



THE COUGAR



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Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

WELCOME BACK to St. Jude the Apostle School!!!! We are excited to see our students arrive and fill our hallways with the hustle and bustle that has been absent over the summer break. This Sunday, August 14th we will host our annual Cougar Pride Fair and Open House. **This is a parent only event.** The Cougar Pride Fair begins at 12:30 pm followed by a brief presentation by Mrs. Gardiner beginning at 1:00 pm. Classroom visits will begin after the presentation. Additionally, on Friday, August 12th your child will bring home a copy of his/her schedule with the teacher's name, subjects, and room numbers as well as a map of the school.

Spring '22 Terra Nova Parent Reports: Parents may pick up their child's 2022 Terra Nova parent Reports from his/her current homeroom teacher at Sunday's Open House.

Mass: On Monday, August 15th we will celebrate our first school wide mass. Students should dress in their mass uniform on this day. Please refer to page 49 of the parent/student handbook.

Hurricane Season: Hurricane Season is upon us and although there are currently no forecasted storms, I did want to share with you the procedures for school closure in the event of bad weather conditions. Typically, all schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge follow the EBR schools. I will send out a message through email and text to alert our families of any necessary school closing. In the event schools are closed, **St. Jude School will implement our distance learning protocols and procedures. Implementing distance learning will prevent us from having to make up any missed school days.**

- Students in PreK-2nd grade will be given a packet of school work along with directions for completing the work.
- Student in 3rd-8th grade will go into their Google Classroom for daily assignments. If a student has or uses an iPad to do school work, he/she can download from the Apps Store the following apps: Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Sheets, and Google Docs.

COVID Guidelines: Currently, St. Jude School is following the COVID protocols for students that were implemented on February 3, 2022. These guidelines are attached to today's Cougar.

General Illness: Students who have flu like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea, sore throat, or any other general illness may not return to school until they have been symptom and fever free (without medicine) for at least 24 hours. If a student checks out because he/she is not feeling well, he/she must have a note from the physician as to when the student may return.

Labor Day: Monday, September 5th school will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Child Protected Volunteers: All volunteers, current and those wishing to become a volunteer are required to complete an on-line training. 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.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

WELCOME BACK COUGARS!



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Home and School

WELCOME BACK: SJS Home and School Association is excited to be back in action and wishes you an amazing start to the 2022-2023 school year! For our new families, our purpose is to enhance the quality of campus life for our students and faculty through service - we can't wait to share more with you this weekend at Open House. See below for ways that you can get involved and make a difference for our school community!

VOLUNTEER REQUEST/TIME AND TALENT FORM: There are many ways to get involved and share your time and talent! Please review the Home & School Committee Descriptions emailed along with Sunday's Welcome Letter and follow the link below to submit your areas of interest for volunteering. We are excited to be able to have volunteers back on campus this year! The children love to see you during their day and the faculty and staff truly appreciate your help! All forms can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

BACK TO SCHOOL SNOICIAL: Home and School hosted the annual back to school "Snoicial" last Sunday and we were all so excited to see the students' smiling faces! Despite the heat, everyone enjoyed snow cones from Kona Ice and visiting with friends.

ROOM PARENT FORM: If you are interested in volunteering to be a Room Parent for your child's home-room, please fill out the online form by Friday, August 19th. The form can be found by clicking the link below. If you were a Room Parent last year, you may apply again this year. Please note that this year we will have two Room Parents per class. There will no longer be a head and an assistant but two co-Room Parents for each home room. 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 Emily Vincent at emilydaviet@yahoo.com or Monica Broggi at monicabroggi@gmail.com.

[SJS Room Parent Application 2022-2023](#)

SPIRIT APPAREL AND SPIRIT GEAR FOR STUDENTS & ADULTS:

Spirit wear sales are digital again this year! [Spirit shirts](#) can be ordered directly from our online Red Stick Sports store at <https://stjudefall22.itemorder.com/> beginning Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 28. Students may wear spirit shirts on spirit days, and adults can show their school spirit by purchasing adult spirit wear! The Red Stick Sports store opens only a few times a year so make sure you get your orders in!

