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Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner



Dear St. Jude Parents,

We are excited to welcome you to our **Open House and Teacher Meet and Greet this Sunday, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, tour the campus, and learn more about the upcoming school year.

Please carefully review the following important details:

- **Parent-Only Event:** This is a **parent-only** event. We kindly ask that students do not attend, as the time is set aside for meaningful conversations between parents and faculty.
- **New Format This Year:** Instead of our traditional gathering in the gym, I will be sharing a **welcome video**, which will be **emailed to all families on Sunday morning**. Upon arrival, parents should go **directly to their child's classroom**.
- **Cougar Pride Fair:** Informational tables will be located **throughout the campus**, showcasing volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved at St. Jude. Don't forget to tour the updated **locker rooms** in the **St. Jude Activity Center** and the **Language and Literacy Annex**.
- **Meet Our Staff:** All teachers, teaching assistants, and administrative staff will be present to greet you, answer questions, and provide classroom-specific information.
- **Terra Nova Test Results:** For families with students in **grades 4–8, Spring 2025 Terra Nova test results** will be available for pick-up in your child's homeroom during the event.

We look forward to connecting with you and starting the year strong together. Thank you for being an important part of the St. Jude community!

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

August 14, 2025

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Important Upcoming Dates

August 15: All School Mass for Grades 1st - 8th - **Mass Uniform required for girls; boys may wear shorts**

August 16: St. Jude Church Ministry Dinner in the Activity Center

August 17: St. Jude School Open House at 1:00 p.m.

August 18: 2025-2026 Yearbook Picture Day

August 23: 2025 Fall Sports Picture Day (Cheerleaders, Tennis, Girls Basketball, Swim, 3rd and 4th Grade Football, 5th and 6th Grade Football and Cross Country)

August 25: Give Back Night at Brew-Bachers on Bluebonnet from 3-9 pm

August 29: College Colors Day - wear your favorite college shirt/colors and accessories with uniform bottoms

September 1: Labor Day Holiday - No School

September 5: Cougar Pride Fridays begin (SJS spirit shirts or in-season sports jersey/warm-up shirt with uniform bottoms)

September 12: St. Jude Golf Classic at Santa Maria Golf Course



Counseling Services Available on Campus

Logan McIlwain is happy to be back at St. Jude this year! Individual counseling sessions will be available for all students, scheduled before school, during study hall, or enrichment.

- When: Twice a month, starting Friday, August 29
- Cost: \$65 for a 30-minute session
- To Sign Up: Email Logan@loganlcsw.com

Coming Soon: Our new Parenting Workshop Series begins in September—details to follow!



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St. Jude Golf Classic



[Registration is now open](#) for the 2025 St. Jude Golf Classic! Please click on the link to register your team online.

Sponsorships are still available to purchase! If you would like to serve as a sponsor in this year's Golf Classic, please view our sponsorship package at the end of The Cougar to see what is available and contact Jason Young or Adrienne Vaughn at sjscougarbc@gmail.com.

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Home and School Association

VOLUNTEER: Please make sure to fill out the [Time and Talent Form](#) to make selections for your student's parties/events for the year, sign up to be room parent, and sign up for your child's Fun Run T-shirt! **All volunteers must be [child protected](#).**

BEAUTIFICATION: Thank you to **Abby Legendre** with the Beautification Committee for all of the adorable and welcoming Back to School decorations! Special thanks to **Hilary Trahan and Ladd Legendre** for the activity center window mural and lighthouse! We appreciate all you do to keep our school looking amazing!

CAFETERIA: Our cafeteria staff needs volunteers throughout the school year to help serve lunch! Please visit our [St. Jude the Apostle School: Cafeteria Volunteers](#) Sign-Up Genius to volunteer either for a half shift or a full shift!

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Thank you to all of you who organized or contributed to the Welcome Back breakfast this morning for our teachers and staff. Everyone enjoyed it and were so thankful!

USED UNIFORM: Thank you to **Ginny Anderson, Cat Heard, Kristy Gary, Tiffany Prather, Stephanie Horvath, Brittany Martin, Kayla Leggett, Emily Rogers, Kate Cook, Amanda Marshall, and Ashely Territo** for volunteering their time for the Used Uniform sale in July. We appreciate everyone who donated items as well. The sale was a huge success! Stay tuned for details on the winter sale scheduled for February 1, 2026.



