



# THE COUGAR



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## Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families

The faculty and staff at St. Jude value the strong relationships we have with our families and community. We know when a school community works together, our students benefit greatly. It is my distinct pleasure to introduce and welcome our 2021-2022 St. Jude School Advisory Council members: President-Wes Ulrich, Past-President-Emily Vincent, Secretary-Mandy LaCerte, Finance Committee Chair-Adrienne Vaughn, Technology Committee Chair-Chad Gary, Mission Advancement Director-Emily Davis, Athletic Director-Lindsey McCombie, Home and School Co-Presidents-Sarah Lasavio, Policy Committee Chair-Allyson Vogt, Building and Ground Chair-David Barbato, Faculty Representative-Shawn Bone, Alumni Representative-Mandy Cushing, New Members- Meagan Blanchard, Lawren Taylor, Eric Hart, Jaclyn Landry, Mike Telich, and Jude Guerin.

In spirit of moving forward, the School Advisory Council will continue to focus on the St. Jude School Growth Plan for 2019-2024. This plan, in alignment with our mission and vision, continues to provide guidance in prioritizing strategies in the five major areas of academics, faith, marketing and communications, physical plant and technology, and finances. Thank you to all of the members for agreeing to serve our school system in this capacity.

**Middle School Clubs:** The middle school faculty and staff are overjoyed to announce a new addition to the middle school student experience at St. Jude School, Clubs! The new clubs include Creative Writing Club, Debate Club, Geography Club, Anthology Club, Math Club, Gardening Club, Health and Wellness Club, Craft Club, Drama Club, Media Club (7th & 8th grade only), Coding Club and Beta Club. The clubs will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month during study hall. During the first several club meetings the faculty club sponsor and club members will begin to develop the purpose and goals of the club, as well as choose a service project they will perform this year.

**St. Jude Athletics:** We are excited to announce the start of this fall's athletic season. Our fall sports are football, cross country, swimming, girls' basketball, and intramural soccer. This weekend kicks off the fall sport jamborees.

**Band, Choir, and Robotics:** We look forward to sharing the start date for these three extra-curricular activities within the next week.

**Fifth Grade Retreat:** Our 5th grade celebrated their retreat on Tuesday, September 7th in the parish hall. The theme was CommUNION. They learned about different ways to pray and the importance of Communion, community, and intercessory prayers. The retreat service project involved the students collecting items to donate to families affected by Hurricane Ida.

**Donuts and Devotion:** The 8th grade donuts and devotion will take place on Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30 am.

**Visitors in the Cafeteria:** Due to the limited space in the cafeteria, we are unable to accommodate special lunch guests in the cafeteria.

The faculty, staff and school advisory council are all very excited about the collaborative work we are doing together in planning for our school community's bright future.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

## Volunteers

**All volunteers, current and those wishing to become a volunteer in any capacity are required to complete an on-line training mandated by the Diocese. Click <https://safeandsacred-diobr.org> for instructions on completing the training. By selecting St. Jude School as your primary institute, your certificate will be emailed directly to Lori Layman, Child Protection Coordinator. Those without completed paperwork and fingerprinting with not be allowed to volunteer on campus.**

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## Home and School

**SPIRIT APPAREL:** The Red Stick Store for FLEECE items and SPIRIT SHIRTS is available for orders again! You will have through MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th to place your order. Cooler weather is coming so make sure you order your cool weather gear now so that you will be ready! <https://stjudefall21.itemorder.com/>

If you placed your order with the first sale and are waiting for your items, there was a delay due to the hurricane and power outage at the production facility. However, they have since resumed production and we expect for the items to be delivered to school sometime next week!

