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Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday and was able to spend quality time with family and friends. The annual Santaland Shop has been open this week for students to do some Christmas shopping. I would like to thank the Home and School Santaland committee for all their hard work in organizing and coordinating this fun and memorable event for our students. Over the next three weeks, there are many special events that will take place at St. Jude.

*On December 6th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas was a man of faith who lived his life in devotion to Christ. He cared for the needy and believed in the importance of giving to others. The children in grades Pre-K through 8th will leave a decorated paper shoe at their classroom seat in anticipation of a small treat and learn more about the true Santa Claus.

*If you are looking for a great opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas, please come and join us for St. Jude's Christmas concert performed by our amazing band and choir students on December 7th at 2:00 pm in the Activity Center

*Do you need a sweet treat? The Beta Club will be selling baked goods to parents and visitors on December 7th at the Christmas concert to raise money to purchase gifts for their Wildwood Pre-K buddies. We appreciate your generosity in helping support the good work of the Beta Club and this learning experience for our students.

*The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is December 8th. Our Blessed Mother is a wonderful example of being a servant of the Lord. In keeping in the spirit of serving others, the Beta Club is hosting a Toy Drive as an Advent service project during the week of December 4th-8th.

*On December 14th everyone is invited to come and join our school community for the Nativity Play performed by the first and second grade beginning at 8:15 am.

*Lastly, on December 20th class Christmas parties will be held in the afternoon.

"For to us a child is born...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

I hope everyone has a blessed Advent season,

Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

Upcoming Important Dates

December 4—8: Junior Beta Toy Drive

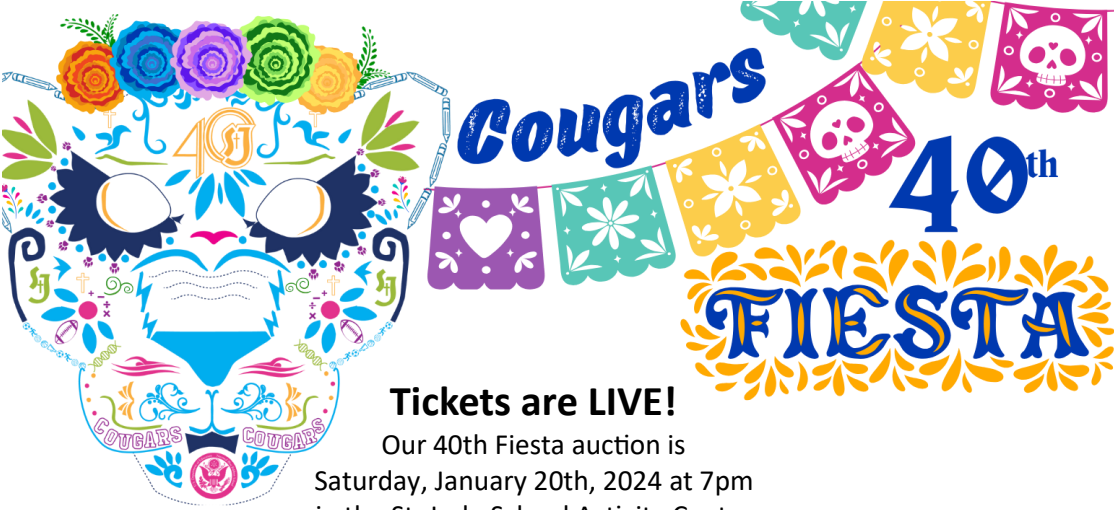
December 7: Christmas Concert at **2:00 p.m.**

December 8: All School Mass—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 11: Give Back Night at Rotolo's on Perkins Road AND at Burbank locations

December 18, 19, and 20: No Bus Service

December 20: Last day of school—FULL DAY of school



Tickets are LIVE!

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



Scan the QR code or visit our [auction website](#) to purchase your tickets! Ticket prices increase after December 20!



Thank you to **Assured Flooring & Countertops** for serving as the **presenting sponsor** for this year's auction! We appreciate the support from the Philip Ruiz de Chavez family.

A little more about Assured Flooring & Countertops: this company is committed to being the ultimate solution for residential and commercial projects, delivering results that exceed client expectations in flooring, countertops, cabinets and more. Our core focus is to provide clients with what they want, expect, and deserve with every project. Check them out at their Perkins Road location or online [here!](#)



Thank you to **Grace Hebert Curtis Architects** for serving as a platinum sponsor this year! We appreciate the support from our SJS families at GHC: the Hebert, Buttross and Rebecca Moses families. GHC is a regional firm with offices in Louisiana, Texas and Florida. Check them out [here!](#)



Thank you to **Louisiana Aesthetics & Skincare** and the Jeider family as well as **McKnight Landscape Architects** and the Goad family for serving as bronze level sponsors this year!

