



# THE COUGAR



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## Message from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Parents,

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the month of August, how time flies when you are having fun! For those families new to St. Jude, I want you to know your child is attending one of the top Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. To our returning families, thank you for your dedication to making St. Jude the best! This year promises to be a year filled with wonderful opportunities for all our students as we strive to educate minds, evangelize hearts, encourage talent and embrace the future.

Throughout the month of September, teachers will be analyzing the Terra Nova results and data. We are happy to report that St. Jude School scored exceedingly higher than the national average IN EVERY GRADE LEVEL IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS!!! GO COUGARS!

As we embark on the 2022-2023 school year, the faculty at St. Jude pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and an array of extracurricular clubs, athletic teams and activities. We extend a special yearlong invitation to our families to join us at all school activities and events whenever possible, and look forward to a positive and productive year together.

Again, here's to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to fill St. Jude's mission of providing a Catholic family environment, dedicated to the formation of each student's relationship with Christ through faith, academics and excellence.

One in Christ,

Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

## Reminders

### **Carpool Arrival Procedures:**

Parents must use the designated carpool lines for morning arrival. Students cannot walk throughout the parking lot.

All students must exit their car on the side closest to the school building. Students should not be exiting the car from the driver's side.

While in the carpool line, please be sure your child is unbuckled, backpack is on, and water bottle is ready to help make exiting the car as speedy as possible.

Any student who arrives after 8:00 a.m. must report to the school office with a parent to be signed in before going to class.

### **Visitors/Volunteers Procedures:**

All visitors/volunteers must sign in at the Front Office upon arrival. Upon leaving campus, please sign out.

While on campus a visitor sticker/badge must be visible at all times.

## Give Back Night @



### 3:30-7:30

9730 Bluebonnet Blvd

Enjoy cookies & ice cream while supporting our school. A portion of the sales will be donated back to SJS!

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## Home and School

All the Home and School links in one place! Click here and bookmark this site! <https://event.auctria.com/29826f02-800c-4c67-8a6b-8a8ccb684d52/> Links will be updated throughout the school year when they become available.

Home & School would like to thank those committee members who participated in the Open House and Cougar Pride Fair. It was so rewarding to see everyone gathered together and we are so proud to have been able to present the school with a check for \$107,000! This would not be possible without the fund-raising efforts of all St. Jude families. We are grateful for your continued support of our school community!

**Lunchroom volunteers** - The St. Jude School Cafeteria depends on volunteers to help serve lunch to our students. Cafeteria duty will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. Two volunteers are needed every day from 9:45am to 12:30pm. Volunteers may sign up for one or more shifts, or recurring shifts, using the sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944ada628a4f94-lunchroom>.

A BIG "thank you" to all who contributed to the Back-to-School Teachers' breakfast. The lounge was filled with wonderful treats and many smiling faces!

**Spirit Wear:** Remember to order your spirit shirts and adult spirit apparel from our online Red Stick Sports store at <https://stjudefall22.itemorder.com/> before the Sunday, August 28 deadline! The Red Stick Sports store opens only a few times a year so make sure you get your orders in! You may also head on over to <https://ourschool.support/homeandschoolstore> to purchase St. Jude car decals, garden flags, tattoos, and glitter! Items will be delivered to your child's homeroom.

**Reminder:** 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. Please contact Emma Long at [emma.m.long@gmail.com](mailto:emma.m.long@gmail.com) with any questions about spirit wear.

## Athletics

We are very excited for the return of the St. Jude Athletics Booster Club for the 2022-2023 school year! All funds raised in the Booster Club are directly supporting Cougar athletic programs including intramural sports, facilities upgrades, athletic uniforms, & other athletic needs. Membership to the Booster Club costs \$30 per family per school year. More information about the Booster Club can be found on our page at: <https://stjudebr.org/athletics/booster-club/>

Our largest fundraiser of the year is the upcoming St. Jude Booster Club Golf Classic. The tournament will be held on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> at Santa Maria, with a 10am shotgun start time. Limited sponsorships and teams are available for the golf tournament; please visit <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/sjs-booster-club-golf-classic> to sign up today.

**Cross Country:** The cross country team is preparing the next two weeks for the beginning of the season in September. Our September schedule is finalized and we will participate in the meets below. Come out and support the Cougars at:

- 9/3/22 St. Jean Vianney Invitational @ Highland Road Park
- 9/10/22 Episcopal Round Table Run @ Highland Road Park
- 9/17/22 Brusly Middle Invitational @ Brusly High School
- 9/24/22 Brusly Middle Cinclair Run @ Brusly High School

We would also like to thank Prentiss Wilks with United Community Bank for sponsoring the team warm-up shirts for this year!



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## Important Dates

Thursday, August 25th...Give back night at Great American Cookies

Friday, August 26...\$1 Free Dress Day

Friday, September 2nd...LSU/Team colors day

Monday, September 5th...No school for Labor Day

# THE BAND IS BACK IN TOWN

All instruments welcome!

Our band director Suzanne Buerkle is excited to start the 2022-23 SJS Band.

Students in grades 4th-8th welcome.

Parent/Student meeting for prospective band members is August 31st at 5:30 in the SJS Cafeteria.

Music and Arts will be joining us with instruments for students to try.



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