



The Cougar



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St. Jude the Apostle School, as a Catholic faith community, recognizes the need to create a family environment which will lead to the formation of a well-rounded individual. Through its philosophy, the school hopes to instill in each child an understanding of his/her relationship with Christ, thus enabling him/her to think, judge and act in a Christ-like manner.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon., Nov. 14-Fri., Nov 18		Community Cougars Food Drive
Monday, November 14	8:45am	School Liturgy (5A)- Dress Uniforms
Tuesday, November 15		Turkey Dime Day
Tuesday, November 15	6:30pm	H&S Exec. Comm. Meeting
Friday, November 18	9:00am	Grandparents Day Prayer Service and Program
Saturday, November 19	8:00am	HS Placement Exam Prep Course (Optional for 8th Grade Only)
Monday, Nov. 21-Friday, Nov. 25		Thanksgiving Holidays 
Tuesday, Nov. 29-Friday, Dec 2		Santaland
Tuesday, November 30		Barberito Picture Day– Retakes and Fall Sports
Saturday, December 3		HS Placement Exam (8th Grade Only)



SCHOOL NEWS

GRANDPARENT’S DAY: Our 2011 Grandparent’s Day is scheduled for Friday, November 18 at 9am in the Activity Center. A prayer service will begin at 9 a.m. followed by student entertainment from all grade levels, classroom visitation, and grandparent/student photos. Our theme this year is “Life is a Highway”. As a reminder, grandparents or special person’s of students are invited to attend this terrific event. **Parents are ONLY invited to attend the dress rehearsal Thursday, Nov. 17th at 1:30pm** rather than the Friday performance in order to allow seating for our grandparent’s/special persons when they come to see our students.

Uniform requirements (listed by grade level) were sent home with the designated child of each family. Click [here](#) to see the form. Some children may have received additional requirements if they have been assigned a unique role in the performance. Please be sure your child wears their performance costume requirements to school on Friday, November 18. Unique roles will also need to bring their costumes for the rehearsal being held Thursday, November 17.

Permission slips were sent home this week reflecting students transportation & dismissal arrangements. Click [here](#) for another copy of the form– **due back on FRIDAY, NOV. 11**. Please note that after the performance, a child may leave school with the designated party **ONLY IF** the permission slip has been previously submitted. Normally, the program is over by 11am should the student not be leaving with a grandparent or special person.

EXTENSION REMINDER: There will be **NO AFTERNOON EXTENSION** on Friday, November 18th following the Grandparent’s Day program.

8th GRADE PARENTS: A letter was recently sent home to approve your child’s name on the diploma; please return to the office within the timeline stated in the letter. This letter will also have some very important deadlines you will need to review regarding the end of the year.

UNIFORM POLICY: As we begin to experience colder days, please refer to our uniform policy with regard to winter attire. Wind pants may be worn only during the months of December through February. Sweatshirts should be the red or navy St. Jude sweatshirt with the school logo. Also note that leggings are not allowed. Full length, footed opaque white or navy tights may be worn on cold weather days. Please refer to our [Handbook](#) for a full listing of uniform regulations.


COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, Nov 29**. E-mail sdriesse@stjudebr.org.

IOG TUITION STATUS: This year is coming to a close quickly. Now is the time to check your offertory amounts to make sure you are in compliance with Identified Offertory Giver Status. IOG status will be checked late December. Payments received after that will not be reflected in your re-registration packet. Payments after December 30th will be included in the next year and will not count towards 2012-2013 school year IOG status.

RE-REGISTRATION: Re-Registration paperwork will be sent home in January 25. The \$200 registration fee (per student) for the 2012-13 will be due February 1st, 2012. Having accurate enrollment projections as we begin planning for next year is critical, and our timeline will be strictly adhered to in all cases unless, due to hardship, a specific financial arrangement has been made with Mrs. Jakuback in advance.

