



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude families,

The faculty and staff would like to wish all of our St. Jude parents, students, and friends a safe, happy, and holy Christmas season. School will be in session beginning Thursday, January 4th. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2024!

Merry Christmas,

Michelle Gardiner, M. Ed.

Upcoming Important Dates

December 18, 19, and 20: No Bus Service

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

January 4: Return to School. **No Bus Service**

January 6: St. Jude Girl Scouts Best Guy Dance

January 9: All School Mass—mass uniform required

January 15: No School—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 20: 8th Annual St. Jude School Auction

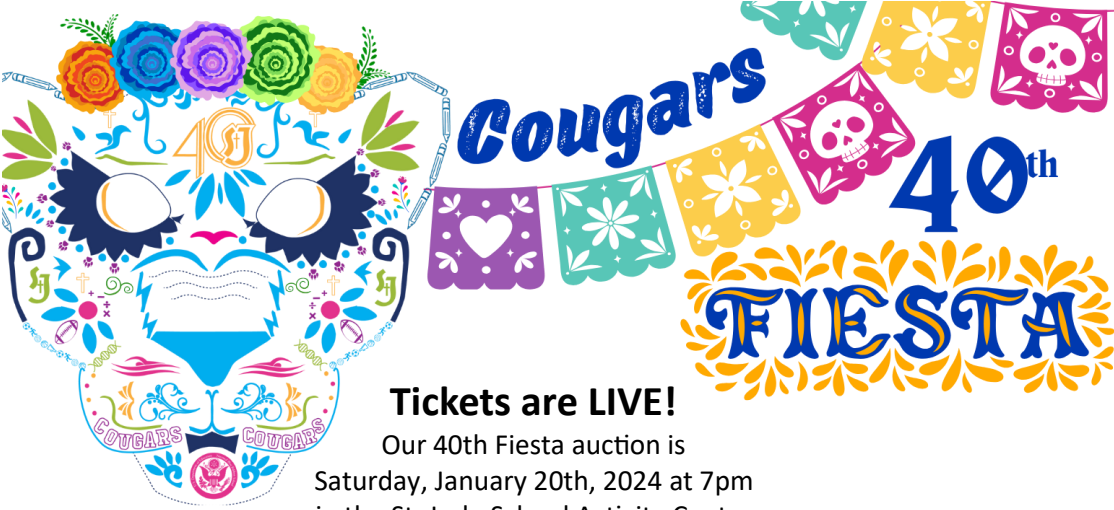
January 24: Parent/Teacher Conference Day—**PreK and Kindergarten only. No school for these students**

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.
- **Polar Express Day:** follow Free Dress guidelines on page 51 in the parent/student handbook.



Tickets are LIVE!

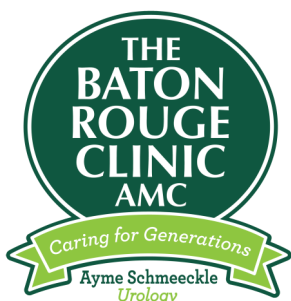
Our 40th Fiesta auction is
 Saturday, January 20th, 2024 at 7pm
 in the St. Jude School Activity Center



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. Assured Flooring & Countertops 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 **Dr. Ayme Schmeeckle** at the Baton Rouge Clinic for serving as a gold sponsor for this year's auction!

Thank you to **RMB Builders, LLC** and the Bourgeois family for serving as our photobooth sponsor at this year's auction!



Thank you to **Schneider Paper Products** and the Pizer family as well as **Fred's** for serving as a silver sponsor for this year's auction!



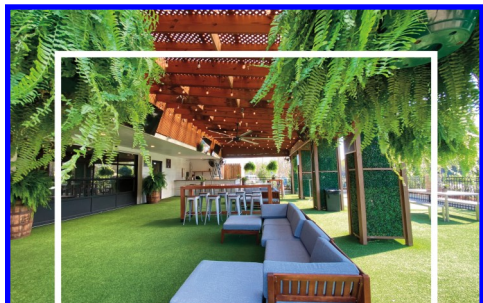
Thank you to **Homes Building Materials** and the Jake Moses family, **X Design** and the Territo family, **Pigtails & Crewcuts** and the Mabry family, **Ditch Witch of South Louisiana** and the Garidel family, and **Causey Med Aesthetic** and Dr. Danielle Causey's family for serving as bronze level sponsors this year!

Cougars 40th FIESTA

SILENT AUCTION!