COUGAR FAN GEAR: Visit our [Cougar Fan Gear Store](#) for all your adult spirit wear needs as well as student spirit shirts, water bottles and more! The ordering cut-off for this round is August 19th.

FLEECES: St. Jude navy fleeces are now available all year long at Classic Image Uniforms. You may call them at (225)929-8989, visit them at 120 Staring Lane or you can order online, enter cougars for the password.

<https://www.classicimageuniforms.com/GroupLogin>

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2026 Auction Save the Date

Our St. Jude School Auction Committee would like to thank everyone for making our 2025 school auction a huge success! Over \$95,000 will go towards upgrading and renovating our Music and Art Classrooms - our school cannot thank you enough!

Our auction committee is excited to announce the 2026 school auction date and theme!



3, 2, 1 ... BLAST OFF! Our auction is going **Out of this World!**

Join us for a stellar night of bidding, fun and cosmic vibes. Suit up, show up, and get ready to go supernova for a great cause!

If you would like to join our committee or donate anything to our event or silent auction, please email Melissa Dean at mdean@stjudebr.org

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MORNING CARPOOL REMINDERS



- ⚠ Car lines begin moving at **7:25 am**.
- ⚠ Car lines will file in the parking lot from **RIGHT to LEFT** (the church side of the lot to the gym side of the lot).
- ⚠ When it is time for your line to move, follow the duty teacher or car in front of you through the black gates.
- ⚠ Duty teachers will signal where to stop for your child to exit the vehicle.
- ⚠ Children should be **UNBUCKLED, READY to open the door** and exit the vehicle with **ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS** (backpack, lunch box, water bottle).
- ⚠ Children **exit the vehicle** on the **PASSENGER SIDE**.
- ⚠ **Parents should NOT exit the vehicle.** Duty teachers and student volunteers are stationed along the carpool drop off line to assist any child needing help.
- ⚠ After exiting the vehicle, students **PROCEED INSIDE** to their classroom.

Thank you for making St. Jude carpool **SAFE** and **EFFICIENT**!



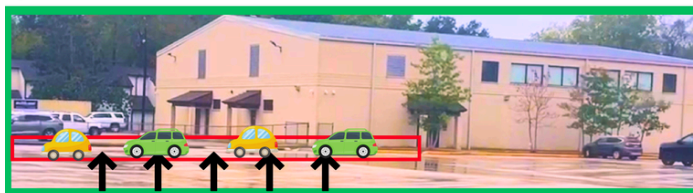
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AFTERNOON CARPOOL REMINDERS

- ⚠ Car lines begin moving at **2:50 pm**. Afternoon carpool is **TYPICALLY over between 3:12 - 3:15 pm**.
- ⚠ **CARPOOL TAGS MUST BE VISIBLE** for Mrs. Andermann.
- ⚠ Car lines will file in the parking lot from **RIGHT to LEFT**.
- ⚠ When forming lines, please **PULL UP CLOSE** to the car in front of you. **Cars should be VERY CLOSE together** both bumper to bumper and side by side.
- ⚠ Mrs. Andermann will walk up and down each row **CALLING STUDENT LAST NAMES** over the intercom and assigning each car a cone #.
- ⚠ When it is time for your line to move, **PROCEED TO THE ASSIGNED CONE #** to pick up your child.
- ⚠ Students enter the car on the **PASSENGER SIDE ONLY**. If your child needs help buckling, **DO NOT STOP** and hold up the line. Pull up and proceed to the designated **"Carpool Buckle Area"** (see photo).
- ⚠ If your **child is NOT waiting** at the assigned cone, the last name will be called again. Pull up and proceed to the designated **"Carpool Waiting Area"** (see photo).

CARPOOL BUCKLE AREA

Parking spots along the gym fence from side gym doors to the gym lot driveway. This area is found within the red box below. **PARALLEL** park in an available space to assist with buckling your child.



CARPOOL WAITING AREA

Parking spots along the gym from the black gate to the side gym doors. This area is found within the red box below. Pull into an available spot and wait for your child to meet you.





