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Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

Exciting things continue to happen at St. Jude the Apostle School, and we are especially looking forward to one of our most anticipated events—**Grandparents Day**, which is just one week away!

Our students and teachers have worked incredibly hard to prepare for this special event, which will showcase the talents of our students in a memorable way. Due to limited seating and parking, we will be holding two performances:

- **Thursday, Nov. 21st at 1:00 pm:** This performance is for parents and will take place in the Activity Center. We ask that parents please queue in the carpool line upon arrival.

- **Friday, Nov. 22nd at 8:45 am:** This performance is dedicated to our grandparents, and will include a prayer service followed by the student performance of *"All Are Welcome"*. The Activity Center will open at 8:00 am, and coffee and water will be available in the cafeteria. The performance will also be live streamed on the [St. Jude the Apostle School Facebook](#) page for those who cannot attend in person.

Please note that **attendance on Friday is reserved exclusively for grandparents or special persons**, as this is their special day of celebration.

Here is the Grandparents Day schedule for Friday, Nov. 22nd:

- **7:50 am:** Men's Club will assist with parking
- **8:00 am:** Doors to the Activity Center open
- **8:45 am:** Grandparents Day Prayer Service and Pledge of Allegiance
- **9:00 am:** "All Are Welcome" Student Performance
- **10:00 am:** Grandparents visit classrooms

Parking instructions and a helpful video will be sent to families early next week. Please share this information with your child's grandparents or special persons.

After the performance, students will have an opportunity to take photos with their grandparents. Grandparents may check out their grandchildren at approximately **10:30 am**, and all students should be picked up by **11:00 am**.

Thank you for helping us make this day a special and memorable celebration for our students and their families. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.



**St. Jude
the Apostle School**

We're Hiring!

Start date of January 2025



Current Opportunities:

Kindergarten Teacher

- St. Jude the Apostle School is seeking a teacher with passion for working with kindergarten aged children and knowledge of their cognitive, academic, physical, emotional, and social development.
- The teacher will be responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating lessons that align with the Diocese of Baton Rouge standards and St. Jude's mission.
- The teacher will work cooperatively and collaboratively with staff, students, and parents.
- Minimum Qualifications and Certifications:
A bachelor's degree from an accredited university in education or related field with the appropriate state certification.

Substitute Teachers

- The substitute teacher will monitor students and their learning in the absence of the regularly scheduled teacher. The substitute will maintain a positive learning environment in the classroom while facilitating lesson plans left by the regularly scheduled teacher.

**Please submit your resume to
mgardiner@stjudebr.org**

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Upcoming Important Dates

Week of November 11: Beta Club Food Drive

November 21: Grandparents Day Parent Performance at 1:00 p.m.

November 22: Grandparents Day Performance at 8:45 a.m. **Students are dismissed by 10:30 a.m. with grandparents or special persons. All students must be picked up by 11:00 a.m. No after-school extension on this date**

Week of November 25: Thanksgiving Break—No School

Week of December 3: Santaland Shopping

Companion Animal Alliance Fundraising Day This Friday!

Don't forget about our November 15th Free Dress Fundraiser Day for **Companion Animal Alliance!** Please bring \$1 or more to support this cause. There is no theme for this dress day—please follow our Out-of-Uniform dress guidelines below.



Free Dress	Tops and dresses may not be strapless or off the shoulder. No tank tops are allowed. No tight-fitting tops.	Bottoms may be jeans, athletic pants, or dress slacks. Girls may wear capri pants. No leggings or yoga pants are allowed. Dresses and skirts must fall at least three inches above the knees.	Tennis shoes, flats or boots with flat heels for girls. No cowboy boots, Crocs, cleats, or sandals.	No shorts may be worn unless they are the uniform shorts. No hooded shirts or sweatshirts Shirts and bottoms may not be ripped or have holes.
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Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

Congratulations to the following students who have made the Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club for this year!

