



# THE COUGAR



## Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner

Dear St. Jude families -

I hope you all had a wonderful Mardi Gras break. We are in full swing for the spring! As we are approaching the start of the fourth nine weeks on Monday, we have a lot of different events going on as we prepare for the end of the year. This newsletter is full of information for the rest of the year as well as the **St. Jude Fair**—please read this newsletter fully.

Let's have a great rest of the year!

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

## Upcoming Important Dates

- March 14:** 3rd Nine Weeks Ends
- March 17:** Beta Club Fundraiser; 1st Grade Level Mass and Retreat
- March 19 and 20:** 8th Grade at Youth Legislature
- March 24:** Homeroom Picture Day
- March 31:** Intramural Basketball Photo Day
- March 31:** Last Day to wear Sweatpants for the 2024-2025 School Year
- March 31 - April 3:** Color Wars Week
- April 3:** Spring Pep Rally
- April 4:** NO SCHOOL—St. Jude Fair
- April 4-6:** St. Jude Fair
- April 10:** Spring Band and Choir Concert
- April 11:** Living Stations of the Cross
- April 14:** All School Mass—**Mass Uniform Required**
- April 15-17:** Terra Nova Testing for grades 3rd-8th

## St. Jude Fair

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Read all about it! An **updated** fair facts is included at the end of The Cougar as well as our **Band Line Up**—Be sure to check it out!

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## Home and School Association



Class Pictures will be taken on **Monday, March 24**. Students may not wear sweat-pants on this day!

These photos are a great keepsake for you and your student to have for years to come! You may pre-order your student's classroom photo [here](#).

**NEW this year!** Proof of each class photo will be emailed out in April with a final opportunity to purchase your student(s)'s class photo(s). More details to come!

## 2025 St. Jude Golf Classic

Our **2025 St. Jude Golf Classic** date has been set! We are looking forward to hosting another fun day at Santa Maria Golf Course on Friday, September 12. If anyone is interested in joining the Golf Classic Planning Committee, please email Jason at [sjscougarbc@gmail.com](mailto:sjscougarbc@gmail.com).



## Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

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

- 2nd Grade:** Joseph Malek
- 3rd Grade:** Olivia Cisneros
- 5th Grade:** Giada Broggi, Elise Wilks, Kimlyn Orgeron, and Susan Barbato
- 6th Grade:** Nathan Waggenspack
- 7th Grade:** Bennett Mendler
- 8th Grade:** Stella Richmond



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## Church News



Vacation Bible School is June 2-6!  
**Registration will be closing on March 21.** Register your student [here!](#)

We are still in need of **Adult Volunteers** to help us put on this event! If you are available to volunteer, please register [here](#).

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Matt Conine at [mattc@stjudecatholic.org](mailto:mattc@stjudecatholic.org)



The 2025 St. Jude Men's Club Lenten Fish Fry is coming soon! Every Friday from March 7 to April 11 (excluding April 4 due to the St. Jude Parish Fair) shortly after 5 p.m., the Men's Club will have the option of fried catfish or fried shrimp with fries, salad and a roll. Meals cost \$10, and you may eat in or drive thru. Hope to see you all there!

Court Regina Coeli #2063 proudly celebrates 54 years as Catholic Daughters of the Americas in the St. Jude community. We are Catholic women working together for a more meaningful, spirit-filled life for ourselves, our families, and our parish community through acts of service and charity. Learn how we exemplify our motto "Unity and Charity" in our parish community, local community, as well as nationally and internationally. This fraternal Catholic women's organization invites Catholic women, 18 years or older, to join us on March 30, 2025 to learn about our organization. You are cordially invited to a *Springtime Tea* from 2 PM to 3:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We would love for more women to become members of our court. To RSVP or for more information contact Regent Loretta Britt 225 250-2370 or at [Loretta.Britt@outlook.com](mailto:Loretta.Britt@outlook.com).



St. Jude Beta Club

# St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser FOR THE MCLINDON FOUNDATION

## 17 MARCH

Wear your green and bring \$1.



**MCLINDON  
FAMILY  
FOUNDATION**

The McLindon Family Foundation's mission is to provide adaptive bikes to children with special needs.