ATTENDANCE: Please call or email the office (paymond@stjudebr.org) that your child will be absent or checked out early. Per the handbook: "homework should be picked up between 3:15-3:45pm. The student is responsible for making up all work missed upon returning to school. This includes make-up tests." Please communicate with your child's homeroom teacher regarding absences or check-in and check-outs. It is also a good idea to alert Ms. Peggy Aymond in the office regarding check-ins or check-outs. Absences, late check-in/early check-out are considered unexcused until a doctor's note is received.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: With Thanksgiving approaching, we are reminded of the many blessings received through the goodness of our God. On **Tuesday, November 15**, the Community Cougars will sponsor **Turkey Dime Day**. On this Tuesday, students are encouraged to bring dimes (or dollars!) to their homeroom class to help pay for the turkeys for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Thanksgiving dinners! Let's see if each homeroom class can have a successful collection this year! The Community Cougars will also sponsor a **Food Drive** to help the needy families in our parish. Letters have been sent home explaining the food drive that will take place from **Monday, November 14 – Thursday, November 17**, and is also included in this edition of the Cougar. The homeroom with the most food items collected will be treated to a special Thanksgiving treat! 

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CALENDAR & BUS SCHEDULE: We would like to remind all parents that our last day of school prior to the Christmas holiday is Friday, December 16. Unlike years past, this will be a **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**, and buses will run morning and afternoon. Christmas break is December 19-January 4. Our first day back to school will be Thursday, Jan. 5. Please note: **We will NOT have bus service on Thursday, Jan. 5 and Friday, Jan. 6.**

CONGRATUALIONS: We would like to congratulate the following St. Jude Alumni who achieved academic success at St. Michael High School for the first nine weeks of the 2011-2012 school year: Donald Berg, Jr. Second Honors, Sierra Bunch Second Honors, Blayton Cormier First Honors, Brittany Gosserand First Honors, Shelby Johnson First Honors, Emil Maciasz III Second Honors, Megan Olsen First Honors, Brennan Ostrom Second Honors, Michael Ostrom First Honors, Sean Polozola First Honors, Joseph Ragusa Principal's Honors, Paul Ragusa First Honors, Ross Reeder Second Honors, David Thibodeaux First Honors, Nicholas Williams Second Honors and Sarah Wilson First Honors.

SPECIAL THANKS: We would like to extend a big thanks to all the room mom's who worked so hard on the costumes for our inaugural All Saint's Day Mass. The students were a wonderful representation of their classroom saint, and we look forward to using the costumes for many liturgies to come!



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

DIRECTORIES: SJS Directories will be sent home through your child's book sack next week. If you'd like to order another directory, please contact Kristina Funes at kristilou8@aol.com.

SANTA LAND: Santa Land will be held Nov 29 - Dec 2! Santa Land is hosted by the Home and School Association as a service to your child. An outside company provides inexpensive gift items for students to purchase. The children come to the "store" in small groups to do their Christmas shopping for parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. The children *love* to be able to give gifts to their family that they picked out all by themselves! More information will come home with your child soon! Thanks.

WINTER USED UNIFORM SALE- The SJS Home and School Association will sponsor a Winter Uniform Sale on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 5-6pm (prior to the General H&S Meeting). We will sell items at reduced prices!! Only our H&S uniforms will be sold. Anyone interested in volunteering your time to help set up and/or work the please contact Brenda Janocik (372-2016).



ST. Jude Community Cougars &
St. Vincent de Paul Society

FOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 14 – Thursday, November 17

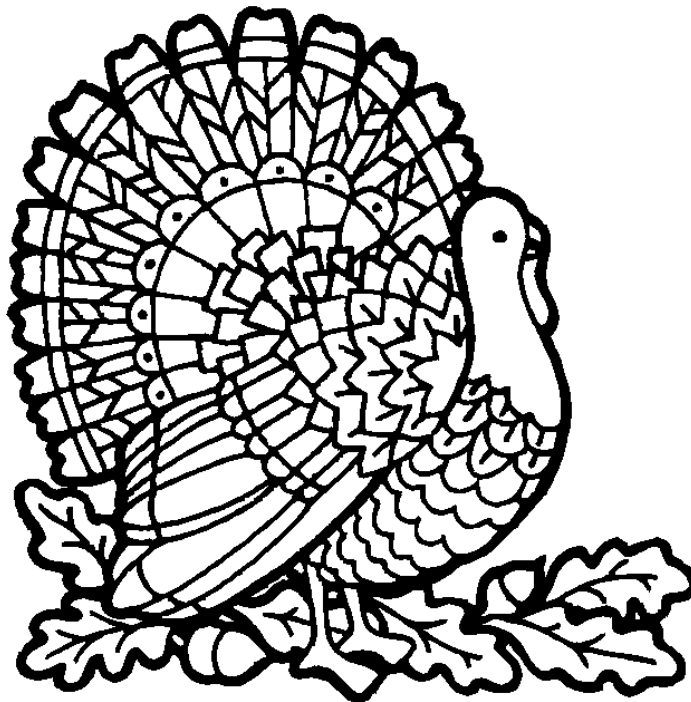
With Thanksgiving approaching, we are reminded of the many blessings received through the goodness of our God. At this time of year, the students of St. Jude School, in cooperation with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, sponsor a food drive to help the needy families in our parish. So much good is done through the efforts of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. These dedicated men and women strive to imitate the good works of their founder to better the lives of the less fortunate. The St. Jude Community Cougars, a service organization at our school, assists the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their efforts to provide food during the Thanksgiving holidays to families in the parish who request assistance. Participation in this program is optional for your family.