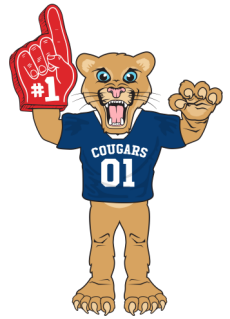
**SPIRIT GEAR:** Tattoos are back! Head on over to the Home and School Spirit Store to place your order. We have a new SJS tattoo this year as well as some of your old favorites. You can also order your garden flags and car decals through this store. <https://event.auctria.com/1035ea12-149a-4cf9-9a28-a46c9af0fe40/>

## Sports

Sports are gearing up at St. Jude! Our 5th and 6th grade football team play in a jamboree Sunday at 2:30 at St. George Football field. Our 3rd and 4th grade football team play in a jamboree Saturday at 1:00 at St. Aloysius Football field.

Cross Country will be racing Saturday at Highland Road Park. Our girls run at 10:15 and our boys run at 10:35.

Please come out and support your friends at these events!



## Now Accepting Applications

St. Jude School is now accepting applications for new students for the 2022-23 school year. Do you have friends or family looking for an amazing school? Tell them to apply now! Private tours are available every Tuesday starting September 21st. Click [HERE](#) to schedule a tour. Click [HERE](#) for an application.

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FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

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## Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming on September 23rd. It will run through Oct. 1st. Here is some information that may help your book fair experience.

**Kick-off Night:** The book fair will once again have a kick-off night on Thursday, Sept. 23. The library will open at 4:00 PM and will be open until 7:30 PM. Great American Cookie Company will have cookie slices available so you can have dessert. In order to alleviate some of the congestion that normally occurs on Kick-off night, we ask that you try to come during the time allotted. If you are unable to come then, we would love to see sometime during the evening. We just ask for patience and understanding. The time slots are:

**A-H – 4:00-5:15**

**I-N – 5:15-6:30**

**O-Z – 6:30-8:00**

**Book Character Day:** The theme of this year's book fair is Books bring us together. On Thursday, September 23, your child may choose to dress as his/her favorite book character for school. This is not a free dress day and it must be obvious who the character is in order for the student to take advantage of this event. Simply wearing jeans and a t-shirt is not permitted. The student will need to wear the characters accessories with the jeans and character t-shirt.

**Author signing:** During our kick-off night, our very own Amy Alexander will be offering two of her books and will be present to sign them. In the Quiet April is a book with reflections on the lockdown in 2020 that is easy for children to understand. The Legend of the Kettle Daughter is a book based on stories from Mrs. Alexander's childhood. Both books are excellent and I am proud to offer them to our school community.

**E-Wallets:** Scholastic will again offer the e-wallet feature. You may search for our book fair, then load money into the e-wallet and your child will have money to shop at the book fair without worrying about it being lost. Please know that any money you put in the e-wallet must either be spent or it will be put onto a gift card that can be used for Scholastic purchases. Please email me at [legendre@stjudebr.org](mailto:legendre@stjudebr.org) if you have questions.

**Teacher Dollars/All for Books:** We will once again be offering the opportunity for you to donate money so that your child's teacher can purchase books for her classroom. You may donate a set amount or simply round up your purchase to the nearest dollar. Don't feel that any amount is too small. You would be surprised how quickly the \$.26 and \$.08 change add up to enough for a book.

**Shop with your student:** Parents will be permitted to visit the book fair to shop with their student during the time allotted for that class. If you wish to shop on your child's book fair day, please check in with Mrs. Peggy before coming back to the library.

Schedules will be sent home soon. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Mrs. Terri Legendre

## Important Dates

**Friday, September 10....LSU theme dress**

**Tuesday, September 14....1st-8th grade Mass**

**Friday, September 17th....Spirit Day and Fun Run Kickoff**

**Tuesday, September 21st....4th grade retreat**

**Thursday, September 23rd...Book Fair kickoff and Storybook Character Day**

**Friday, September 24th...Spirit Day with silly socks**

# LSU

**Friday is LSU day at SJS!  
Wear your LSU or purple and gold shirts  
with uniform bottoms and accessories!  
Geaux Tigers!**