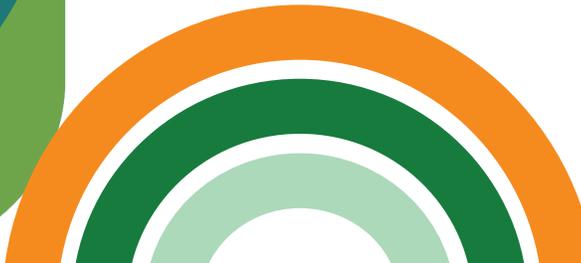
We serve children with disabilities such as but not limited to cerebral palsy, spina bifida, traumatic brain injury, down syndrome, genetic disorders, etc.



An adaptive bike is not covered by insurance and has an average cost of \$3500.

**THESE  
BIKES  
CHANGE  
LIVES**

Our children gain **STRENGTH**, build **CONFIDENCE**, but most importantly improve **INCLUSION** because they are now able to ride with family and friends. Additionally, the bikes improve the child's mental health, sleep, and motivates the child to get outdoors to increase physical activity.



# *Your Gallery Is Ready!*

## 2024-2025 School Year Portraits

Dear Parents,

You should have received links to view and order your child's portraits for the school year. If you can't locate the emails, please check your spam folder. We recommend adding [Contact@barberitophotographers.com](mailto:Contact@barberitophotographers.com) to your contacts to ensure you receive future emails. These are the school programs you should have received links for:

*\*School Day \* Sports*

If you're still unable to find your child's link, please reach out directly to Barberito Photographers at [contact@barberitophotographers.com](mailto:contact@barberitophotographers.com) or call their office at 504-455-6818. When contacting Barberito, kindly include your child's first and last name, grade, teacher, and school. This will help them efficiently locate your child's link and send it directly to you.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to Barberito Photographers directly.

Thank you!



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2024-2025

**YEARBOOK**

GET YOURS NOW



# 2025 FAIR FACTS



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**UNLIMITED RIDES SESSION \$21.00**  
GOOD FOR 4 HOURS OF UNLIMITED RIDES



**WEEKEND MEGA PASS BAND \$76.00**  
GOOD FOR DURATION OF FAIR (FRI-SUN)  
SOLD UNTIL 5PM ON FRIDAY APRIL 4TH  
NOT SOLD DURING FAIR WEEKEND

SCAN HERE



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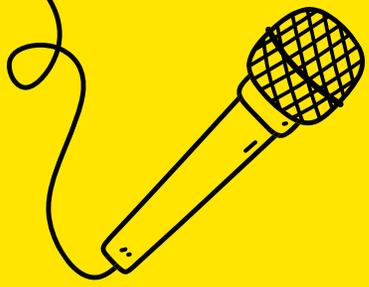
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# LIVE MUSIC

## APRIL 4 - 6



**FRIDAY**  
**5:30-6:30**

**STASH HOUSE**



**SATURDAY**  
**7:00-10:00**

**CATEGORY 6**



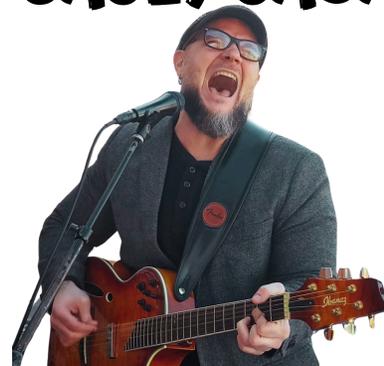
**FRIDAY**  
**7:00-10:00**

**THE CHASE TYLER BAND**



**SUNDAY**  
**10:30-12**

**CASEY SABA**



**SATURDAY**  
**1:00-4:00**

**RYAN FORET &  
FORET TRADITION**



**SUNDAY**  
**1:00-4:00**

**AFTER 8**



# SJS Cheerleading Tryout Packet 2025-2026

Dear Parents and Students,

We are so excited that you are considering trying out to be a part of our 2025-2026 SJS cheerleading squad. Our goal is to support and encourage our sports teams to do their best while also developing our own skills at practice. In addition to being involved with multiple sports, we also have the privilege to support our school's academic and service organizations. Please read carefully through the following information: it explains all the commitments and regulations for participating in cheerleading tryouts, as well as expectations of cheerleaders at SJS throughout the remainder of the school year.