- **4th Grade:** Josh Evans and Brody Moses
- **5th Grade:** Andrew Davis, Vanessa Armas-Fisher, Gray Girouard and JeanneAdair Smith
- **7th Grade:** Aaron Chustz



Identified Stewardship Giver Status for 2025-2026 School Year

In order to qualify for the **Identified Stewardship Giver (ISG) admission bracket** and corresponding lower tuition rate for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year, you must have met the minimum identifiable amount of \$300.00 given through the Church offertory collection using the envelopes or through the online giving portal. Contributions must be made between January 1, 2024, and December 22, 2024 to count towards the 2025-2026 school year.

A Catholic family, whether in-parish or out of parish, is defined as "a family in which one or both head(s) of the household are baptized Catholic or registered in a church parish." A Catholic in-parish family (in other words, members of St. Jude parish) is defined as "a family in which one or both head(s) of the household are baptized Catholic and registered in St. Jude Parish, by way of our Parish Census Process." A non-Catholic family is defined as "a family in which neither of the heads of household are a baptized Catholic." Please note that a non-Catholic family cannot register as a member of St. Jude Parish. Also note that a non-Catholic family cannot request to have their child baptized simply in order to be eligible for the Catholic, in-parish rate.

If a Catholic family residing in the geographical boundaries of a church parish other than St. Jude wishes to register in our parish, they must receive a letter of permission from the pastor of the parish in which they do reside geographically.

If you have any questions about your contribution amount for 2024, **please contact Mindy Coogan in the Church office** at 225-766-2431 or by email at mindyc@stjudecatholic.org.

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Home and School



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, December 2 - Friday, December 6. 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 support! Please click our [Signup Genius link](#) to volunteer.



Santaland 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:05 - 8:45	7A	7B	8A	8B	6th - 8th Revisits
8:45 - 9:30	PKA	5A	5B	PKB	PK, K, and 5th Revisits
9:30 - 10:15	6B	3B	3A	1A	1st - 4th Revisits
10:15 - 11:00	4A	4B			
11:00 - 11:45	6A	KA	KB	KC	
11:45 - 12:30	PKC	1B	2A	2B	

FUN RUN 2024: Congratulations St. Jude! Through the hard work of our students, families, and St. Jude friends, Home and School raised **nearly \$40,000**. Your continued support allows for each dollar raised to be used for our school and continued improvements. The move into the gym was actually a pleasant change, and the kids had a fabulous time running, dancing, and enjoying time with each other.

We would like to thank all of our many volunteers - from set up to take down and all the fun in between. Thank you to all of our corporate sponsors. Your contributions are invaluable, and we could not make Fun Run happen without you! A special thank you to the best tune-spinning dad around, Jason Merchant, for the music; to our always energetic and well-costumed emcee, Alison Nesbit; to our collection queens, Leah Barbato and Jenna Byland; and to our hard-working Fun Run committee, Rose Dedon, Aimee Garig, Anna Richard, Alyse Richards, Stephanie Powers, and Cindi Sanders.

Congratulations to our **1st place grade winner:** Pre-K; our **2nd place grade winner:** 7th grade; and our **3rd place grade winner:** 3rd grade.

FUTURE COUGARS: Know anyone having a new baby at St. Jude? Please let us know so that we can celebrate them! Contact Claudia Frantz at Cpochefrantz@gmail.com



Do you have an Advent Nativity that you'd like to display at St. Jude Church during Advent? Anyone interested would need to deliver and set up and decorate their Nativities on Saturday, December 7th, between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm. And we would ask that you have them picked up on Sunday, December 8th between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Please contact Mrs. Loretta Britt with the Catholic Daughters of America for more information: loretta.britt@outlook.com

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Save the Date! We are less than 100 days away from our 9th annual St. Jude School Auction, presented by **Assured Flooring and Countertops**.

Visit <https://auctria.events/stjudeauction> to purchase your tickets or Free Dress Coupons today!



Our St. Jude School Girl Scouts are excited to announce our annual **Best Guy Dance** on Saturday, February 1, 2025, in the St. Jude School Activity Center. More details to come!