



Dear St. Jude Parents/Guardians,

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, November 14th** using the links below:

Program Effectiveness:

<https://lumenaccreditation.org/surveys/379564bf-2478-4428-bf3a-0764e67a36b4?year=2>

Defining Characteristics:

<https://lumenaccreditation.org/surveys/5326a0b9-aec3-4426-97b0-09803eadf556?year=2>

If you have any questions or need help with 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.

Important Upcoming Dates

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 8:45 a.m. Students are dismissed at the conclusion of the performance. No after-school extension on this date

November 24-28: Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 1-5: Santa Land

December 5: Christmas Sweater Day - wear your best Christmas sweater or shirt with uniform bottoms!

December 12: Grinch Day - dress up as a Who or the Grinch himself!

December 19: Polar Express Day - wear your PJs for the coziest day of the year!

Roaring
through the
Decades

ST. JUDE SCHOOL
GRANDPARENTS DAY

NOVEMBER 21, 2025



November 6, 2025

Sweater Weather

With cold weather finally approaching, this is a reminder about our school approved outerwear

CLOTHING ITEM	COLOR	STYLE	GRADE	COMMENTS
Cardigan	Solid Navy	Button-up front style	PK-8	SJS logo
Fleece	Navy	Full zip fleece	PK-8	Purchased through Classic Image Uniforms
Wind Jacket	Solid Navy	Full zip, no hoods, no colored stripes, etc.	PK-8	SJS logo Purchased only at uniform stores
Cap	Navy with Grey	SJS logo	PK-8	Purchased through Inka's

These outerwear options may be layered for extremely inclement weather. If a student removes their sweatshirt, the shirt worn underneath **MUST** be a uniform shirt (i.e. Spirit Shirt on Fridays, school polo or Peter Pan collared shirt for elementary girl students)

Sweatpants

- School sweatpants are navy with the SJS logo and may be purchased through Inka's.
- They may be worn from November 1 through March 31.
- Sweatpants are not permitted on Mass days.

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Identified Stewardship Giver Status for 2026-2027 School Year

In order to qualify for the **Identified Stewardship Giver (ISG) admission bracket and corresponding lower tuition rate** for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic year, you must have met the minimum identifiable amount of \$300.00 given through the Church offertory collection using the envelopes or through the online giving portal. Contributions must be made between January 1, 2025, and December 20, 2025 to count towards the 2026-2027 school year.

A Catholic family, whether in-parish or out of parish, is defined as "a family in which one or both head(s) of the household are baptized Catholic or registered in a church parish." A Catholic in-parish family (in other words, members of St. Jude parish) is defined as "a family in which one or both head(s) of the household are baptized Catholic and registered in St. Jude Parish, by way of our Parish Census Process."

A non-Catholic family is defined as "a family in which neither of the heads of household are a baptized Catholic." Please note that a non-Catholic family cannot register as a member of St. Jude Parish. Also note that a non-Catholic family cannot request to have their child baptized simply in order to be eligible for the Catholic, in-parish rate.

If a Catholic family residing in the geographical boundaries of a church parish other than St. Jude wishes to register in our parish, they must receive a letter of permission from the pastor of the parish in which they do reside geographically.

If you have any questions about your contribution amount for 2025, please contact **Mindy Coogan in the Church office** at 225-766-2431 or by email at mindyc@stjudecatholic.org.

Thank You from our Fun Run Committee

Thank you to our entire school community for your generous support of the **10th Annual St. Jude Fun Run!** The fundraising campaign was a success because of your efforts. The students enjoyed a fun day of music, games, dancing, and treats. Congratulations to our class competition winners: **1st place – Kindergarten, 2nd place – 8th grade, and 3rd place – 4th grade.** Special thanks to our amazing **DJ Jason Merchant** who spun some amazing tunes and entertained with a spectacular light show and to our emcee, **Alison Nesbit**, who always brings the fun with her fabulous costumes and high energy. The event wouldn't be possible without our **Fun Run committee**. Thank you to **Monica Broggi, Meredith Davis, Rose Dedon, Aimee Garig, Rachel Lanius, Brittany Martin, Claudia Frantz, Stephanie Powers, Anna Richard, Alyse Richards, and Cindi Sanders.**

