



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to extend a big thank you to our amazing 7th parents for the "Treats and Sweets" set out each day in the teacher's lounge, as well as the cute Halloween decorations. We are so grateful for this gesture of kindness and appreciation. Below are a few items to bring to your attention.

40th Year of St. Jude the Apostle School: St. Jude celebrates 40 years of faith, academics, and excellence. Below is a brief history of St. Jude the Apostle School. St. Jude the Apostle School was established in 1983 as a satellite site to a neighboring Catholic school. We opened our doors with four classes in grades K-2 and a school secretary. In 1985, the school operated independently, hired a school principal, and continued to add grades and sections each year. Since the early years, St. Jude has expanded to a multi-faceted complex with 60 faculty and staff members, and 572 students. In 2020 St. Jude the Apostle School was awarded the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of our students, teachers, families, and church community in creating a safe and welcoming school where students master challenging content.

End of the First Nine Weeks: Friday, October 13th marks the end of the 1st nine weeks. Report cards will be emailed out to parents on Wednesday, October 18th.

2023 Fun Run T-shirt Days: Students may wear their 2023 Fun Run t-shirt with uniform bottoms every Thursday and on Fun Run Day October 31st.

NO BUS SERVICE: There will be NO BUS SERVICE on October 12th, 13th, and 16th.

Donuts and Devotion: The 8th grade will gather in fellowship and praise on October 6th at 7:30 am for October's Donuts and Devotion.

Alumni School Mass: The students will celebrate St. Jude's alumni during school mass on Tuesday, October 10th. Students should wear their mass uniform.

PreK-Grade 2 Conference Day: On Wednesday, October 18th, parent/teacher conferences will be held in grades PreK-2nd. Students in these grade levels will not have school. PreK-2nd grade teachers will send Information home with the students.

Campus Coffee: There is a Campus Coffee Tour scheduled on October 11th and 24th from 9:00 am-10:00 am for families who are interested in St. Jude's PreK-8th grade.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M. ED.



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Important Dates

October 10: K-8th Grade Mass—**Mass uniform is required**

October 12, 13 and 16: NO BUS SERVICE

Monday, October 16: 2nd Grade Retreat

Wednesday, October 18: Parent/Teacher Conference Day for **PK through 2nd grade only**

Friday, October 20: Pre-K 50th Day of School

Friday, October 27: St. Jude Feast Day

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN

*STS Alumni and
Legacy Mass*

OCTOBER 10, 2023 | 8:30 AM | ST. JUDE CHURCH

If you are an St. Jude alumni, we would love for you to attend our Alumni and Legacy Mass on October 10. Please complete our form so that we can know to save you a seat with your student(s): <https://forms.gle/xDS99SytBQn2xSWf8>

Library Updates

Many thanks to all of our St. Jude families for their support of the 2023 Book Fair! Whether you were an on-site volunteer or supported through purchasing, you are much appreciated!

The Library is in need of a few regular volunteers (once or twice per month) to assist with book shelving and other small clerical tasks. Please contact Mrs. Turner at KTurner@stjudebr.org if you are able and willing to assist.

Finally, guest readers will be returning soon to Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade! Volunteers may be any adult family member or special friend as **long as they have the Child Protection certification** required for all volunteers through the Diocese. Please use the appropriate Sign-Up Genius link below to volunteer; please note the following daily schedule:

PK: Monday=Higginbotham, Tuesday=Frazier, Wednesday, Ammon [Sign up!](#)

Kindergarten: Monday=Cannon, Tuesday=Owens, Wednesday= Bowen [Sign up!](#)

First Grade: Monday=Albert, Tuesday=Stacey [Sign up!](#)

Volunteers, please arrive about 10-15 minutes before class time, and plan to read a story of your choice that will last 15 minutes or less. It is very important to adhere to the library schedule so that students will have enough time to check out books before returning to class.



Follow Us on Social Media!

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [St. Jude BR Parents page](#)



Save our Date!

Our 40th Fiesta auction is
Saturday, January 20th, 2024 at 7pm
in the St. Jude School Activity Center

Be on the lookout for more information about purchasing tickets!

Our auction committee has been working hard to make sure we have another great event and raise funds to continue modernizing our campus.

We would love your support, suggestions and feedback! We are in the process of seeking sponsorships, as well as silent and live auction item donations.

Whether that is art, experiences, or an item you need to get out of your home— we would love to hear what you have!

If you have any questions about the auction or would like to donate, please reach out to Melissa Dean at mdean@stjudebr.org.

7th and 8th Grade—Save the Date



Fun Run Reminders

The competition is close—great job, St. Jude friends! Thank you to all of those who have donated to Fun Run, but it is a tight race. And we still have time for donations! Get out there and help your grade get to the top! To check the competition progress, look out for the owls in the cafeteria.

Parents, look out for a SignUp Genius in the coming weeks for volunteer opportunities—thank you for all of your help!

