



# The Cougar

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*St. Jude the Apostle School, as a 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**

<b>February 1-5</b>		Catholic Schools Week
<b>Friday, February 5</b>	10am	Catholic Schools Week Mass (St. Thomas More)
<b>Friday, February 5</b>		8th Grade Graduation Fees Due (\$100)
<b>Friday, February 5</b>	2:30pm	Spirit Day/Pep Rally/\$1 Free Dress Fundraiser
<b>February 5-7</b>		CSAL Basketball Tournament
<b>Tuesday, February 9</b>	8:30am	6th Grade Reconciliation
<b>Wednesday, February 9</b>	1-3pm	Kindergarten Retreat (Parish Hall)
<b>February 15-16</b>		<b>Mardi Gras Holidays– SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 17</b>	9am	Parish Liturgy-Ash Wednesday- (Dress Uniforms)

## **SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION**

### CALENDAR UPDATES:

- ◆ Friday, March 19th– **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.** This will be a faculty & staff in-service day relating to SACS Accreditation.
- ◆ Class Pictures have been rescheduled from Friday, March 19th to Thursday, April 22nd.

**BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD AWARDS FOR 2010:** This program is sponsored by Neighbors Federal Credit Union, and is designed to recognize individuals who demonstrate a true concern for fellow human beings. The awards were presented during Catholic Schools Week Liturgy. This year’s SJS winners are: **Katie D** and **Adam L**, eighth grade; and **Carlos Bell** and **Michelle Foster**, faculty/staff. Please congratulate these winners when you see them.

**RECONCILIATION FOR SIXTH GRADE:** On **Tuesday, February 9**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.**, all sixth grade students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**RETREAT:** All kindergarten students will participate in an afternoon retreat on **Wednesday, February 10**. Please keep all of these students in your prayers in a special way during this week.

**CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY:** As St. Jude school continues to work on our preparation in SACS accreditation process we once again ask your assistance. On Monday, January 25 your designated child came home with a survey to be completed online. This survey is about our Catholic Identity here at St. Jude. The survey must be completed online by February 10. Your input is greatly appreciated as we work through this accreditation process.

**LIBRARY NEWS-** Stop by the library and check out our new-look reading area! A **HUGE** thank you goes out to Kaye Schiefelbein for her generous donation of the LSU rocking chair for our guest readers to enjoy when visiting to read to a class!! Both students and parents have been very excited about our new reading chairs!

**GROUNDS and MAINTENENCE-** Special thanks to Mrs. Susan Bean for her hard work in campus beautification! Mr. Ben Benoit of Eagle Lawn Service and Mr. Ryan Morris of the Green Mile also recently donated landscaping. Thanks for keeping our school looking fantastic!

**ESSAY WINNERS-** The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English class students recently participated in the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree essay contest titled, “*Why Should American Veterans Be Honored?*” Out of 217 essays from eight area schools, we had two winners from St. Jude School. Adam L’s essay received 1<sup>st</sup> place and Amanda S’s essay received 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

At a banquet in March, Adam and Amanda will be honored for their essays. Amanda will receive a plaque and a \$75 savings bond for her third place essay, and Adam will receive a plaque and a \$200 savings bond for his first place essay. Adam’s essay will be submitted to the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge for the diocesan contest. Congratulations!

**STUDENT OF THE YEAR CONTEST-** Congratulations goes to Elizabeth G in tying for second place in the Diocesan Student of the Year Contest! In related news, winning the contest on behalf of St. Joseph's Academy for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade age bracket is St. Jude Alumni Bonnie McL.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY-** The Military Child Education Coalition’s™ **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute**© is a professional development program for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. Dates are March 10-11 in Lafayette, LA. Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org> or contact Linda Neault or Lina Smith at 254-953-1923 for more information.

**2nd ANNUAL ST. JUDE COUGARS RACE FOR THE CURE TEAM-** All friends, family, faculty, and students are invited to join the Susan Komen 2010 Race for the Cure Run/Walk on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the LSU campus, Old Front Nine (Nicholson at Nicholson Extension). The 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K Walk/Run starts at 9:00 a.m.. Shirts and bib numbers for team participants will be distributed the week of the race through the school. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to show team spirit! Thank you for joining the fight against breast cancer. For more information contact Erika R -8A at [sjsraceforthecure2010@gmail.com](mailto:sjsraceforthecure2010@gmail.com) or you can register to our team at <http://www.komenbatonrouge.org/site49.php>. The name of our team is St. Jude Cougars.