Here are the photo albums from the day! [PK and Kindergarten 1st and 2nd Grades 3rd and 4th Grades 5th and 6th Grades 7th and 8th Grades](#)

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Home and School Association

SANTA LAND: The Christmas season is quickly approaching! Every year, our students are given the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for family & friends! Santa Land is coming to SJS Monday, December 1st - Friday, December 5th. Please consider volunteering your time to help make this fun holiday event a success. It is great fun for the kids and adults alike. As always, thank you for your support! Please click our Signup Genius [link](#) to volunteer.

Santa Land Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:05 - 8:45	7A	7B	8A	8B	6th-8th Revisit
8:45 - 9:30	PKA	5A	5B	PKB	PK, K, 5th Revisit
9:30 - 10:15	6B	3B	3A	1A	1st-4th Revisit
10:15 - 11:00	4A	4B			
11:00 - 11:45	6A	KA	KB	KC	
11:45 - 12:30	PKC	1B	2A	2B	

Accelerated Reader 100 Points Club



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

5th Grade: Audrey Buttross, Caroline Owens and Josh Evans

8th Grade: Lily Herrmann

May I have your **ATTENTION** please!

The Cougar Fan Gear Store is now open for all your winter sport needs!

ITEMS WILL ARRIVE IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

CLICK HERE TO ORDER

DEADLINE TO ORDER: NOVEMBER 12

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Catholic High School Math Tournament

Our 7th and 8th Grade Math Counts teams competed in the Catholic High School Math Tournament on October 30.

Molly Luke got Honorable Mention in the Pre-Algebra individual test

Samuel Landry received 8th place in the Algebra individual test

St. Jude also placed second in the Algebra team test; members were **Samuel Landry, Bennett Mendler, Bennett Evans and Mason Riddle**



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2026 Auction is going Out of this World!

3, 2, 1 ... BLAST OFF! We officially launched our 10th annual St. Jude School Auction on November 3. We are OVER THE MOON to officially announce **Assured Flooring & Countertops** as our Presenting Sponsor for this year's auction!



“As a locally owned and operated business, we take pride in offering our community tailored services and a creative vision. Our commitment to delivering top-tier client experiences and attaining excellence in every project sets us apart. Whether it’s residential or commercial ventures, we provide comprehensive solutions that exceed expectations.”

Truly thankful for this generosity from Assured Flooring & Countertops! They are an SJS Family with Estelle (6th) and Rowan (3rd), and we are so grateful to have their support.

Grab your space gear and buckle up everyone because this auction will truly be OUT OF THIS WORLD! Stay tuned for more information to come!

St. Jude Beta **FOOD DRIVE**

MONDAY, NOV. 10 – FRIDAY, NOV. 14 , 2025

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings received through the goodness of God. Once again, St. Jude BETA Club will sponsor a food drive to benefit the St. Jude Parish Food Pantry in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like to participate, please see the chart below which lists requested food items by grade.

If you have more than one child in school, you may choose to send one item from the list or one item for each child. Donations will be collected in your child's homeroom.

At the conclusion of the food drive, the items will be brought to the St. Jude Food Pantry where the baskets will be assembled just in time for Thanksgiving.

GRADE	FOOD ITEM
Pre-K:	Canned Beans & Canned Corn
Kindergarten:	Oatmeal or Grits
1st Grade:	Boxed Mac and Cheese
2nd Grade:	Canned Tuna, Chicken, & Spam
3rd Grade:	Small Bags of Rice or Pasta

GRADE	FOOD ITEM
4th Grade:	Canned Beans
5th Grade:	Canned Tomato Products
6th Grade:	Canned Soups & Broth
7th Grade:	Canned Fruit
8th Grade:	Canned Vegetables