



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

Tuesday, August 23	6:30 p.m.	H&S Exec. Comm. Mtg.
Friday, August 26		Gift Wrap Kick-Off
Monday, August 29	8:45a.m.	School Liturgy (8A) DRESS UNIFORMS
Thursday, September 1	7:45a.m.	Donuts and Devotion (8th Grade Only– St. John’s Room)
Monday, September 5		No School-Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 6	6:30pm	Advisory Council Mtg.
Wednesday, September 7	8.30a.m.	Individual Student Photos (Barberito)



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all of you as we begin our new school year. It is our pleasure to have your children with us each day. As we begin the new year, we will strive to live out the mission statement in all that we do each day. Our role as educators is superseded by you, parents, as the first and primary teacher of your children. As we begin this year we look forward to collaborating with you in working to provide your child with the best education possible.

We are off to a great start! As you may have noticed our Men’s Club has worked to help us keep carpool flowing smoothly in the morning. We really appreciate their help. Thank you for your assistance with the afternoon carpool. Please remember to remain behind the yellow gates until a faculty member signals for the start of carpool dismissal. Buses are running on time. Please be patient as we work with EBR to ensure that all routes run smoothly. Special requests must be approved by EBR Transportation. Our bus drivers have been very friendly and cooperative.

Please introduce yourself if you are new to St. Jude School. I hope to meet all of the new families soon. Also, please welcome our new staff members (listed on the next page); we are so blessed to have them as members of our school family.

Thank you to all of you for assisting us in a great start of the school year. Your children are your most precious gift and we are honored that you have entrusted them to our care.

Sincerely,

Karen Jakuback
Principal

COUGAR DEADLINE:

Submissions for the next issue of *The Cougar* are due by **Tuesday, August 30**. E-mail sdriesse@stjudebr.org.



SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION

WELCOME: Please join us in welcoming our new faculty and staff members: **Mrs. Tiffany Bowen**, Pre-K Aide; **Mrs. Mandy Cushing**, 1st Grade Teacher; **Mrs. Maureen Oubre**, 2nd Grade Teacher; **Mrs. Bridget Johnson**, 4th Grade Teacher.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: The 2011-2012 school calendar is available on the school’s website. Please click [here](#) to view. If you cannot access the Internet, please contact Peggy Aymond in the School Office at 769-2344 and she will send a copy of the calendar home with your child.

RELIGION NEWS: Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year. Each month the students will attend two school-wide liturgies. All parents are encouraged to join us for these liturgical celebrations. Each homeroom has an opportunity to facilitate one liturgy each year. The facilitating class participates in many active roles in the mass as well as taking part in planning the liturgy. These students write the introduction to the mass as well as the Prayers of the Faithful. The schedule for our school wide liturgies is below. Please make every effort to attend our school liturgies.

Facilitating Class	Date	Time
8A	August 29, 2011	8:45 AM
8B	September 12, 2011	8:45 AM
7A	September 26, 2011	8:45 AM
7B	October 3, 2011	8:45 AM
6A	October 17, 2011	8:45 AM
6B	November 1, 2011	9:00 AM
5A	November 14, 2011	8:45 AM
5B	December 8, 2011	9:00 AM
-----	December 16, 2011	8:45 AM
4A	January 23, 2012	8:45 AM
4B	January 30, 2012	8:45 AM
3A	February 6, 2012	8:45 AM
3B	February 13, 2012	8:45 AM
2A	March 12, 2012	8:45 AM
2B	March 26, 2012	8:45 AM
1A	April 16, 2012	8:45 AM
1B	April 30, 2012	8:45 AM
Faculty	May 25, 2012	8:45 AM

FOOD COLLECTION: St. Jude School has partnered with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul to collect canned goods and non-perishable items prior to each school Liturgy. Each student will place his or her donation in the food barrel on the way to Mass. These organizations would not be able to feed the thousands of hungry people in our area without our support and donations. Thank you all for making a difference!

EDLINE: Edline will be open and available for parents to check grades by August 24th. Account and sign-up information for new students will be sent home prior to that date.

ITEMS LEFT AT HOME: Parents, please note that students are not allowed to come to the school office to collect items (such as homework, tests, planners and conduct cards) left at home. Also, they are not allowed to call home to see if these items can be delivered. In addition, once school is dismissed, a student may not return to the building to retrieve an item that is left behind in his/her classroom.

ENVELOPES SENT TO SCHOOL: If you send an envelope to the school office, please include the following on the front: **your child's name, his/her teacher's name, and the activity to which the money is to be applied.** It is very important that all envelopes are clearly labeled so that checks are not misplaced. It would also be helpful to write on the check itself information as to where it should be applied.

CAFETERIA ANNOUNCEMENTS: The 2011-2012 Monthly Rate Schedule and online payment option is available on the cafeteria's webpage or by clicking [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS: Way to go SJS Cheerleading Squad for being selected Grand Champions in Cheer AND Extreme Dance Routine in large squad division. Eighth graders Allie Adler and Alexis Hart were selected as All American cheerleaders after small group try-outs at the camp. These girls were invited to perform with other All American UCA cheerleaders in the 2011 Thanksgiving Day Parade in Houston. After the Cougar Cheerleaders won superior ribbons at each daily evaluation at camp, the entire team also was invited to participate in the 2012 Capital One Bowl pre-game performance in Orlando, Florida on January 2nd, 2012. Great Job!



PERSONAL INFORMATION: Parents and guardians, if you have any changes to your personal information, such as address, phone (home, cell, or work), or e-mail address, please send it to school as it happens. We need the information for our school data base and also for our emergency call system. Please click [here](#) for the form and send it to lbonnecaze@stjudebr.org when complete.

HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS: (From Nurse Mickel) We are off to a healthy start this year. Thanks for your cooperation in returning the emergency health forms for each student. The medication forms (which can be downloaded from our web site) are very important in order for medicine to be administered at school. As I review immunization records for Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students, letters will be sent home for any that are not in compliance. Our staff is emphasizing frequent hand washing and all classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer. Please feel free to call me with any concerns or questions throughout the year. My office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CARPOOL MONITORS: A big thanks to members of the Men's Club who braved the heat and helped direct traffic for morning carpool during the first days of school. We also appreciate all 'veteran' parents who stepped in to help!

EPA ASBESTOS EMERGENCY PLAN: In compliance with the EPA's Asbestos Emergency Act, the plan is available in the school office for any parent who wishes to read it. Our school was found to have NO building materials containing asbestos.

E-COUGAR DISTRIBUTION LIST: Need to update your e-mail to receive *The Cougar*? Click [here](#). Remember friends and family are always welcome to sign up to receive this newsletter!



A MESSAGE FROM HOME & SCHOOL: On Behalf of the St. