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Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear Parents,

As we approach the week of April 29th to May 3rd, I would like to inform you about the upcoming Terra Nova Standardized Test that students in 3rd-8th grade will be taking. The Terra Nova test is an important assessment tool that helps us gauge your child's academic progress and identify areas where they may need additional support or enrichment.

The test schedule is as follows:

April 29th – Math (Part 1)
April 30th – Math (Part 2)
May 1st – Reading (Part 1)
May 2nd – Reading (Part 2)
May 3rd – Language

Testing on these days will begin promptly at 8:00 am

Additionally, we wanted to inform you that standardized test scores for students in 5th-8th grade will be included in the high school application process. These scores will serve as part of the comprehensive evaluation to ensure the best fit for your child's academic journey.

To ensure that your child is well-prepared for the Terra Nova test, here are some important test preparation ideas:

1. ****Encourage Adequate Rest:**** It is crucial that your child gets plenty of rest leading up to and during the testing week. A good night's sleep can significantly improve cognitive function and concentration, which are essential for performing well on the test.
2. ****Healthy Eating Habits:**** A balanced diet plays a significant role in your child's overall well-being and cognitive function. Encourage your child to eat nutritious meals, especially on the days of the test, to ensure they have the energy they need to perform their best.
3. ****Stay Positive and Relaxed:**** It's natural for students to feel some level of anxiety before taking a standardized test. However, it's essential to remind your child to stay positive and relaxed during the testing period. Encourage them to take deep breaths and stay focused on each question without getting overwhelmed by the overall test.
4. ****Provide Emotional Support:**** Offer your child emotional support and encouragement throughout the testing process. Let them know that you believe in their abilities and that their worth is not solely determined by their test scores.
5. ****Maintain a Consistent Routine:**** Stick to a consistent routine in the days leading up to the test to help your child feel grounded and prepared. This includes regular study sessions, mealtimes, and bedtime routines.

By following these test preparation ideas and providing your child with the necessary support, you can help them approach the Terra Nova test with confidence and readiness. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

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Upcoming Important Dates

April 26: Shakespeareance at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. \$5 per ticket

April 27: 7th and 8th Grade Dance in the Activity Center

April 29-May 3: Terra Nova Testing

April 30: 6th-8th Grade Athletics Banquet

May 1: 2024-2025 School Year Tuition Due

May 2: Spring Sports Picture Day and Club B Day Pictures

May 6: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8: 5th Grade DARE Graduation in the Activity Center

The 2024-2025 Academic Calendar can be found on our school's [website](#)

School Advisory Council

Dear St Jude Parents,

As a valued member of our school community, I wanted to reach out to you with an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on the future direction of our school. We are currently seeking passionate and dedicated parents like you to volunteer to serve on our School Advisory Council.

The School Advisory Council plays a crucial role in shaping the strategic direction of our school. By bringing together parents, educators, and community members, we can collaborate to ensure that our school continues to thrive and provide the best possible education for our children.

As a member of the School Advisory Council, you will have the opportunity to be involved in:

Policy: Advise in shaping major policies for the school in keeping with diocesan policies and the mission statement of the school.

Finance: Approve and monitor a balanced annual operational budget as submitted by the principal and the finance committee to assure provision of adequate resources for the total school program. Ensure reasonable tuition, just salaries, financial aid, and proper maintenance for school property and plant.

Planning: Plan strategically for the development of the school by setting goals.

Communication: Communicate the school policies to the parents and school community.

Marketing: Provide good public relations affecting enrollment.

Your involvement in the School Advisory Council will not only benefit our children but also contribute to the strength and vitality of our entire community. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place where every student can thrive and succeed.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the School Advisory Council, please don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle Gardiner at mgardiner@stjudebr.org. Your commitment and dedication to our school are greatly appreciated, and I am confident that together, we can make a difference.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity to serve our school community. I look forward to the possibility of working with you on the School Advisory Council and shaping a brighter future for our children.

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Home and School

HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD: Are you interested in joining the Home and School Board? We are currently seeking passionate and dedicated parents to volunteer to serve on our Home and School Board. We especially need a treasurer. If you are interested, please email Lindsey Gueho at lindsey_usry@yahoo.com.

