



THE COUGAR



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Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

Happy Easter!! I hope that everyone was able to have a wonderful and relaxing Easter Break. We are in the last 6 weeks of this school year. The students in grades 3rd-8th have been taking their ACT Aspire Summative test this week. We are very proud of how focused they are during this testing period.

I participated in a Zoom Meeting with the consultants from Our Lady of the Lake, who provided information on COVID updates and Catholic schools earlier this week. The information they shared indicated that all of the protocols we have put in place have been very successful in mitigating the spread of COVID. They also highlighted that although several changes have occurred in regards to "opening things back up" that we should continue the practices we currently have in place. Therefore, St. Jude School will continue the implementation of current COVID protocols. I want to thank all of our families, faculty, and staff for their continued support as we navigate school and extracurricular activities during this pandemic.

With that being said, listed below are some of the end of the year activities that will take place over the remaining two months:

- *1st Eucharist Retreat for 2nd graders-April 17th
- *8th grade retreat – April 18th
- *Principal for the Day-April 21st
- *Shakespeareance – 3 performances for parents on April 23rd
- *Auction Free Dress Week-April 26th-30th.
- *Middle School Cheerleader Workshop/Tryouts-April 26th-30th
- *5th/6th grade level Mass-April 27th
- *1st Eucharist-May 2nd
- *Teacher Appreciation Week-May 3rd-7th
- *May Crowning-May 4th
- *8th Grade Fun In The Sun Day-May 5th
- *International Culture Fair-May 7th
- *Pre K Field Day and End of the Year Party – May 12th
- *Living Rosary- May 12th
- *8th Grade Graduation-May 13th
- *4th Grade Orange Vocabulary Parade-May 14th
- *Kindergarten Field Day and Last Day of School-May 14th
- *PreK Closing Ceremony-May 14th
- *Talent Shows-May 18th and 19th
- *Field Day and End of the Year Parties-May 20th
- *Last Day of School and Awards-May 21st

All of these events may be slightly different than in past years due to the COVID protocols, but thanks to the hard work of the faculty and staff they will be able to happen. As we continue through these last several weeks of school more details for each individual event will be sent out to those grade level families.

Let's Keep Our Eye On The Prize because We Are In It To Win It!!!

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

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Home and School

Mother Seton - St Jude School and SJS Home and School Association are proud to announce Tippy



Thomassie as 2021's Mother Seton Recipient. Tippy has gone above and beyond as a home and school volunteer. Under her leadership as President, she brought the Fun Run to St. Jude and doubled the organization's fundraising ability. She has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the school and streamlined every committee. She is unmatched in energy and vision for the volunteer efforts at the school and she is a shining example of whom the Mother Seton award is meant to honor. She ALWAYS gives 110% to every project she is a part of. She is organized, committed, enthusiastic, always wanting to make our school a better place for the students and teachers. She doesn't sit around waiting on things to happen, she makes things happen. She is a great communicator, accountable, selfless, and wants the best for SJS! Congratulations, Tippy! Well deserved!

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 Sarah Losavio sarah.losavio@gmail.com. We would love to speak with you about your ideas and ways you can help! Thank you to those who have already reached out - we will be in touch soon!

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.

Reminders

NO peanut or tree nut products can be served or sent to school.

Please make sure you are child protected so that you can volunteer next year. Volunteer child protection paperwork can be found [here](#).

Extension Registration

Registration for the Extension Program for the 2021-2022 school year begins on Thursday April 22nd. Applications for students currently participating in the program can be picked up from Mrs. Stacey Labatut in the Extension office. All others interested in the program can pick up an application from Mrs. Peggy Aymond in the office.

Since space is limited, spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The Registration Form, Emergency Form and a \$50 registration fee per student must be returned together by Thursday, April 29th in order for registration to be completed.

A letter of acceptance will be sent home with your student(s) prior to the end of the school year.

Please email Susan Lala, Asst. Business Manager at slala@stjudebr.org with any registration questions.

Yearbook Orders

It is time to order yearbooks for the 2020-21 school year. Please click the link below to order yearbooks.

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/16544>

Important Dates

Friday, April 16....Spirit Day

Friday, April 23....Spirit Day

Friday, April 23....Shakespeare

April 26-30....Auction Free Dress

May 3-7....Teacher Appreciation Week

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

Friday, May 7....Spirit Day

Friday, May 21....Tuition Due