Our auction sponsorship deadline is December 4! If you are interested in sponsoring at this year's auction, please contact Melissa Dean at mdean@stjudebr.org.

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December Dress Up Days



Here are the upcoming Dress Up Days for the month of December!

- **Jeans for Dreams Day:** follow Free Dress guidelines on page 51 in the parent/student handbook.
- **Christmas Sweater Day:** must wear uniform bottoms and school shoes with Christmas T-shirt or sweater. No hooded sweatshirts.
- **Grinch Day:** dress in your best Grinch or Whoville attire. Follow Free Dress guidelines.
- **Polar Express Day:** follow Free Dress guidelines.

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!

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS: The sign-up genius has been updated to include all dates from now until the end of the school year. The cafeteria relies on volunteers to help serve lunch to our students every day. Half and full shifts are available. Please make sure you have completed all child protection steps before committing to a date to serve. There are still many available times this month and next! [Sign Up Here](#)

SPIRIT GEAR: Stocking Stuffers have arrived just in time for Christmas! Glitter has been re-stocked and we have some cute new earrings available as well as all of our regular tattoos! Check out our Home and School Store [here](#).

BEAUTIFICATION: St. Jude's Beautification Committee is looking for a large outdoor nativity scene for school. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, please contact Lauren Malek at laurencmalek@gmail.com.

Identified Stewardship Giver Status Update

To qualify for the Identified Stewardship Giver (ISG) admission bracket and corresponding lower tuition rate for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, a registered in-parish St. Jude Church Catholic family must have met the **minimum identifiable amount of \$300.00** given through the Church offertory collection using the envelopes or the portal for online giving. Contributions must be **made between January 1, 2023, and December 20, 2023**, to count towards the 2024-2025 school year. If you have any questions about your ISG Status, please contact Mindy Coogan at mindyc@stjudecatholic.org.

Follow Us on Social Media!

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News Around School



Eighth graders **Laura Williams** and **Sawyer Starkovich** auditioned and made the Louisiana Junior Youth Orchestra this year. They had their fall performance on Sunday, November 12. We are so proud of them!

St. Jude Soccer season is in full swing! Our teams have been competing for a couple weeks and continue to succeed.

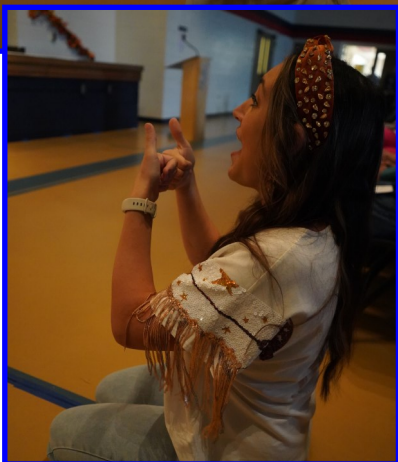
Our 4th-6th grade girls soccer team beat Coppermill in their first game last Sunday.

Our 5th-6th grade boys soccer team has won both of their games so far!

Our 7th-8th grade boys soccer team are currently undefeated after beating Ascension Flight & SGS!



Grandparents' Day 2023



“Dancin’ in the Country” was a huge success before Thanksgiving break! Another round of applause to our music teacher **Mrs. Mary Hilse**, students, our faculty and staff for putting on a fantastic performance. We also wanted to thank our Home and School hospitality committee and St. Jude Parish Mens’ Club for assisting with event signage, welcoming our families and helping our guests park on campus. We can’t wait for next year!

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SantaLand



Our school has been enjoying the Christmas spirit with **Santaland** this week! Thank you to Home & School, our Santaland chairs, parent volunteers and shopping buddies for helping make Santaland another success.



*SJS Annual
Best Guy Dance*

We are so excited to be able to bring back this sweet tradition this school year! Fathers, Brothers, Uncles, Grandfathers or anyone with a special girl is welcome to spend a semi-formal evening full of music, light snacks, corsages, photos and more!

Saturday, January 6th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
St. Jude Cafeteria

 \$30 per Family
Scan QR Code
to register

Hosted by St Jude
Girl Scouts

St. Jude Beta
Toy Drive
December 4-8, 2023

Grade Level	Item
PreK—Frazier	Stuffed Animals for ages infant to 2 years old
PreK—Higginbotham	Children's scarves/winter fun socks
PreK—Ammon	Art supplies—Play Doh, crayons, coloring books, etc.
Kindergarten	Toys for a GIRL—ages 12 and under
1st Grade—Albert	Toys for a GIRL—ages 12 and under
1st Grade—Stacy	Toys for a BOY—ages 12 and under
2nd Grade	Toys for a BOY—ages 12 and under
3rd Grade—A. Allen	Children's games
3rd Grade—Porta	Family Games
4th Grade	Books—infant to 7 years old
5th Grade	Art supplies
6th, 7th, 8th	Sports Toys/Equipment

