



THE COUGAR



Greetings from Mrs. Gardiner



Dear St. Jude Parents/Guardians,

We are so proud of our school community and the great honor of being recognized as a **2025 National Blue Ribbon School**, one of only two private schools in the state of Louisiana to receive this prestigious distinction. This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our students, families, faculty, and staff. It also reflects our commitment to living out our school's motto of Faith, Academics, and Excellence in all that we do.

As we continue striving for growth and improvement, we invite you to participate in the LUMEN Accreditation Survey for Parents and Guardians. This survey takes approximately 5 minutes and is a key part of our ongoing self-assessment and strategic planning process.

Your feedback helps us:

- Celebrate what we're doing well
- Identify opportunities for growth
- Shape our yearly Continuous Improvement Plan
- Guide the development of our 5-Year Strategic Plan

We value your input and sincerely hope every family takes a few moments to share their voice. Please complete the survey by Friday, October 24 using the link [here](#).

If you have any questions or need help accessing the survey, feel free to contact our school office.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a vital part of our Blue Ribbon school community.

One in Christ,
Michelle Gardiner, M.ED.

October 9, 2025

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Important Upcoming Dates

October 17, 20, and 21: No Bus Service

October 17: Pre-K's 50th Day of School

October 22: Parent/Teacher Conference Day for grades PK-2nd - **No School for students in grades PK - 2nd**

October 23-26: Developmental Girls Basketball Tournament (Grades 3rd-4th)

October 28: St. Jude Feast Day and Mass at 8:15 a.m.

October 28: Junior Beta Club Induction following Mass

October 30: Fall Pep Rally at 1:45 p.m.

October 31: Fun Run and Class Halloween Parties

November 4: All Saints Day Mass at 8:15 a.m. - Mass uniform required

November 10-14: Beta Club Food Drive

November 20: Grandparents Day - Parent Performance at 1:00 p.m.

November 21: Grandparents/Special Friends Day Performance at 9:00 a.m. **Students are dismissed at the conclusion of the performance. No after-school extension on this date**

New FACTS Family Portal Feature

A new feature is now available in your FACTS Family Portal:

- In the **left menu bar**, under the **Student** tab, you will see a new option called **Portfolio**
- Your student's Portfolio contains copies of his or her personal records that the school uses for applications and enrollment
- The **Report Card** option also allows you to view past years' report cards at your convenience.



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: Great job St. Jude friends! This year's fun run competition is heating up! Thank you to all of those who have donated to Fun Run so far! Keep up the hard work and let's make our 10th year the best year yet! We still have time for donations! Get out there and help your grade get to the top!

Congratulations to the first two winners of our drawings! Get yourself entered to win! You can donate using the packet or by visiting our [Auctria site](#).

Don't forget to check your grade's progress in the cafeteria! Parents, look out for a SignUp Genius in the coming weeks for volunteer opportunities. These volunteer opportunities will earn points for your child(ren)'s grade—thank you for all of your help!



Women of St. Jude Ministry presents

PUMPKIN PAINTING

Sunday, October 19
after 9:30 am Mass
on the deck

Bring your own
pumpkin and we will
provide the rest!

No RSVP
required!
We hope to see
you there!



Champ's corner

Classic Images

The home of St. Jude School fleece jackets!

Enter "cougars" as the code

[Order your fleece here!](#)

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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Grandparents' Day 2025 Costumes

[Please abide by Out of Uniform Guidelines found HERE](#)

Solid shirts should be LOGO FREE

Band/Choir

Band: SJS Band Shirt with Jeans

Choir: SJS Choir Shirts with Jeans

Pre-K:

1950s Attire: dress up attire from the 50th day of school, poodle skirts, jeans with white button down, etc.

FRONT ROW ONLY: red shirt, red or denim pants, feather accessories, school to provide tail feather

*****Parents of Front Row students will be contacted via email*****

Kindergarten:

1990s Country Attire: white t-shirt, dark bottoms (no leggings), denim overalls, flannel shirts, boots

1st Grade:

Yellow/Rainy Day Attire: yellow shirt, jeans/denim skirt/yellow dress; **ALL** to wear yellow rain jacket or poncho (affordable options [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) and [HERE](#))

2nd Grade:

1970s Flower Power Attire: flower tops, bowling shirts, bellbottoms, etc.

3rd Grade:

1970s Peace & Love/Hippie Attire: tie-dye shirts, denim jeans/bellbottoms, leather vest, etc.

4th Grade:

Classic 1960s/Jackie-O Era Attire: simple dresses, scarves, glasses, gloves, button-down shirts with ties & suspenders, pants, hats such as fedoras, newsboy caps, golf caps, etc.

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5th Grade:

Orange/Black/Tiger Print Attire: orange or tiger-print shirts, jeans or black pants (no leggings), tiger accessories

6th Grade:

1980s/1990s Attire: dress in bright colors or patterns, think *Saved by the Bell*, high socks, scrunchies, oversized clothing, etc.

7th Grade:

1970s Disco Attire: sparkle/sequin dresses, shirts, pants, vests, etc.

