



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner



Dear St. Jude Parents/Guardians,

Tomorrow is an exciting day for our school community as we host our annual **St. Jude Golf Classic at Santa Maria Golf Course**. This even would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and the incredible dedication of our parent volunteer committee. A heartfelt thank you goes out to: **Adrienne Vaughn, Jason Young, Kyle Bordelon, Jess Schmeeckle, Will Harris, David Smith, and Melissa Dean**. We are truly grateful for the hard work you have put in to make this another successful event.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our school families and church parishioners for your support of our recent **Brew-Bachers Give Back Night** on August 25. Because of your participation, Brew-Bachers presented us with a check for over **\$1,200!** We are so blessed to have a community that shows up time and time again to support our school.



As always, thank you for your partnership in making St. Jude a place where faith, academics, and community thrive.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.Ed.

September 11, 2025

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

September 15: School Picture Retake Day

September 16: All School Mass for students in grades Kindergarten-8th Grade
- Mass uniform required

September 19: 8th Grade Kick Off

September 27: Mini Cheer Camp for Girls in Grades 1st-4th

October 1-5: Varsity Girls Basketball Tournament

October 2: Book Fair Kick Off/Storybook Character Day

October 17, 20, and 21: No Bus Service

October 22: Parent/Teacher Conference Day for grades PK-2nd

- **No School for students in these grades**

October 23-26: Developmental Girls Basketball Tournament

October 31: Fun Run



We Are Hiring!



St. Jude
the Apostle School

**We're
Hiring!**

**Teacher
Assistant**

**We are looking for
a dedicated and
hard working
individual
who loves children!**

**Please submit
your resume to
mgardiner@stjudebr.org**

Now Hiring!

St. Jude School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic 3rd Grade Teacher Assistant to join our team. If you or someone you know is passionate about supporting students and contributing to a positive learning environment, we'd love to hear from you!

Please visit <https://stjudebr.org/about-us/job-opportunities/> to access the application and email your application along with your resume to Principal Mrs. Michelle Gardiner at mgardiner@stjudebr.org.



Reminder!

Anyone wishing to volunteer at St. Jude School in ANY CAPACITY (i.e. coaches, chaperone for a class party or field trip, any Home & School committee) **must** fulfill the requirements mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Diocese of Baton Rouge through their **Child Protection Program**. The paperwork can be found at the end of The Cougar.



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Home and School Association

FUN RUN: The 2025 10th Annual Fun Run Kick Off is quickly approaching, and we are so excited about what's to come this year! The kick off will be on Monday, September 15th. A Fun Run packet will be sent home on kick-off day with all pertinent information concerning the Fun Run. Also, be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities for all things Fun Run; these opportunities will contribute to grade point totals as they did last year! **As a reminder, you must be child protected in order to volunteer.** If there are any questions, please email us at stjudebrfunrun@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY: Welcoming New Cougar Siblings! The Hospitality Committee is excited to celebrate families welcoming new babies this year. If your family is expecting, please email Cpochefrantz@gmail.com with your baby's due date.

CAFETERIA: Lunchroom volunteers are needed! **As a reminder, you must be child protected in order to volunteer.** Please use this link to sign up.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/8050944ADA628A4F94-lunchroom/121779514>

Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club

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

- **7th Grade:** Charleigh Crochet and Addison Ammons



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Spirit Store

Order Spirit Shirts and Adult Fan Gear here!!

Winter ordering period: November 4-11th

Spring ordering period: February 9-17h

Show Your Cougar Spirit!

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The home of St. Jude School fleece jackets!

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SJS Home and School Store

Purchase SJS car decals, temporary tattoos, face glitter, key chains, stickers, earrings and hair bows!

Visit the store here!

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St. Jude Church Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #2063 is sponsoring a "Gift & Bake Sale" on **Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 12 after all masses until 1 p.m. in the St. Jude Parish Hall.**

Items being sold are GREAT DESSERTS and unique HANDMADE GIFTS such as tooth fairy pillows, soft cover books, Crayon rolls, receiving blankets, burp pads, bibs, character pillowcases for children, LSU items, embroidered towels, bowl cozies, wreaths, and other such gift items too numerous to mention. Tickets will be available for a handmade Christmas "stable" for \$1 per chance, with the drawing on October 12 at 12:30 p.m. Need not be present to win.

This year besides cash and checks we are also accepting Venmo.

This is a relaxed convenient way of shopping for your purchases of all holiday and birthday gifts, and it will help the Catholic Daughters in its many endeavors.

Come Experience



FALL COFFEE ON KLEINERT

September 11, 18, 25

For 8th grade parents
8-10 a.m.

Register at visitsja.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY



MIDDLE SCHOOL RED & WHITE NIGHTS

For 6th-8th grade girls
September 23: Volleyball
5 p.m.: Meet & Greet with Players and Coaches
6 p.m.: Varsity match vs. St. Thomas More



Registration and details at visitsja.org.

Details to come for Red & White Night events for soccer and basketball.

OPEN HOUSE

October 16

3:30-7 p.m.

For 6th, 7th and 8th grade families
Reserve your tour time at visitsja.org
beginning September 8.

October 11: Swimming
CCSL League Meet, Crawfish
Aquatics, 8-10 a.m.
Meet & Greet with Swimmers and
Coaches, Watch the Meet and Enjoy
Snacks.



FINANCES AND FOOD

October 9: Learning Lunch 12-1 p.m.

