

January 5, 2024



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude families,

Happy New Year! Please see a letter from Father Trey Nelson regarding parking lot construction.

One in Christ, Michelle Gardiner, M. Ed.

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A Letter from Fr. Trey Nelson

To Our St. Jude School Parents, Faculty, and Staff, and to our Parish Community-at-Large:

It may not feel like it, but through this coming weekend, the Feast of Epiphany, we are still in the Christmas Season in the church year. So, once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your loved ones! I hope your time together with family and friends was enjoyable. Please know of my continued prayers for all of you.

The purpose of this letter is to remind everyone of work to be done on a small area of our parking lot. We began announcing this a few months ago, attempting to choose the best time of year possible to do the work. While we had entertained waiting until the summer, that would simply not be feasible. **The work, to be done on a very small section of our parking lot, will begin on Tuesday morning, January 9,** with the obvious possibility of the start date being rescheduled again, should bad weather arise. This work will briefly affect parking and traffic flow. It will, obviously, affect, to a certain degree, the following: carpool, weekend and weekday Masses, funerals, weddings, and so on. We have met with the contractor doing the work and are planning to block off a minimal amount of space. I need to also say thank you to all of you again, because without you this project would not be possible. You may recall, it was during the pandemic when we completely replaced the entire parking lot, at a cost of almost \$1 million. Again, this was made possible because of your continued sacrifice and financial stewardship.

At this point I am asking for your assistance with the following: 1. Let us all exercise patience, as this will inconvenience most of us for a brief while. 2. To our school population: **if you have any concerns or questions related to school** carpool or anything connected to school, please contact Mrs. Gardiner, our principal, directly, not our Church Parish Staff. Please do not direct your questions to our deacons or other staff but to Mrs. Gardiner. 3. **If you have any concerns or questions related to general parish life** (such as traffic flow and parking for Masses and other similar events), please contact our Facilities Manager, Keith Gaspard, at 225.766.2431. Deacon James will be out until Thursday January 11. At that point, you may direct your questions to him or to Keith.

Our goal, as always, is to maintain our physical campus. I truly appreciate your understanding and support. Thank you very much for everything!

Sincerely,

Upcoming Important Dates

January 6: St. Jude Girl Scouts Best Guy Dance

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

January 16: NEW DATE—School Mass—Dress uniform required

January 20: 8th Annual St. Jude School Auction

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

January 24-28: St. Jude School Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament

January 26: Kindergarten 100th Day of School

January 28-February 3: Catholic Schools Week

January 30: All School Mass—Dress Uniform Required

January 31: Kindergarten STEM Day



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! You must have a ticket to bid on the silent auction!



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!](#)



Piland Wealth Management



Thank you to **Piland Wealth Management** and the Bevinetto family as well as **Goodwood Consulting** and the Ryan Thibodeaux family for serving as a silver sponsor for this year's auction!

Thank you to **Benchmark Builders** and the Brown family for serving as a bronze level sponsor this year!



Frequently Asked Questions

What do I wear?

Our auction is meant to be a time for fun and fellowship while raising funds for our school. Guests usually dress for the theme, but some come as they are! We do ask that our attendees to keep their festive dress appropriate and non-political.

Can I bid on the silent auction if I cannot attend the event in person?

You can as long as you purchase a ticket through our Auction website.

How can I help?

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help us make this event a success! Please visit our [SignUp Genius](#) to see what volunteer opportunities are available.

Follow our [Instagram Account](#) to see all that is available in the silent and live auctions!

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Home and School Association

USED UNIFORMS: The next Used Uniform Sale is February 4th from 9am-12pm. This is a great opportunity to stock up on sweatshirts, fleeces, and other uniform items at amazing prices and support the St. Jude Home and School Association. If you have any items to donate, you can drop them off in the office or contact Ashley Territo at 225-610-4914 or Amanda Marshall at 225-333-0306 to make other arrangements.

Best Guy Dance is Tomorrow!

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



Mini Cheer Clinic

The St. Jude Cheerleading Team is proud to host the 6th annual Mini Cheer Clinic on **Saturday, February 3** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** for girls in grades **first through fourth**. Registration packets will be given to these students on Monday, January 8. **Registration is due January 12.**

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