Here is just a TASTE of what our auction committee has been up to to make this another successful and fun event! We wanted to thank all of our grades for coming together to make some AMAZING silent auction items. From a hot air balloon ride experience, Pedal Pub experience, beach baskets—you name it! Purchase your tickets today to enjoy a FUN night! And follow us on Instagram - [@stjudeschoolbrevents!](https://www.instagram.com/stjudeschoolbrevents/)

New Orleans Pelicans
vs.
Indiana Pacers
March 1, 2024



Patio Party

at Uncle Earl's



- 12 guests
- Reserved area of the Patio for 2 hours
- Includes \$250 Bar Tab and a \$175 Cheese & Charcuterie Board

THE Caterie Uncle Earl's BAR



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Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

Congratulations to the following students for making the Accelerated Reader 100 points club!

- **2nd Grade:** Kate McCann
- **3rd Grade:** Audrey Hart
- **4th Grade:** Jesse Champion
- **5th Grade:** Addison Ammons, Annie Bourgeois, Sydney Gary, Molly Luke, and Emily Walters
- **6th Grade:** Emma LeFebvre, Nora Proctor, Bruce Schwartzenburg, and Kate Stacey
- **7th Grade:** Carter Broggi, Leela Broussard, Blayke Flint, Hudson Giror, Sara McCann, and Anna Claire Owens
- **8th Grade:** Kate Bourgeois, Kate Collette, Anna-Katherine Dixon, Anna Grace Garrot, Brennan Houston, Ella Mouldous, Noelle Starkovich, Laura Williams and Foster Yan-Hamby

Extension Reminder

For those families who pay extension per semester, payments are due when we return to school on January 4, 2024. Email Susan Lala at slala@stjudebr.org with any questions.

Athletics



SOCCER: The **5th/6th boys soccer team** is undefeated through 5 games and has scored 21 goals so far. They have one more regular season game this Sunday, December 17 at 2:00pm at Burbank field 14. The boys will play in the end of year tournament the weekend of January 12-15.

The St. Jude **7th/8th boys soccer team** is 3-2-1 this season. They completed their regular season and will play in the end of year tournament, which is the weekend of January 12th-14th. The team has been very competitive in a tough division and hope to bring home the title for St. Jude!



The **4th-6th Girls Soccer team** has been having a great season, making improvements each week and representing SJS well! They have one more game this Saturday, December 16th at noon at the Burbank Soccer Fields - come cheer on the Cougars as they take on St. Aloysius!

The **7th and 8th Girls Soccer team** has also been making lots of improvements and making SJS proud this season. They have three games coming up to close out their regular season - Saturday, December 16th at 3pm against Live Oak, Sunday, December 17th at 2pm against Westdale, and Tuesday, December 19th at 5pm against West Feliciana - all games are at the Burbank Soccer Fields. Go Cougars!!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: 5th through 8th grade girls—please join us for volleyball **open gym** from 10:30am - 12:30pm on the following Sundays:

- December 17th
- January 7th

We will have the equipment setup to allow for your child an opportunity to get some skill work and touches with the volleyball. Our coaches will be there to supervise and provide direction; however, this is not an organized practice. This is just a great opportunity to work on serving, passing, play some pickup games, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey McCombie at lmccombie@stjudebr.org.

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Home and School Association

FACULTY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We would like to thank the 5th grade parents/grandparents for providing treats for the faculty and staff to enjoy this month. They were much appreciated!

USED UNIFORMS: Used Uniform Sale is February 4, 2024, from 9am to 12pm. Donations can be dropped off during school hours at the school office.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Christmas parties will be held on Wednesday, December 20th. Only designated chaperones may attend the parties. You should have received communication from the room parents for your child's class outlining the details of the party, the time, and what is being served. Let them know if you need to make alternate dietary accommodations for your child. Thank you to our Room Parents for coordinating these parties!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUBS: A BIG THANK YOU to those that volunteered to substitute for our teachers to have a half day off. The teachers and Home and School are so appreciative of you: Leah Barbato, Beleta Bischoff, Karmon Bonaventure, Rebekah Boniol, Monica Broggi, Andrea Buttross, Jenna Byland, Phyllis Cisneros, Nikki Collette, Emily Davis, Karli Duke, Ami Gray, Eric Hart, Vanessa Jakob, Sarah Kirkwood, Jaclyn Landry, Julie LeFebvre, Lauren Malek, Amanda Marshall, Brittany Martin, Kimberly McDaniel, Sarah Mule, Lauren Olinde, Bernadette Roberson, Claudia Richards, Natalie Romero, Emily Ruiz De Chavez, Lindsay Ruiz De Chavez, Meghan Runion, Jessica Schexnayder, and Carrie Tucker.

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.

*St. Jude 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

Hosted by St. Jude Girl Scouts

QR Code

\$30 per Family
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to register



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