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St. Jude Catholic Church Event Announcements

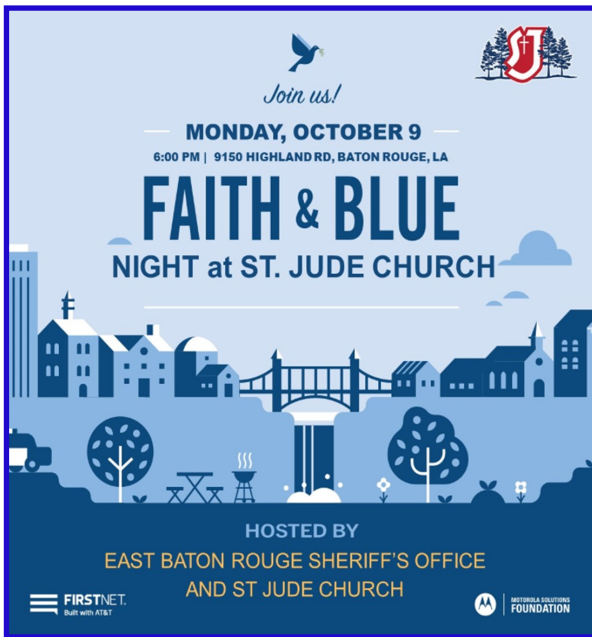
Blessing of the Animals

The feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, is celebrated on October 4th. We will celebrate the feast day on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 AM on the Parish Deck.

We invite everyone to bring their pets to receive a special blessing. We ask that all animals be on a leash or in a carrier. Registration is not required. We hope to see you and your pets Saturday!



Faith and Blue



Faith & Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by Movement Forward, Inc., working with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S. Department of Justice. The idea was a simple but powerful one — the ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced if we are to build neighborhoods where everyone feels safe and included. Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover, they speak to Americans' shared conviction that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

Catholic Daughters Gift and Bake Sale

Catholic Daughters Court Regina #2063 is sponsoring a "Gift & Bake Sale" on **Saturday, October 28 from 9 to 5 and Sunday, October 29 after all masses until 1 p.m. in the St. Jude Parish Hall.**

Items being sold are GREAT DESSERTS and unique HANDMADE GIFTS such as tooth fairy pillows, soft cover books, Crayon rolls, receiving blankets, burp pads, character pillowcases for children, LSU items, embroidered kitchen towels, bowl cozies and other gift items too numerous to mention. This is a relaxed convenient way of shopping for your purchases of all holiday and birthday gifts and it will help your Catholic Daughters in its many endeavors. We welcome you to come and shop early for those "special items!"



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Athletics



Come out and support our football teams!

ST. JUDE FOOTBALL 2023 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	3rd/4th	5th/6th	7th/8th
Sun, Sep 10, 2023	Zachary*	OLOM			4:00 PM
Sun, Sep 17, 2023	St. John	JOHN	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	
Tue, Sep 19, 2023	Lab School	OLOM			5:00 PM
Sun, Sep 24, 2023	St. George	OLOM			4:30 PM
Wed, Sep 27, 2023	Ascension Catholic	AC		5:30 PM	
Sun, Oct 01, 2023	St. Aloysius (3rd)	JUDE	12:00 PM		
	St. George (5th)	JUDE		1:30 PM	
	St. Aloysius	ALOY			3:00 PM
Sun, Oct 08, 2023	Holy Family	JUDE		12:00 PM	
Mon, Oct 09, 2023	Ascension Christian	OLOM			7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 15, 2023	St. George	GEO			4:00 PM
Thu, Oct 19, 2023	Dunham	OLOM			7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 22, 2023	Birds (MBS & STM)	JUDE	12:00 PM		
	St. Aloysius (5th)	JUDE		1:00 PM	
	St. Aloysius	JUDE			2:30 PM
Sun, Oct 29, 2023	Catholic of Pointe Coupee	CPC			2:30 PM
	Birds (MBS & STM)	MBS	1:30 PM		
Sun, Nov 05, 2023	Catholic of Pointe Coupee	CPC		2:00 PM	
	Crusaders (Alph & SJV)	SJV			3:30 PM

*Jamboree

FIELD LOCATIONS

JUDE	ST JUDE--CORNER OF GARDERE LN AND INNOVATION PARK DR
OLOM	OUR LADY OF MERCY--(SCHOOL) 400 MARQUETTE AVE, OFF FLORIDA BLVD
JOHN	ST JOHN--PLAQUEMINE HIGH, 59595 BELLVIEW DR, PLAQUEMINE
AC	ASCENSION CATHOLIC--FLOYD BOUTTE STADIUM, 1027 CLAY ST, DONALDSONVILLE
ALOY	ST ALOYSIUS--(SCHOOL) 2025 STUART AVE, OFF PERKINS RD
GEO	ST GEORGE--(SCHOOL) 7880 ST GEORGE DR, OFF SIEGEN LN
CPC	CATHOLIC OF POINTE COUPEE--NRG FIELD, 201-207 MILL ST, NEW ROADS
MBS	BIRDS--MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, 8033 BARRINGER ROAD, OFF JEFFERSON HWY
SJV	CRUSADERS--ST JEAN VIANNEY, 16266 S HARRELLS FERRY RD, OFF O'NEAL LN



Dyslexia Awareness Month Note Card Sale

Dyslexia is a reading disability affecting how our brain processes language. It affects 1 in 5 students. The Diocese of Baton Rouge Dyslexia Labs are servicing 200 dyslexic students in 11 schools in the 2023-2024 school year.

All artwork was created by students in the Dyslexia Labs in the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



*Saint Margaret
of Castello*

REACH PROGRAM



100% of proceeds will go to financial assistance for dyslexic students in need of lab services.

\$20 for a set of 12 note cards featuring 6 different designs



Scan the code or visit www.diobr.org/dyslexia
We are grateful for your support!