



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude Families,

Happy New Year! It has been a chilly and wonderful start to our spring semester, and we are gearing up for an exciting semester.

Spring sports are underway. Our school soccer season will wrap up this month, and our Boys Basketball season is in full swing. We are looking forward to hosting our Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament January 23-26. Be on the lookout for more information if you are willing to donate items to our Tournament Hospitality Room.

We are five weeks away from our **9th Annual School Auction!** The auction committee has been working hard to make this event an exciting one. Please read through *The Cougar* for more information.

We will celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** January 26 through February 2. Each year, we support Catholic Charities by donating bed sheets, blankets, pillows, shower curtains, rugs and gift cards. If you are willing to donate any of these items, please drop them off to the front office by **Tuesday, January 28**.

Reminder that we will not have school on **Monday, January 20** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.
Principal



Upcoming Important Dates

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

January 26-February 2: Catholic Schools Week

January 26: All School Mass—mass uniform required

January 30-February 14: Re-Enrollment Period

February 2: Used Uniform Sale in the Cafeteria

February 3: All School Mass—mass uniform required

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

March 3-7: Mardi Gras Break—**No School**

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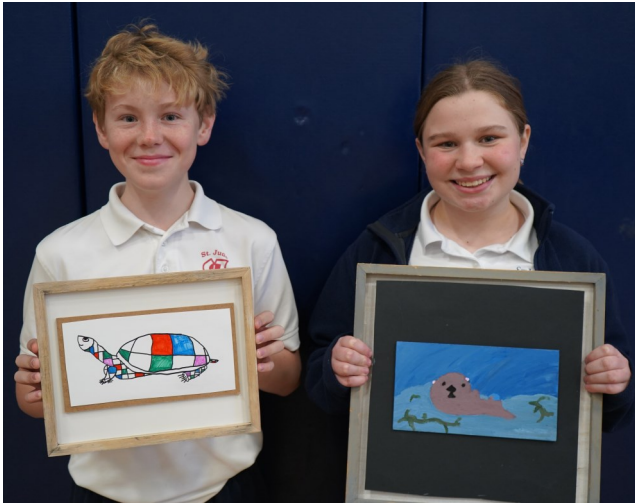


Home and School Association

USED UNIFORMS: The next Used Uniform Sale is February 2nd from 9am-12pm in the cafeteria. 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.

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Thank you to our 2nd grade families for providing teachers' lounge snacks this month!

Bluebonnet Swamp Art Spectacular



St. Jude School is thrilled to announce that seventh graders Jude B. and Emma L. will have their artwork showcased at the Bluebonnet Swamp Art Spectacular, running from January 17 through February 23. Don't miss the chance to see their artwork on display!

Josephine Bahlinger Award Finalists



Congratulations to eighth graders Leela B. and Belle C. on being selected as finalists for St. Joseph's Academy's Josephine Bahlinger Award!

This merit-based award is named in honor of St. Joseph's Academy's first graduate, Josephine Bahlinger, Class of 1877. This award is given to five incoming freshmen based on the following criteria:

- Outstanding academic performance in elementary school
- A history of standardized test scores in the 90th percentile
- Service to school and/or community
- Exemplary conduct record
- Active participation in co-curricular activities
- Award essay
- Personal interview

Leela and Belle will be recognized at a breakfast on Friday, January 17. We are so proud of the both of you!

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Church News



St. Jude Church is in the process of starting a new Youth Ministry for our 7th - 8th graders! If you are interested in volunteering to help with our new youth ministry please contact **Matt Conine** in the church office at 225-766-2431 or email mattc@stjudecatholic.org

St. Jude is excited to announce a Women's Retreat scheduled for Saturday February 1st. The retreat will be between 9am -1pm, lunch included. Please come 30 minutes early for refreshments and sign in.

Cost is \$20.00

Please sign up [here](#)

Along with the retreat, the Catholic Daughters will host a blanket drive. Please bring any new or slightly used blankets to be distributed to the poor and homebound.

Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

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

- **5th Grade:** Harper Andermann
- **6th Grade:** Emily Walters
- **7th Grade:** Nolan Pizer and Sylvie Vincent



St. Jude Girl Scouts Present
the SJS Annual

Best Guy Dance

Fathers, Brothers, Uncles, Grandfathers or anyone with a special girl is welcome to join us for a semi-formal evening of fun, dancing, and more!

FEBRUARY 1, 2025
7:00pm-9:00pm
St. Jude Gym

****Light snacks and drinks provided****

Admission \$32 per Family
Click here to purchase

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL AUCTION 2025



We are 37 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 and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram!](#)



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.

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!](#)

Tuition Raffle!



We're thrilled to introduce one of our raffle items for this year: a **Tuition Raffle** offering a chance to win tuition **for ONE student** for the 2025-2026 school year!

- Tickets are \$100 each.
- Only 300 tickets will be sold, giving you fantastic odds to win!
- You do not need to purchase an auction ticket in order to participate in the raffle.

Purchase your raffle tickets [here!](#) Enter as many times as you'd like, and don't miss this exciting opportunity to win big while supporting our school!

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



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Thank you to **Schneider Paper Products** and the Destin Pizer family, **Goodwood Consulting** and the Ryan Thibodeaux family, and **Gallagher** and the Jeremy Powers and Butler Bourgeois families for serving as silver sponsors for this year's auction!



Thank you to **Bryson Agnew** and **Jarrod Brown** with **Benchmark Builders** and their families for serving as a silver sponsor this year!



PRO PAINTERS LA



Thank you to **Telich Custom Homes** and the Michael Telich and **Pro Painters LA** and the Michael Malek families for serving as a silver sponsor this year!



Thank you to **Lake Promotions** and the Kelley Handford family and **Pigtails & Crewcuts** and the Scott Mabry family for serving as bronze sponsors this year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK **JAN. 27 - 31**

Weekend masses Jan 25/26: Students are encouraged to wear school uniforms to any mass and receive a special blessing.

THIS WEEK ST. JUDE CELEBRATES...

**MON
27**

OUR FAITH

* Faculty and students will celebrate our faith with a school wide mass at 8:30 AM.

**TUES
28**

OUR SCHOOL

- * Spirit Dress Day! Spirit shirt or SJS winter/spring sports jersey with uniform bottoms.
- * Families are asked to support Catholic Charities by donating sheets, blankets, pillows, shower curtains, rugs and gift cards.

**WED
29**

OUR NATION & FAMILIES

- * Patriotic Dress Day! Red, White, Blue or patriotic shirt with uniform bottoms.
- * Student Advisory Council will attend Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools Week Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.

**THURS
30**

OUR STUDENTS

- * Free Dress Day!
- * Grades 1-8 receive a No Homework Coupon
- * Grades PreK & K receive an Extra Recess (Homework Coupon to be used at a later date)

NO HOMEWORK! NO ASSESSMENTS ON FRIDAY!

**FRI
31**

GOD'S CREATURES

- * Animal Free Dress Day! Dress like your favorite animal or wear any animal print.
- * Bring your PET through MORNING carpool for a special treat.