

# THE COUGAR



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## Welcome Back Cougars

We have had a wonderful few days back on campus. It is great to see smiling faces and hear the sounds of excitement in the hallways. Temperature checks, social distancing and masks are part of our new way to arrive safely on campus but, as expected, everyone is adjusting beautifully. Thanks to our AMAZING staff and student body for their positive attitudes. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year! Please visit our Facebook page to view back to school videos.



## Welcome to our new faculty and staff

Amy Alexander– Art

Jaci Thomas– Second grade assistant

Sheri Allen– Religion/Literature

Kirby Morris– Second grade assistant

Emily Davis– Mission Advancement

Megan Riedel– Literature/English

Yvonne Hogan– PK assistant

Laura Simmons– PK

Danielle Stacey– First grade

Mr. Alton– Custodial assistant

## Website and Social Media Updates

Our school website was updated over the summer! Below are some of the changes.

Do you follow us on Facebook?

**Principal's Message:** All messages sent by Mrs. Gardiner will be available for viewing under this tab

You can find us @stjudeschoolbr

**Back to School:** Please note that the announcements tab has been removed and all announcements are now located under this tab

Please follow the school's official school Facebook Page. We will now make daily posts. Pictures of campus life, reminders, important messages are all things that will be on our page.

**Admissions:** 2020-2021 student handbook and uniform guidelines

**News:** There are three options (Cougar, Events, and Cafeteria Menu) listed on this page.

"**The Cougar**" newsletter is sent out twice a month

**Events:** Information for school events such as the book fair, fun run and our school auction can be found here

**Cafeteria menu:** the set menu options for each month can be found here. The daily menu will be posted to our Facebook page at 6:00am. daily



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## Important Dates

August 14....Spirit shirt day

August 20....School picture day

August 21.....Spirit shirt day

August 23....Virtual open house

August 25.....Home and School meeting

## Home and School Updates

**WELCOME BACK:** SJS Home and School Association would like to wish you a very happy, healthy, successful 2020 - 2021 school year! For our new families, our purpose is to enhance the quality of campus life for our students and faculty through service. The Cougar Pride Fair and Open House will be VIRTUAL this year! It is scheduled for Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be on the lookout for the many wonderful ways you can get involved with organizations and events on campus.

**COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN:** You may have noticed that the Box Tops for Education organization has moved to an electronic system using scanned receipts rather than clipped Box Tops. If you haven't done so already, please download the free Box Tops for Education application and begin using it to scan your receipts. For those of you that shop online, please email your receipts to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com). Some products may still have the clippable box tops, so please continue to clip. We will still collect and submit those. We will provide more details about collection and incentives soon.

**The VOLUNTEER REQUEST/TIME AND TALENT:** forms are digital! Please review the Home & School Committee Descriptions and follow the link on this form to submit your areas of interest to volunteer. Though we are unsure at this time how many future events will look, the children love to see you on campus, and many of our volunteer opportunities can also be accomplished from home! All forms can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

**STUDENT SPIRIT AND APPAREL:** Spirit sales have gone digital! You can order your fleece items and spirit shirts directly from Red Stick Sports via this website. [St. Jude School Gear 2020](#). You will have the option to choose to have items shipped to your home, or to have them delivered to school. Every Friday is spirit day this year!! You will be able to wear your spirit shirt with uniform bottoms every Friday. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we will not have samples available for sizing this year. Please have all of these orders in by **MONDAY, AUGUST 31st**. Thanks in advance for getting your orders in timely! Tattoos, Car Decals, and Garden Flags can be ordered using the [SJS Home & School Spirit Items form](#). Just complete the online form and send your payment to school in an envelope labeled "Spirit Items/Lindsey Gueho". Please make sure to include your child's name and homeroom on the envelope so that we can get your order to you!

**Room Parent/Assistant Room Parent:** If you are interested in volunteering to be a Room Parent or Assistant Room Parent for your child's class, please fill out the online form by Wednesday, August 19th. Forms are only online this year and can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#). If you were a Room Parent or Assistant last year, you may apply again this year. The selection process will only include those submitted by the deadline. We are looking forward to a great year in planning and assisting our teachers! If you have any questions, please contact Jaclyn Landry [jaelynplandry@cox.net](mailto:jaelynplandry@cox.net) or Leigh Kean [leighbkean@gmail.com](mailto:leighbkean@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to Britney Ford and Alexandra Hughes for their creative solution in welcoming our new grade 1st to 8th families! With the Newcomers' Coffee canceled, they put together beautiful baskets and delivered them to the homes of these new families. Also, thank you to everyone that donated items and volunteered their time to assist with the Used Uniform Sale in July. It was a big success and raised \$1,867! A big thank you to Ashley Territo and Amanda Marshall for coordinating and Stephanie Horvath, Kristy Gary, Ginny Anderson, Kate Cook, Tiffany Prather, Renee Mann, and Valerie Hymel for helping get everything ready for the sale. Lastly, thanks to Kathryn Gremillion, Catherine Wilson, and Sarah Wilson on the beautification committee for coordinating the weeding of the flower beds and all those who volunteered to help! We appreciate all you do to keep our school looking amazing!

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## Carpool Reminders

### Arrival Procedures:

- All students must exit the vehicle on the side closest to the school building. Students should not be exiting from the driver's side.
- Please have your child unbuckled and ready with all of their school materials prior to exiting the car.
- Please DO NOT stop and get out to help your child exit the vehicle once you have pulled through the school gates.

### Dismissal Procedures:

- All students must load into their car on the side closest to the school building.
- Any car with a student riding in a car seat needs to pull through the gate, find one of the empty spaces in front of the activity center, and then buckle before leaving campus.
- Faculty members are on duty until 3:15. Any student not picked up by this time will be sent to extension.

## First Communion

Congratulations to our now third graders for receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist this past Sunday. Please visit our school Facebook page for pictures and video from First Communion.

## Spirit Day

Our first Spirit Day is this Friday, August 14th. Students may wear their spirit t shirt with school bottoms. Any student that does not have a spirit shirt yet can wear a red or white t shirt with their school bottoms. PK to 4th grade need a white shirt and 5th to 8th grade need a red shirt. Students may also wear SJS tattoos.



THANK  
YOU!

Thank you to the St. Jude Men's Club for helping with carpool! We appreciate you!

Thank you to Kate Cook for our back to school balloon arch!

Thank you to Snelson Signs for our Welcome Back Cougars signs!