## **HOME & SCHOOL NEWS**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS FOR WINTER UNIFORM SALE-** Sonya and I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make our winter sale a great success!! We could not have done it without you. Also, a child’s Leap Frog game was left at the sale. It will be in the school office. Thanks again!!! Lou Cangelosi & Sonya Morris

**CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS-** Please check your schedules to make sure you arrive to work cafeteria duty on your assigned week. If you are unable to work on your assigned day, please find a sub to work for you. Thank you!

**HOME & SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE-** If you are interested in becoming an Assistant/Chairman for one of our H&S committees, please contact Sheila Gordon @ 763-9303. We have openings available!

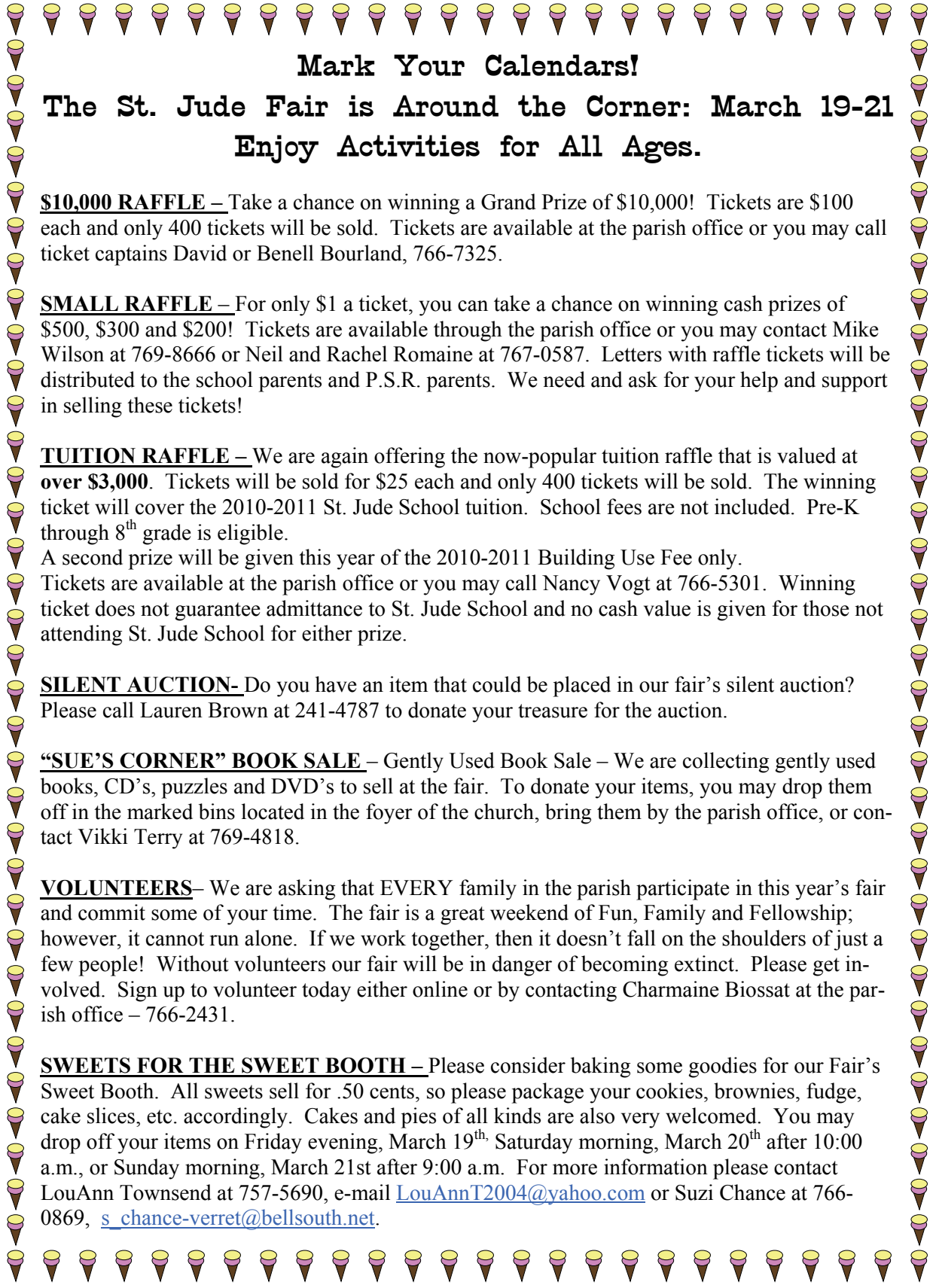
## **DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