St. Jude [car decals](#), [garden flags](#), [tattoos](#), and [glitter](#) can be ordered anytime from our Auctria Home and School online store at <https://ourschool.support/homeandschoolstore>. You will need to create an account to order from this site; however, this is the same website used for our school auction so you may already have one! Items will be delivered to your child's homeroom.

St. Jude navy [fleeces](#) are now only available at Classic Image Uniforms. You may call them at (225) 929-8989 or visit them at 120 Staring Lane in Baton Rouge to place your order.

You can also find links to our online stores on the St. Jude School website under the About Us section. Please contact Emma Long at emma.m.long@gmail.com with any questions about spirit wear.

THANK YOU: Thanks to Anna Richard and the Hospitality Committee for creating beautiful baskets to welcome our new 1st through 8th grade families!

Thank you to Ashley Territo and the Used Uniform Committee who coordinated the Used Uniform Sale in July. We appreciate everyone who donated items as well. The sale was a success!

Lastly, thanks to Lauren Malek with the Beautification Committee for a refresh of the wreath and planters at the front gate. We appreciate all you do to keep our school looking amazing!

Help us welcome back our faculty and staff with a special breakfast in the teachers' lounge Wednesday, August 17th. Please see link to the Sign-up Genius for details: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4da8a82da7ff2-backtoschool>

CHILD PROTECTION: Anyone wishing to volunteer at St. Jude School in ANY CAPACITY (For example, as a Coach, Room Parent, chaperone for party/field trip, cafeteria or library volunteer, etc.) must fulfill the requirements mandated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Volunteer Child Protection packets are located in FACTS under the Resource Documents tab, or on the school website <https://stjudebr.org/about-us/family-community/>.

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Athletics

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We are so excited to welcome everyone back to school for the 2022-2023 school year! We have a busy year ahead of fun sporting opportunities! If your child is interested in participating in one of the sports below please click the link and sign them up. If you have any questions about the sports don't hesitate to reach out to me or the coaches listed below.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SIGNED YOUR CHILD UP PLEASE DO NOT SIGN THEM UP AGAIN!

Cougarettes: We are so excited to start our very own pepsquad, The Cougarettes. This will be for girls in **3rd - 5th grade**. No tryouts necessary. The coaches are Mollie Frazier (PK) and Caroline Harris. The first practice will be Wednesday, August 17. We can't wait to get started! Practices will be every Wednesday from 3:15-4:30 in the gym for the school year.

[Cougarette Sign Up HERE](#)

For more information please contact: Mollie Frazier - mfrazier@stjudebr.org or Caroline Harris - carolinebharris10@gmail.com

Swim:

[Swim Team Sign Up HERE](#)

Grades 5th-8th

Stephen Hamner- shamner81@gmail.com

Football: [Football Sign Up HERE](#)

Grades 3rd-8th

Practice starts this week

Games on Sunday afternoons

Practice 2-3 times a week @ St.Jude Football Field

7th/8th football merging with Mercy, practicing 3x week @ Mercy

Matt Vaughn - mvaughn6@yahoo.com

Ryan Nesbit - nesbit@fox-nesbit.com

Lindsey McCombie - lmccombie@stjudebr.org

Cross Country:

Grades 4th-8th

Practice: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays 6:00-7:00 @ Highland Rd. Park

Races: Saturday mornings starting September 3rd @ Highland Rd. Park

Wes Ulrich - wulrich@applegerin.com

CROSS COUNTRY: Cross Country completed the two month summer training program and is looking forward to the regular season schedule. We are practicing on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7 pm at Highland Road Park. Saturday morning course training is also available from 7-7:45 am at the park. Our meet schedule is almost complete and we look forward to sharing that in the next edition of The Cougar! The team ran in the Club South Runners Summer Series Hump Day 2 miler on July 27th. We had 25 runners participate with their fastest times of the summer. St. Jude Alum Matthew Maynard won the race!

Important Dates

Sunday, August 14th...Cougar Pride Fair & Open House 12:30-3:00

Monday, August 15th...School Mass

Saturday, August 20th...Ministry Appreciation Dinner

Monday, August 22nd...School Pictures

Thursday, August 25th...Give Back Night at Great American Cookie on Bluebonnet