



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a joyful, peaceful, and blessed Christmas season to all of our St. Jude parents, students, and friends. School will resume on Monday, January 6th. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2025!

Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.
Principal



Upcoming Important Dates

- December 20:** Polar Express Day and Class Christmas Parties
No after-school extension on Friday
- December 23 through January 3:** Christmas Break—NO SCHOOL
- January 6:** Return to School for the Spring Semester
- January 17:** 7th & 8th Grade Social Studies and Science Fair
- January 20:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—**No School**
- January 22-26:** St. Jude Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament
- February 5:** Conference Day for PK through 2nd Grade Students
No School for these students
- February 10-14:** Auction Free Dress Week
- February 15:** 9th Annual St. Jude School Auction

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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Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

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

- **2nd Grade:** Scarlett Adams
- **5th Grade:** Lena Versaw
- **6th Grade:** Hartley Cook, Sydney Gary, Molly Luke, Julie Murray, and Ty Prather



AR Store Volunteers Needed

The Library is in need of volunteers for the Accelerated Reader Store (Grades 2-4) on Friday, January 10th, and for the Middle School Rewards Party on Wednesday, January 22nd. Please use this [link](#) to sign up—thank you!

Home and School Association

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SUBS: Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who stepped in as a Christmas Shopping sub this year. Your time and help gave our teachers some well deserved free time during the holiday season, and we truly appreciate you!

FACULTY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We would like to thank the 3rd grade parents/grandparents for providing treats for the faculty and staff to enjoy this month. They were much appreciated!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Christmas parties will be held on Friday, 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 for 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!

USED UNIFORMS: Used Uniform Sale is Sunday, February 2, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off during school hours at the school office.



4 Mother & Son **1**
Bingo

Join us for breakfast and a bingo game
hosted by the Women of St. Jude ministry!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 AM-SJS Activity Center

\$5 per participant

Register by January 9 with the Google
Form below!

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SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL AUCTION 2025



We are 56 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 click on this [link](#) to purchase a Free Dress Coupon if it was not purchased on Grandparents Day!



Thank you to **Assured Flooring & Countertops** for serving as our **presenting sponsor** again at this year's auction! We appreciate the support from the Philip Ruiz de Chavez family (5th grader Estelle and 2nd grader Rowen).

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 current Perkins Road location until **their NEW showroom opens on Airline Highway in August of 2025** 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 (6th grader Noah and 1st grader Beau David), Buttross (7th grader Owen and 4th grader Audrey), and Rebecca Moses (4th grader Brody and Kindergartener Reid) families. GHC is a regional firm with offices in Louisiana, Texas and Florida. Check them out [here!](#)



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Thank you to **Homes Building Materials** and the Jake Moses family (4th grader Brody and Kindergartener Reid) for serving as a bronze level sponsor this year!

Thank you to **X Design** and the Territo family (2nd grader Ellis) for serving as a bronze level sponsor this year!

