



THE COUGAR

Snow Week Edition



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner



Dear St. Jude families -

SO much SNOW! I hope you all enjoyed the historic snowfall Baton Rouge experienced on January 21. Thank to everyone who has shared their snow day pictures with us in our [Snow Day Photo Album](#).

Don't forget that this weekend begins **Catholic Schools Week**. We will have an **all-school mass on Monday, January 27th**—mass uniform required and no sweatpants. We are accepting sheets, blankets, pillows, shower curtains, rugs and/or gift card donations to Catholic Charities—these are due by Tuesday, January 28th. Please refer to our Catholic Schools Week flyer for information on the rest of the week.

We are **three weeks away** from our 9th annual auction! Get your boogie shoes ready and [purchase your tickets](#) today.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning!

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



Upcoming Important Dates

- January 26-February 2:** Catholic Schools Week
- January 27:** All School Mass—mass uniform required
- January 30-February 7:** 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

MOTHER SETON AWARD: It is time to nominate and select our Mother Seton Award recipient! This is awarded to our top H&S volunteer. Recipients of the Mother Seton Award are honored for exemplary volunteerism and dedication to their Home and School, Church, and Parish. Please use the [our nomination form](#) to submit your nominations **by Friday, January 31, 2025**.

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.

2025 Distinguished Graduate



St. Jude School is thrilled to announce Class of 2002 graduate Claudia Poche Frantz as our 2025 Distinguished Graduate!

Claudia was selected for her long-standing commitment to our community, church parish and school. After graduating from LSU in 2010, Claudia went into teaching in the Diocese of Baton Rouge for many years. Now, she dedicates her time to our school by serving as a room parent, Home and School Association Hospitality Chair, Auction Committee member and sponsor, as well as past Women of St. Jude co-chair through our church. She also gives her time and energy to Maddie's Footprints in the Greater Baton Rouge area. As Claudia has said, "giving back through my time and talents has truly been one of the greatest blessings of my life."

Claudia is married to Steve Frantz, and they have two children, Sawyer (1st) and Sadie (PK) who attend St. Jude. Claudia will be honored with the other Diocesan of Baton Rouge recipients at a dinner on January 27th during Catholic Schools Week. Congratulations to Claudia and to the Frantz family!

Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

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

- 3rd Grade:** Eva Bourgeois
- 5th Grade:** John David Moses
- 6th Grade:** Abigail Clardy and Carolyn Douglas



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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



The snow couldn't stop our Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament from happening this weekend! Thank you to everyone who has helped put this event on and to everyone who came out Friday night for opening night where all three of our teams won their first game!



SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL AUCTION 2025



We are 21 days away from our 9th annual St. Jude School Auction, presented by **Assured Flooring and Countertops!** Come join the fun on Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 pm!

Visit <https://auctria.events/stjudeauction> to purchase your tickets and don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram!](#)

Assured

FLOORING | COUNTERTOPS

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! This does not cover the enrollment fee, security fee, technology fee, and building use fee.

- 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 **Frantz-Gibson** and the Frantz family for serving as a Gold Sponsor at this year's auction!



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UROLOGY**
AT BATON ROUGE GENERAL

Ayme Schmeeckle, MD

Thank you to **Merrill Lynch** and the Bevinetto family and **Premier Urology** and the Ayme Schmeeckle family for serving as silver sponsors for this year's auction!



Thank you to **McKnight Landscape Architects** and the Goad family for serving as a bronze sponsor for this year's auction!



9th Annual St. Jude
School Auction
presented by Assured
Flooring and
Countertops

February 15, 2025 from
7:00-11:00 p.m. in the
St. Jude Activity Center

Be sure to check out our [Auction website](#) to see new silent auction items being uploaded every day!

Buy Tickets

Buy Raffle Tickets

View Silent Auction Items

Become a Sponsor

Donate

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.