The **final page** needs to be printed and filled out completely by the student and parent. The form is due back to school no later than **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**. Please return all forms to Mrs. Peggy in the front office, or Mrs. Andermann upstairs in the middle school building.

All prospective cheerleaders will receive an invitation to become part of a Cheer Tryout google classroom and videos of the tryout material will be posted on **Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, by 5:00pm**. We will have three days of clinics to review the material and go over tryout procedures.

**Tuesday, March 25th - 3:10-4:00 & Wednesday, March 26th - 3:10-4:00 & Thursday, March 27th - 3:10-4:30**

On **Thursday, March 27th**, there will be a short meeting for all prospective cheerleader parents in the **Cafeteria OR Music Room** at **4:00pm**. Please make arrangements for at least one parent to attend. Someone will let you in the building when it is time for the meeting. We ask that you remain outside until that time.

**CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS ARE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>**

Tryouts will begin at 3:30 pm and will end around 5:00/5:30pm. **Tryouts and tryout clinics are closed to spectators. No Exceptions.** Girls are asked to wear comfortable sporty clothing with tennis shoes to the clinics. For tryouts, participants should wear dark colored shorts (black, navy) and a red shirt (preferably their Cougar Pride t-shirt) with tennis shoes.

**If your daughter makes the squad, we have a mandatory fitting on Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am.**

## **Requirements to consider when trying out for cheerleading:**

- There is a financial obligation involved with cheerleading. We rent our uniforms from St. Jude athletics and will buy two camp outfits, shoes, bloomers, hair bows, body liners, socks, pompoms, bags, and a few miscellaneous items throughout the year. For new cheerleaders the total is around \$600.00.
- We will attend UCA Summer Camp. **Camp is June 4-6, 2025**. Every cheerleader is expected to attend camp.
- We will practice 1 or 2 times per week and cheer at games from September- March/April. There will be weeks where we will cheer on multiple nights. While we encourage and allow cheerleaders to play other sports, we ask that you do your best to keep cheerleading as a high priority.

If you have questions about the tryout process, please let me know. I look forward to working with you all.

GEAUX COUGARS!!

Lauren Andermann

Questions to: [Landermann@stjudebr.org](mailto:Landermann@stjudebr.org)

# Just the Facts...

**Participating Students:** CURRENT 5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> Grade female students

**Tryout Clinic:**

Material Posted: Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> by 5:00pm via Google Classroom

**Clinic Dates:** Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> (ends at 4:00pm)

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> (ends at 4:00pm)

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (ends at 4:30pm – PARENT MEETING AT 4:00pm)

**Tryouts:** Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @3:30pm (**Tryouts are closed to spectators. No Exceptions**)

**Fittings:** Wednesday, April 9th @ **11:45am**

**Camp:** June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (ALL DAY)

**School Year Practices:**

Tuesdays (September – March) 3:15-4:30 (could change week to week)

**Cost and Commitments:**

\*Please note that all amounts are approximate\*

**Uniform Rental/Cheerleading Fee:** \$100.00

**Camp:** \$250.00

**Other attire/accessories and practice clothes:** \$300.00 This includes practice/camp clothes, shoes, pom poms, body liner, bags, bows, and a few items during the year. Returning cheerleaders will only need to purchase practice/camp clothes and any item that they need to replace. Everyone will need a new body liner this year.

There will be an option to purchase a sweatshirt for an additional cost. Please know that I am constantly working to get these costs down. I understand this is a large financial commitment.

**Academic Eligibility:**

All cheerleaders must maintain a “B” average in conduct.

All cheerleaders must maintain a GPA of 2.25 or higher.

No “F” should be earned on any report card.

Academic Eligibility is monitored by Mrs. Andermann & the administration.



# St. Jude Cheerleader Application

Please PRINT, complete, & return this page (THIS PAGE ONLY) to school no later than  
**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Emails (Please PRINT this information):

\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a St. Jude Cheerleader?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Agreement:

I have read and understand all the requirements and commitments to become a St. Jude cheerleader. I am aware that my commitment is not optional, and I will be required to participate in all the events and practices throughout the 2025-2026 school year. I understand this is a try out process and will support the school and other students trying out regardless of my placement or non-placement on the squad. I understand if I do not meet the academic eligibility criteria, I will be placed on athletic probation.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_