**COMMUNITY COFFEE LABELS-** We recently turned in over 7,100 points to Community Coffee in the form of labels and UPC Codes which will equate to a cash prize awarded to our school! We thank everyone for all their donations. Please continue to clip, save, and send to school your community coffee labels as we begin our campaign for 2010.

**ALBERTSON’S COMMUNITY PARTNERS-** We have received a 3rd Quarter Contribution check from Albertson’s in the amount of \$314.25 which is representative of our supporter’s shopping from August thru October 2009. Thanks to everyone in our community who scan their St. Jude School Key Tag every time they check out at Albertson’s; this program is an important fundraising avenue! If you do not have a key tag, please call or e-mail Starr Driesse at [sdriesse@stjudebr.org](mailto:sdriesse@stjudebr.org) or 769-2344 and one will be sent home with your child.

### **COUGAR DEADLINE:**

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, February 16**. E-mail [sdriesse@stjudebr.org](mailto:sdriesse@stjudebr.org).



**Mark Your Calendars!**

**The St. Jude Fair is Around the Corner: March 19-21**  
**Enjoy Activities for All Ages.**

**\$10,000 RAFFLE** – Take a chance on winning a Grand Prize of \$10,000! Tickets are \$100 each and only 400 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at the parish office or you may call ticket captains David or Benell Bourland, 766-7325.

**SMALL RAFFLE** – For only \$1 a ticket, you can take a chance on winning cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200! Tickets are available through the parish office or you may contact Mike Wilson at 769-8666 or Neil and Rachel Romaine at 767-0587. Letters with raffle tickets will be distributed to the school parents and P.S.R. parents. We need and ask for your help and support in selling these tickets!

**TUITION RAFFLE** – We are again offering the now-popular tuition raffle that is valued at **over \$3,000**. Tickets will be sold for \$25 each and only 400 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will cover the 2010-2011 St. Jude School tuition. School fees are not included. Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible.

A second prize will be given this year of the 2010-2011 Building Use Fee only.

Tickets are available at the parish office or you may call Nancy Vogt at 766-5301. Winning ticket does not guarantee admittance to St. Jude School and no cash value is given for those not attending St. Jude School for either prize.

**SILENT AUCTION**– Do you have an item that could be placed in our fair’s silent auction? Please call Lauren Brown at 241-4787 to donate your treasure for the auction.

**“SUE’S CORNER” BOOK SALE** – Gently Used Book Sale – We are collecting gently used books, CD’s, puzzles and DVD’s to sell at the fair. To donate your items, you may drop them off in the marked bins located in the foyer of the church, bring them by the parish office, or contact Vikki Terry at 769-4818.

**VOLUNTEERS**– We are asking that EVERY family in the parish participate in this year’s fair and commit some of your time. The fair is a great weekend of Fun, Family and Fellowship; however, it cannot run alone. If we work together, then it doesn’t fall on the shoulders of just a few people! Without volunteers our fair will be in danger of becoming extinct. Please get involved. Sign up to volunteer today either online or by contacting Charmaine Biossat at the parish office – 766-2431.

**SWEETS FOR THE SWEET BOOTH** – Please consider baking some goodies for our Fair’s Sweet Booth. All sweets sell for .50 cents, so please package your cookies, brownies, fudge, cake slices, etc. accordingly. Cakes and pies of all kinds are also very welcomed. You may drop off your items on Friday evening, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday morning, March 20<sup>th</sup> after 10:00 a.m., or Sunday morning, March 21<sup>st</sup> after 9:00 a.m. For more information please contact LouAnn Townsend at 757-5690, e-mail [LouAnnT2004@yahoo.com](mailto:LouAnnT2004@yahoo.com) or Suzi Chance at 766-0869, [s\\_chance-verret@bellsouth.net](mailto:s_chance-verret@bellsouth.net).