SUMMER USED UNIFORM SALE: Parents, mark your calendars! The next Used Uniform Sale is June 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to stock up on 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.

FIELD DAY: Field Day 2024 is on May 22nd! Field Day isn't possible without our parent volunteers. Please click [here](#) to volunteer for field day. Lunch and drinks will be provided for our volunteers. Please note that some of the games are outside. If you volunteer for an outside game, come prepared with sunscreen, hat, water, etc. We appreciate your help in making this day fun for our students.

TEACHER TREATS: Thank you to all of our PreK families for providing treats for the faculty and staff to enjoy this month. They were much appreciated!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th! We are so blessed here at St. Jude to have the best teachers and staff around! Please see the flyer for ideas on how your child can make their teachers feel special and visit the [Sign Up Genius](#) to see how you can help with breakfast throughout the week. The Home and School Association will be joining in the fun with gifts/treats for our faculty and staff!



ST. JUDE SCHOOL TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION Week

MAY 6-MAY 10:

MONDAY:

Bring a K-cup for your teacher to thank them a latte!

H&S WILL HAVE BREAKFAST IN THE LOUNGE MONDAY-FRIDAY

WEDNESDAY:

Cheers! Bring in 50 cents for your teacher to buy a drink in the lounge!

H&S WILL PROVIDE A GIFT FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF

TUESDAY:

Be sweet or bring a sweet to your teacher!

THURSDAY:

Hugs and snacks!
Give your teacher a hug and/or give them a snack!

FRIDAY:

Thank your teacher and/or color them a coffee cup! (attached is a sheet you can use)

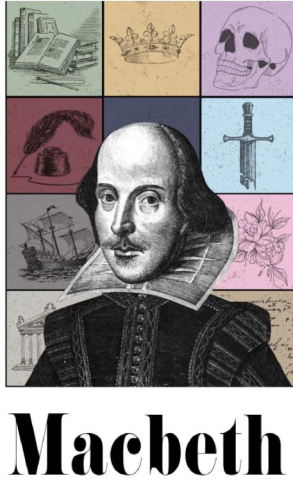
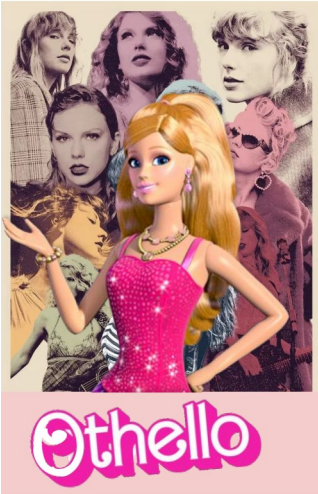
H&S WILL PROVIDE A COFFEE CART BY HARVEST COFFEE AND LUNCH BY ROUSES!



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Shakespeareance



Hear ye! Hear ye!
All king's men and women!

The gentlefolk of 8th Grade invite thee to their Shakespeareance performance!

Friday, April 26, 2024
6:30 p.m. (\$5 tickets sold at the door)
SJS Activity Center

We bid thee a good day!

Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

Congratulations to those students who have made it to the Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club!

- **3rd Grade:** Margo Gray and Everly Saenz
- **4th Grade:** Susan Barbato
- **5th Grade:** Ty Prather, Sofia Lanclos, and Nathan Waggenpack
- **6th Grade:** Shelby Smith and Bennett Evans
- **8th Grade:** Joseph Anderson

2023-2024 Yearbook On Sale

The 2023-2024 Yearbook is on sale! Please visit our [Yearbook Website](#) to order your child's yearbook today. **Deadline to order is May 10th.**

8th Grade Parents: please complete your ad for your 8th grade student by May 3!
Use the link above to begin creating your ad.



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Color Wars

Our spring pep rally was the best way to kick off our Fair Weekend! A huge thank you to Mrs. Andermann for all of the planning and coordinating to make it a success!



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2024-2025 School Supplies

Order online **today!**

Dear parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box.

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Ordering Available:

March 7th - May 27th

Pick-up date at school:

In the classroom on the 1st day of school

Notes

Scan here to view your school's boxes and place your order today!



