# **Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner**

Dear St. Jude Families,

We closed out the month of October with a huge bang!! Thank you to our amazing Home and School Fun Run Committee, please see the Home and School announcement in this Cougar to see all the wonderful volunteers that made this event so memorable for the students! Thank you to all our families for your participation in the Fun Run Fundraising efforts! Congratulations to the 6th grade classes for winning the Fun Run homeroom prize. This event raised close to \$45,000 that will go towards the improvements to the school campus. Please be sure to go to the St. Jude the Apostle School Facebook page to see the Fun Run 2023 video!

**Halloween Parties:** Thank you to room parent coordinators and all the room mothers for making the Halloween parties exciting and entertaining for our students.

Below is some additional information to bring to your attention:

**Pep Rally:** Our "Wild, Wild SJS" pep rally is Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm in the gym. We would love our parents to attend; please queue up in carpool when you arrive to campus. We will honor the following athletes: football, girls' basketball, swimming, cross country, and intramural sports. Athletes are asked to wear their team shirt with uniform bottoms and school spirit accessories on Friday.

**Can Food Drive:** The St. Jude Beta Club will host the annual St. Vincent de Paul Can Food Drive the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

Bus Service: There will be no bus service from EBR on Friday, November 17th.

**Grandparents' Day:** Grandparents' Day 2023 performance of "Dancin' In The Country" will be held on Friday, November 17th at 8:45 am in the St. Jude Activity Center followed by a visit to the classrooms. Parents and siblings are invited to attend a special performance on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the St. Jude Activity Center.

One in Christ, Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.



# THE COUGAR

## **Important Dates**

November 6—November 10: SPIRIT WEEK and SJS Jr. Beta Club Food Drive—the grade that donates the most food will earn an ice cream party!

Monday, November 6: Fall Sports (including intramurals) and Club A Picture Day

Thursday, November 16: Grandparents Day Parents Afternoon performance at 1p.m.

Friday, November 17: Grandparents Day Morning performance at 8:45a.m

## **Home and School Association**

**USED UNIFORMS**: Save the date for the next Used Uniform Sale on February 4, 2024 from 9am to 12pm. Home and School is in need of a couple more volunteers for our Christmas Shopping Sub for our Teachers program. Please only sign up if you have completed your Child Protection paperwork. Thank you for your generosity! Our teachers truly appreciate it!

**FUN RUN 2023:** Congratulations St. Jude! We did it! Our school, through the hard work of our students, families, and St. Jude friends, raised nearly \$45,000 for our school. Your continued support and hard work allows for each dollar raised to be used for our school and continued improvements! It is because of you that our school is the wonderful place that it continues to be! Thank you!

We would like to thank every volunteer from set up to take down for your help making the day fun and running smoothly! Each of you made the day that much better! Thank you to our fun run committee: Rose Dedon, Alyse Richards, Anna Richard, and Stephanie Powers and our emcee Alison Nesbit and our DJ Jason Merchant!

Thank you to all of our corporate sponsors. Your contributions are invaluable, and we could not do it without you!

Congratulations to our 1st place grade winner: 6th grade; our 2nd place grade winner: kindergarten; and our 3rd place grade winner: 2nd grade.

Finally, thank you to the Faculty and Staff of St. Jude for your support of the Fun Run and all that you do for our kids every day!

**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 27 - Friday, December 1. 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 for support! Sign Up Here







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<u>Parents page</u>



# **Don't Forget! Spirit Week Next Week!**



#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WILD SOCK MONDAY! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE PAIR OF WILD SOCKS WITH YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND UNIFORM SHOES.

#### THESDAY NOVEMBER 7

HOWDY HAT TUESDAY! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WESTERN WEDNESDAY! WESTERN-THEMED FREE DRESS DAY. DRESS HEAD TO TOE IN YOUR BEST WESTERN OUTFIT! SEE PG.51 IN THE PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

BOOT SCOOTIN' BACKWARDS THURSDAY! FREE DRESS DAY WITH A FLIP FLOPPED AND BACKWARDS TWIST. WEAR EVERYTHING BACKWARDS! YES, YOU CAN WEAR FLIP FLOPS AND CROCS! SEE PG.51 IN THE PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

## FRIDAY, NVEMBER 10 -- PEP RALLY @ 1:45 IN THE GYM

SPIRIT DAY FRIDAY! WEAR YOUR SPIRIT SHIRTS WITH UNIFORM BOTTOMS AND UNIFORM SHOES. DON'T FORGET YOUR SPIRIT ACCESSORIES!

IF YOU PLAY A FALL SPORT, PLEASE WEAR YOUR SPORT SPECIFIC T-SHIRT TO SCHOOL FRIDAY FOR TEAM RECOGNITION AT THE PEP RALLY!

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

- Yes, students may wear cowboy boots on Wednesday's Western Wear Day!
- Students may wear their wild socks for their Fall Sports Picture Day
- All fall sports—including intramurals—can wear their specific sports T-shirt for Friday's pep rally
- Parents are invited to attend the Pep Rally! If you choose to come, **please queue** up in carpool when you arrive to campus.





Scan the QR code or visit our <u>auction website</u> to purchase your tickets! Ticket prices increase after December 20!



Thank you to **The White River Inn** for serving as a platinum sponsor and providing a live auction item!

Our event attendees have a chance to bid on this Orivs-endorsed, 4-person, 3-night stay at the White River Inn in Cotter, Arkansas—roughly 8 hours from Baton Rouge! It includes lodging, fishing guides, first-class meals and beverages.

Purchase your ticket now so you don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Thank you to **R.A. Collette Oil Company** for serving as our Coozie sponsor!



We are still looking for more sponsors to make this event another success! If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Melissa Dean at <a href="mailto:mdean@stjudebr.org">mdean@stjudebr.org</a>.

# **Need Dinner Suggestions?!**





Support our Cub Scouts on November 3 and our SJS Athletics Booster Club on November 14!