



THE COUGAR



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Principal's Message

Dear St. Jude Families,

As we enter into the third week of Advent, a time of rejoicing in anticipation of Christmas. It is also a time to rejoice in the success of our first semester of school during this year of the pandemic. The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness, kind words of encouragement, and entrusting us with your children during these challenging times.

I would like to wish our students, parents, and staff members a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021 filled with joy and family. It is moments like this, when we can pause and reflect on how blessed we are to be part of the St. Jude School and Church community. I would like to conclude our 2020 Cougar publication with a prayer.

May each of us experience great joy this Advent season, O Lord.

As we prepare for Christmas, may we never lose sight of what this season is all about;

The birth of our Savior who calls each of us to the joy of eternal life.

May our faith enable us to embrace this joy on earth

And live out all that Jesus has called us to.

Amen

(500 Prayers for Catholic Schools)

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

First Ever SJS Grinch Day

St. Jude will host our first ever Grinch Day **TOMORROW!** Dress like the Grinch or your favorite Who from Whoville! Girls may wear dresses with tights or leggings. Makeup, Whoville hair, hair color, etc. are allowed. We can't wait to see how creative our Cougars get!

Home and School

FUN RUN: If you would like to receive a charitable contribution letter for your donation to the 2020 Fun Run, please email Emily Davis.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Thank you to Catherine Wilson for the addition of the beautiful holiday wreath at the school entry gate.

USED UNIFORM SALE: Parents mark your calendars!! The next Used Uniform Sale is coming up on January 24th. More details to come on time, location and shopping signup. 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.

SANTALAND: The Santaland coordinators Bonnie Schwing, Kynlee Cunningham, Natalie Romero, Vanessa Jakob and Tara Courville would like to thank all of the St. Jude families who participated in online shopping for this year's virtual Santaland! 15% of all orders will go straight to St. Jude School! We hope your children enjoyed shopping for their loved ones this holiday season!

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Christmas parties will be held on campus tomorrow, December 18th. Regretfully, no guests are allowed on campus at this time, but you should have already received communication from your class Room Mom outlining the details of the party and the refreshments being served. Please contact your Room Mom if you need to make alternate dietary accommodations for your child. Thank you to our Room Moms for coordinating these parties for the students!

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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.

Quarantine Update From the Diocese

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge will continue with a 14 day quarantine policy until the end of January in an effort to continue the low rates of infection realized so far this year.

Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball sign-up is happening now. Please make sure you check your e-mail for the link to sign-up if interested. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Lmccombie@stjudebr.org

Conferences

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, January Conferences for PreK-2nd grade will be virtual. Your child's home-room teacher will reach out to you to schedule a virtual conference during the month of January, if needed. **All students in grades PreK - 2nd will attend school on Friday January 22, 2021.**



Come join our family.

Spread the word!

We are now accepting applications for NEW students.

Visit stjudebr.org and click on admissions for an application.



Important Dates

December 18th....Grinch Day and Class Christmas Parties

December 21st to January 4th....Christmas Holidays

January 5th....Return to School

February 15-17...Mardi Gras Break