It is time to order **school supplies** for the 2024-2025 school year! Please visit the QR code above or click [here](#) to begin ordering your supplies through SchoolToolBox.com. If you order before May 27th, your child's school supplies will be delivered directly to our school.

If you wish to purchase your own school supplies, you may find the lists [here](#).



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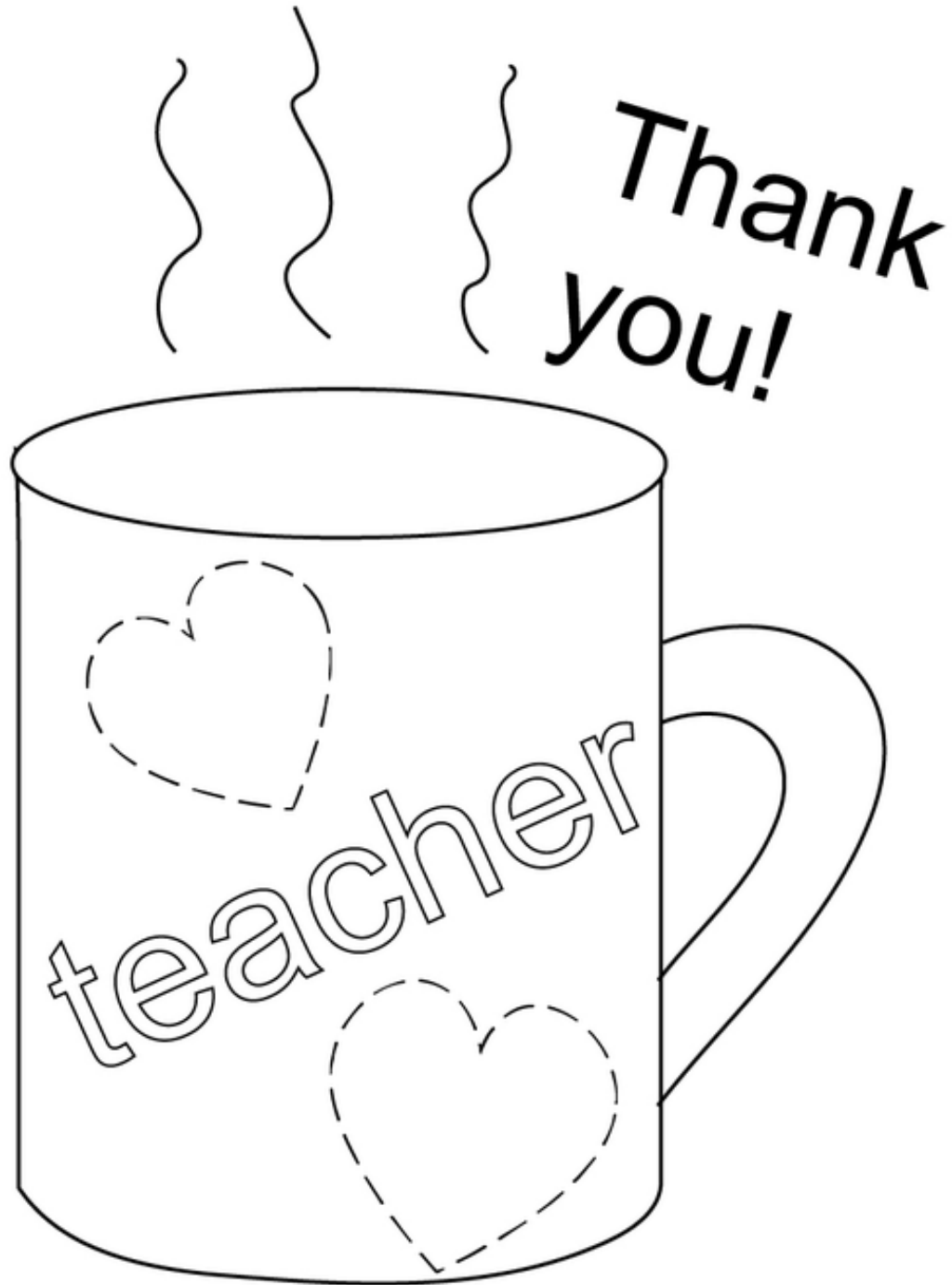
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