8th Grade:

2000s Juicy Couture Tracksuit Attire: monochromatic sweatpants and sweatshirt; **BOYS** to wear black, grey or white, **GIRLS** to wear pink, purple, light orange, light blue (think *Cheetah Girls* color palette);

NO HOODIES

*****8th Grade Actors must refer to Mrs. Chatelain's costume list*****

Questions? Email Mrs. Cook
kcook@stjudebr.org

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**Come
Experience**



ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

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.

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.

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

FALL COFFEE ON KLEINERT

September 11, 18, 25

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

Register at visitsja.org.

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
or (225) 388-2243.

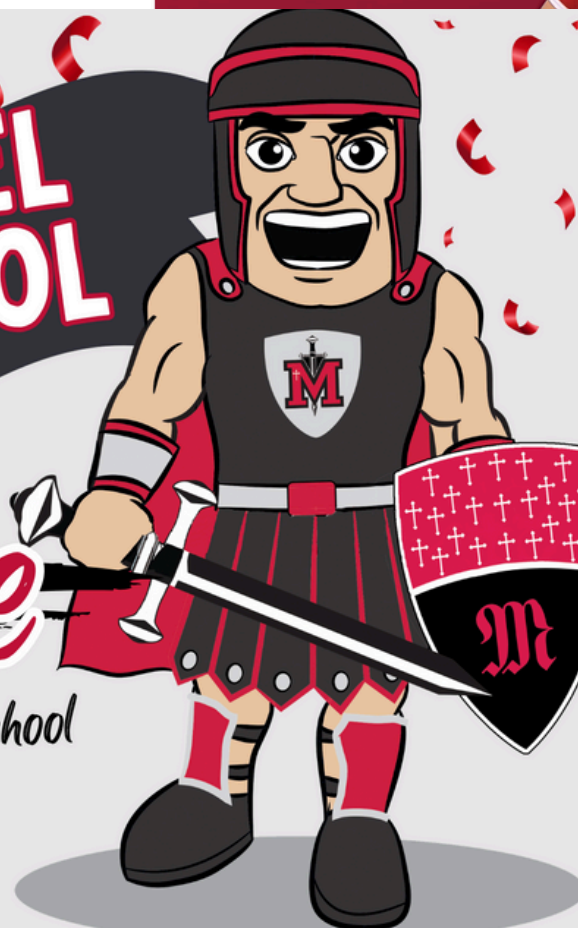


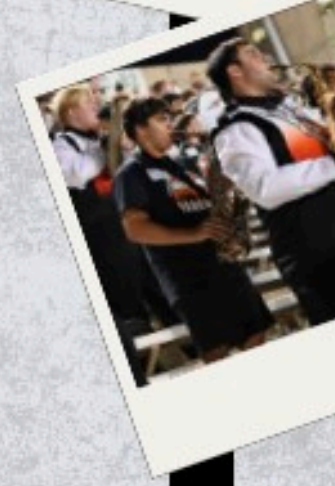
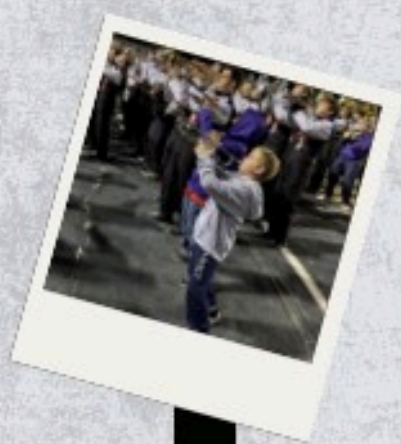
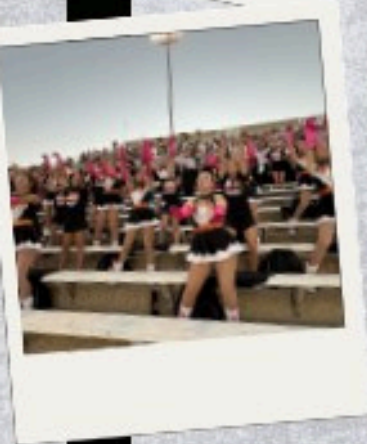
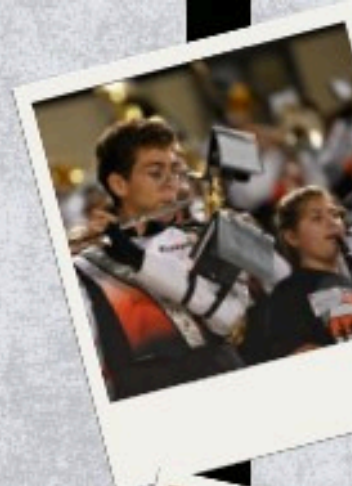
ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL

Open House

Experience the Spirit of St. Michael High School
Register Now at www.smhsbr.org

OCTOBER 22, 2025 4:00-7:00PM





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4:30PM NIGHT

OCTOBER 24TH

MEMORIAL STADIUM