



# THE COUGAR



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## Message from Mrs. Gardiner

November 17, 2022

Dear St. Jude Families,

Many amazing events continue to take place at St. Jude the Apostle School. One of the most anticipated events, Grandparents Day, is just one day away!!! The students and teachers have worked very hard in preparation for this dazzling showcase of our students' talent. Due to limited seating and parking there are two special performances scheduled. Parents are invited for the first performance of "St. Jude on Broadway" today, Thursday Nov. 17th beginning at 1:00 pm in the Activity Center. Please be sure to cue up in the carpool line upon arrival onto the school campus.

On Friday, Nov. 18th grandparents are invited to a prayer service and the spectacular student performance of "St. Jude on Broadway" at 8:45 am. The activity center will open at 8:00 am and there will be coffee and water available in the cafeteria. This performance will be live streamed through the St. Jude the Apostle School Facebook page.

This is a time of year when many of us reflect on the blessings in our lives. I would like to thank the multitude of people who make St. Jude such a special school. Thank you to:

\*The incredible devotion of our staff for their ministry in Catholic education, and their unique ability to teach our students.

\*The students who cheerfully work hard to learn and shine each day with the light of Christ.

\*The parents of our incredible St. Jude students who support our school's mission.

\* The amazing Home and School Association for the support they provide our teachers, students and families of St. Jude School.

\*The St. Jude School Advisory Council members for their dedication and service in an advisory capacity to insure the continued vitality of our school.

\*The Men's Club for their willingness to assist the school with the carpool/parking procedures, cleaning the grounds and facilities, and any other school needs throughout the year.

\*The Athletic Association members and coaches who stress to our student athletes the importance of being a good teammate on and off of the athletic "field of event".

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

Principal

## Home and School

SPIRIT WEAR: Remember to visit <https://ourschool.support/homeandschoolstore> to purchase your favorite SJS tattoos, face glitter, garden flags, car decals, Saint Jude Tiny Saint charms, and our \*new\* vinyl stickers!

St. Jude navy fleeces are available at Classic Image Uniforms located at 120 Staring Lane in Baton Rouge, (225) 929-8989. If you would like to order online, visit [Classic Image Uniforms](#), click on "Group Sign In" at the top right of the webpage, then enter "cougars" as the code.

If you have any questions about spirit wear, please contact Emma Long at [emma.m.long@gmail.com](mailto:emma.m.long@gmail.com).

TEACHER APPRECIATION: We would like to thank the 6th grade parents/grandparents for providing treats for the faculty and staff to enjoy this month. They were much appreciated!

SANTALAND: The Christmas season is quickly approaching! Every year our students are given the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for family & friends! Santa Land is coming to SJS Monday, November 28 - Friday, December 2. Please consider volunteering your time to help make this fun holiday event a success. It is great fun for the kids and adults, alike. As always, thank you for your support!

Please click the [signup genius link](#) to volunteer.

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## St. Jude the Apostle School BETA TOY DRIVE

Dear Parents,

As the holiday season approaches, we are sometimes overwhelmed with the commercialism of the season. Although our custom of giving things to those we love is reminiscent of the Wise Men who brought the valuable presents to the Infant Jesus, we should remember that the perfect gift which Jesus gave the world, the gift of Himself, is far more precious than anything of monetary value.

Each year, the St. Jude School students, in conjunction with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, sponsor a campaign to help members of our parish who are unable to provide gifts for their children at Christmas. As a family, you may choose one of the items from any of your children's homerooms and send it to school. This gift should be a new item and should be UNWRAPPED. We will sort all items and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will assemble boxes of items for each family.

Below are listed the items by grade/homeroom that were requested by St. Vincent de Paul Society. You may send these items from **December 5-9, 2022**.

| GRADE LEVEL                    | ITEM                                                                |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PreK - Frazier                 | Stuffed Animals - ages infant-2 years                               |
| PreK - Folse                   | Children's scarves/winter fun socks                                 |
| PreK - Ammon                   | Art Supplies - Play Doh, sketch pads, crayons, coloring books, etc  |
| Kindergarten                   | Toys for a GIRL - for children 12 and under                         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Albert | Toys for a GIRL - for children 12 and under                         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - Stacey | Toys for a BOY - for children 12 and under                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade          | Toys for a BOY - for children 12 and under                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - Smith  | Children's Games                                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - Porta  | Family Games                                                        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade          | Books - Birth to 7 years                                            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade          | Art Supplies - Play Doh, Sketch pads, crayons, coloring books, etc. |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade          | Sports Toys/Equipment                                               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade          | Sports Toys/Equipment                                               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade          | Sports Toys/Equipment                                               |



### Important Dates

**Friday, November 18th...Grandparents' Day at 8:45**

**November 29th...6th grade level Mass**

**Tuesday, December 6th...Band and Choir Concert at 2:00**

**Thursday, December 8th...School Mass**

**Friday, December 9th...Silly Christmas Sweater Day**

**Friday, December 16th...Grinch Day**