ALTAR SERVER APPLICATION

Interested in being an Altar Server?

We are looking for more altar servers and training is coming up soon! The Altar Server Ministry is open to any boy or girl in the parish who has completed their First Eucharist and who is in the 3th grade or beyond. The next training sessions will be on Wednesday, September 10th at 4:00 pm. New servers are required to attend.

*****PARENT PERMISSION/COMMITMENT LETTER*****

Please return this form to either: Deacon James Morrissey, St. Jude Parish Office
Mrs. Meghan Moses, St. Jude School

DEADLINE TO RETURN THIS FORM IS Friday, September 5, 2025.

NEW ALTAR SERVER APPLICATION

NAME: _____
(Last) (First)

ADDRESS: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____

PHONE: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

All schedules are sent by Email!

Dear Fr. Trey,

My son/daughter has my permission to be an altar server for St. Jude the Apostle Church. I will help my child appreciate the importance and dignity of this ministry, and I will help my child honor his/her commitment of service to our Church family by making sure he/she is at Mass on his/her scheduled day and time.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Please indicate the Masses according to your 1st and/or 2nd preference for serving:

___ Sat., 4:00 p.m. ___ Sun., 8:00 a.m. ___ 9:30 a.m. ___ 11:00 a.m.

I am also a Liturgical Minister. Please "link" my child with me so we may serve at the same liturgies. (Please know that this will mean you and your child may serve less frequently)

___ Yes, link as family ___ No, do not link as family

*****Important**

Every child must attend a training session. The session will begin at 4:00 pm and will last about an hour. You may drop off your child and come back at 4:45 to pick them up and receive additional parent information.



GOLF CLASSIC

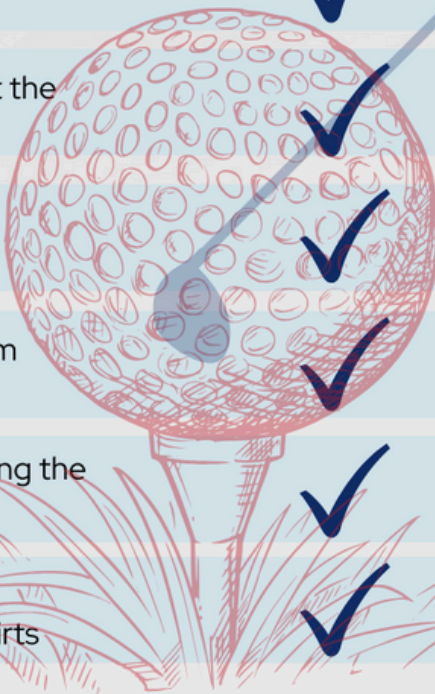
Friday, September 12 | Santa Maria Golf Course

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Benefiting St. Jude School
Athletics Program



	Title Sponsor (\$5,000)	Flag Sponsor (\$1,500)	Champ Sponsor (\$1,000)	Fan of Champ (\$500)
Social Media: Recognition on St. Jude's social media platforms reaching over 2,000 people.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor may provide promotional material/business cards for over 150 ditty bags	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor name/ logo printed on hole sign	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor name/ logo printed on sign at the driving range/putting green	✓	✓	✓	
Complimentary Foursome	✓	✓		
Sponsor name/logo printed on Custom Tournament Pin Flag	✓	✓		
Sponsor may set up company tent along the golf course for promotional purposes	✓			
Company sign at the St. Jude Football field and company logo on over 150 shirts	✓			



Sports Enthusiast Sponsor (\$4,000):

- Title sponsorship of the St. Jude Middle School Basketball Tournament
- Company sign at the St. Jude Football field
- Complimentary Foursome
- 19th Hole Sponsor
- Sponsor logo on pin flag
- Sponsor logo on hole sign
- Social Media Recognition



Bag Sponsor (\$1,500):

- Sponsor logo printed on 150 bags
- Sponsor logo on hole sign
- Complimentary Foursome
- Social Media Recognition



Golf Cart Sponsor (\$1,250):

- Sponsor logo on golf cart placard
- Complimentary Foursome
- Sponsor logo on hole sign
- Social Media Recognition

Hole Sign (\$150):

- Sponsor logo on hole sign



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