November 5: Evening Event 6-7 p.m.

Parents are invited to join us to
learn more about tuition and
financial opportunities at SJA.
Register at visitsja.org.



SPEND THE DAY AT SJA

For 8th grade girls
What better way to learn all
about us than to spend the day
on our campus?

See visitsja.org for dates
and details.

For more information,
contact the Admissions
Team of Meredith
Smith and Victoria
Hudson '09 at
admissions@sjabr.org
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Dear St. Jude families –

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has adopted *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Anyone who wants to volunteer in any capacity at St. Jude the Apostle School must be in compliance with this policy. ALL requirements must be met in order to volunteer for the following: room parent, athletic coach, field trip chaperone, cafeteria volunteer, event volunteer, etc.

You only have to complete the Child Protection process once.

Requirements:

- All who are interested in volunteering at St. Jude School must contact our Child Protection Coordinator Lori Layman at llayman@stjudebr.org to complete the pre-check process for child protection.
- You will then be given a special code and directed to the CAPS website at <https://diobr.safeenvironment.org> where you will create a new user account as a volunteer for St. Jude School and complete the *Serving Vulnerable Populations and the Diocesan Code of Ethics*.
- You must complete a background check at IdentoGO, located on Siegen Lane.
- You must complete the Declaration form.
- You must provide a copy of your Driver's License or Government issued ID.

Requirements must be met at least two weeks prior to volunteering. Please submit the last two documents to the attention of our Child Protection Coordinator Lori Layman. You may reach her at llayman@stjudebr.org if you have any questions regarding this process.

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Fingerprint Service Code Form

St. Jude the Apostle School -USE ONLY

Service Name: Louisiana Adam Walsh Act Applicant

To Schedule your ten-minute fingerprint appointment, simply visit
<https://uenroll.identogo.com> and enter the following Service Code

27KB62

*Service Code is unique to your hiring/licensing agency. **Do not use this code for another purpose.***

When prompted, please enter the following:

ORI (Originating Agency Number) : LAAWA2003

Please bring one of the identification documents from the list below to your enrollment appointment. Identification must be valid, not expired, and contain a photograph of the applicant.

- Driver's License issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S.
- Driver's License PERMIT issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S.
- Driver's License PAPER/TEMPORARY issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S.
- Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)
- Commercial Driver's License issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S.
- Commercial Driver's License PERMIT issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S.
- ID card issued by a federal, state, or local government agency or by a Territory of the United States
- Enhanced Tribal Identification Card (for federally recognized U.S. tribes)
- Department of Defense Common Access Card
- Uniformed Services Identification Card (Form DD-1172-2)
- U.S. Military Identification Card
- U.S. Coastguard Merchant Mariner Card
- Military Dependent's Identification Card
- U.S. Passport
- Foreign passport
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Employment Authorization Card/Document (I-766) that contains a photograph
- Canadian Driver's License
- Foreign Driver's License (Mexico and Canada Only)
- U.S. Visa issued by the U.S. Department of Consular Affairs for travel to or within, or residence within, the United States



Don't have access to the Internet? You can still schedule an appointment by calling 844-539-5543.

Name of Applicant (Please Print Clearly)_____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)_____

Declarations

The **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** appreciates your willingness to share your faith, gifts and skills. Providing safe and secure programs for our members is of utmost importance to us. The information gathered in this application is designed to help us provide the highest quality Catholic programs for the people of our community. **Please read and initial each of the statements below.**

_____ * I declare that all statements contained in this application are true and that any misrepresentation or omission is cause for rejection of my application or dismissal from my ministry involvement.

_____ * I hereby authorize the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** to conduct a personal and professional background check for the purposes of my application at the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge**. The **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** may contact any references, past and current employers, church, youth organizations or agencies where volunteer service has been completed, and any individual or organization which might be relevant to my desired position. I hereby release all of the above stated persons from any and all liability for damages that might occur during the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge's** contact with the individuals for purposes of employment or volunteer services.

_____ * I also hereby give complete permission for the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** to conduct a criminal background check, arrest records check, abuse registry check, and driving record check for the purposes of my employment or volunteer services.

_____ * I understand that a criminal background check will be conducted prior to and during my service. I authorize investigations of all statements contained in the application.

_____ * I agree to observe all of the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** guidelines and policies for the program in which I am applying.

_____ * I understand that the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** has a ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ABUSE and takes all allegations of abuse seriously. I further understand that the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** cooperates fully with the authorities to investigate all cases of alleged abuse. Abuse of minors or vulnerable adults is grounds for immediate dismissal and possible criminal charges.

_____ * I understand that I can withdraw from the application process at any time.

_____ * I understand and agree that false statements and/or omissions regarding past conduct and/or present situations may be grounds for denial of the application to provide employment and/or volunteer services and that refusal to inform the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge** of the contents of a sealed criminal record will result in the automatic denial of the application.

_____ * I understand and agree that information may be obtained from sources that I provided above and that this information will be held confidentially by the **Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge**. I have also read and understand the above stated information within this release and am signing below of my own free will.

_____ * My signature indicates that I have read and understand the above. **Do not sign until you have read and initialed the above statements.**

*Applicant Signature_____ *Date: ____/____/____

Selected Sites

Please indicate the city and the name of the parishes/schools with which you would like this application to be registered. At least one should be entered.

*City Where Parish is Located	*Name of Parish/School



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Time: 9AM-1PM**

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