If you are able to send a food item, we have listed food items by grade that we are collecting. If you have more than one child in the school, please choose from the list just one item you would like to send. You are more than welcome to have each child participate by bringing an item if you choose. All food items are to be brought to the homeroom teacher where a representative from Community Cougars will pick them up. At the conclusion of the food drive, we will pack the items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They will distribute the food to the families in need.

	Food Items
Pre-K:	Cake or Brownie Mix
Kindergarten:	Boxed Cereal(Breakfast), Oatmeal or Grits
1 st Grade:	Boxed Dishes (Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, etc.)
2 nd Grade:	Canned Tuna, Spam, Vienna Sausage, etc.
3 rd Grade:	Rice, Spaghetti
4 th Grade:	Beans (dry or canned)
5 th Grade:	Canned Vegetables or Tomato Products (no glass jars, please!)
6 th Grade:	Soups (canned or dry mix)
7 th Grade:	Canned Fruit
8 th Grade:	Powdered Milk, Kool-Aid, Canned Juice, etc.

Turkey Dime Day

Tuesday, November 15



On Tuesday, November 15 Community Cougars will be collecting money to buy Thanksgiving Turkeys to add to the food drive baskets. Please send in your dimes (or dollars) on Tuesday.

Santaland 2011

Schedule of Class Visits

Tuesday-11/29

8:05 - 8:25 - 7A (Dawson)
8:30 - 9:30 - K2 (Cormier)
9:30 - 10:15 - 2A(Bone)
10:15 - 11:00 - PK 1(Driesse)
12:00 - 12:50 - 1A(Caverly)
12:50 - 1:35 - 3A(Brayden)
1:35 - 2:25 - 5A(Downing)

Thursday - 12/1

8:05 - 8:25 - 8A (Gautreaux)
9:30 - 10:15 - 2B(Oubre)
10:15 - 11:00 - 3B(Favaloro)
12:00 - 12:50 - 1B(Cushing)
12:50 - 1:35 - 4B(Johnson)
2:25 - 3:10 - 6A(Davis)

Wednesday 11/30

8:05 - 8:25 - 7B(Wilson)
8:45 - 9:45 - K1(Briggs)
10:15 - 11:00 - PK 2(Schmitt)
12:50 - 1:35 - 4A(Hidalgo)
1:35 - 2:25 - 5B(Hebert)
2:25 - 3:10 - 6B(Reech)

Friday -12/2

8:05 - 8:25 - 8B(Mestayer)
Revisits 8:45 - 9:15

Join us for a bonfire, smores, and Christmas decorating
At Fr. Trey's house
St. Jude Parish Youth Ministry
Monthly Sunday Evening Mass
And Evening of Fellowship



Sunday December 4
5:30 pm Mass (in Church)
Followed by Supper & Activity (at Fr. Trey's house)

The supper and activities following Mass are for YOUTH ONLY (in grades 5th through 12th). If you are currently in grades 5 through 12 and would like to attend the supper and activities, ***please RSVP by either calling the parish office at 766-2431 or sending an email to christieg@stjudecatholic.org by December 1.*** Also contact Christie if you would like to help with the mass!

Parents, please pick up your children at 8:30 pm at the rectory!



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