,

As I look back on this past year, I am thankful for so much. I think of the really happy times, and I remember the tough ones too. In all of these experiences you have blessed me, Lord. Many people talk about making resolutions for the new year. As for me, I resolve to live a holier life. I ask for your help with this, because I truly desire to be close to you in the way that I live each day. Keep all who celebrate this holiday safe under your protection and care. May I grow in wisdom and love throughout these next twelve months, And may I come to more deeply appreciate the gift of life itself. And may I choose to be more charitable to all those I meet. I ask this prayer in your name, you who are my Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Below are a few items to bring to your attention:

**Morning Announcement:** Beginning Monday, January 11th 8th grade students will lead morning prayer, pledge, and mission statement. This will be streamed through Google Meet into the classrooms.

**Parish Fair:** This year's Parish fair has been moved to the fall.

**Grade Level Retreats:** We are currently working on planning and scheduling grade level retreats for the second half of the year. Your child's teacher will be in touch in the future with the scheduled date.

**Middle School Sports:** Middle School boys basketball, girls volleyball, and cheerleading will take place during the second half of the school year. Boys basketball and cheerleading will begin in January.

**Carpool:** Per the parent/student handbook all students must enter and exit the vehicle from the passenger side closest to the school. Students should not be moving between vehicles as they enter and exit the car. Drivers should not exit the car while in the carpool line, please move forward to the designated area outside the gate.

**No School:** In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day, there will be no school on Monday, January 18, 2021.

**14 Day Quarantine:** The Diocese of Baton Rouge Office of Catholic Schools has asked all catholic schools to continue to observe the 14 day quarantine guideline when a student has been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID. St. Jude School will continue to follow this quarantine guideline.

May the New Year bring you and your family love, hope, and peace.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

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## Home and School

USED UNIFORM SALE: Parents, mark your calendars!! The next Used Uniform Sale is coming up on January 24th in the gym. This is a great opportunity to stock up on sweatshirts, fleeces, and other 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. Please sign up for a shopping time slot [HERE](#).

Home and School is opening up our Red Stick store for fleece items again. You will have from today, January 6th, through Tuesday, January 19th to get your orders in online via this link.

[St. Jude School Gear Spring 2021 \(8405\)](#)

Due to the Covid pandemic, many vendors have low inventory for some of our regular fleece items. In order to provide you with the choice of most sizes, administration is allowing a slight variance to our regular fleece uniform. For grades Pre-K through 4, if the regular 1/2 zip option is not available in your size, you may choose to purchase a full zip red fleece instead. Likewise for grades 5-8th, if a navy full zip is unavailable in your choice of size, then you may purchase a 1/2 zip navy fleece.

New to the shop this time is a navy knit hat with SJS logo for those cold morning bus stops!

If you have any questions please contact Lindsey Gueho at [lindsey\\_usry@yahoo.com](mailto:lindsey_usry@yahoo.com).

## Make Up Days

Please note that **WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL February 18th and February 19th** to make up for the days that we missed prior to Thanksgiving.

## Uniform Guidelines and Updated School Calendar

As we start the second half of the school year please take some time to review our school uniform guidelines. Please make sure that your child is wearing the proper winter clothing. Our uniform guidelines can be found by clicking [here](#).

Our updated school calendar can be found by clicking [here](#).

## Important Dates

January 8th....Spirit shirts or Cougars for Cruz shirts

January 15th....Spirit shirts of Cougars for Cruz shirts

January 22....Reregistration packets go home

January 29....Reregistration due

February 11....Mardi Gras shirt day

February 12....Valentine's shirt day

February 15-17...Mardi Gras Break



Come join our family.

Spread the word!

We are now accepting applications for NEW students.

Visit [stjudebr.org](http://stjudebr.org) and click on admissions for an application.

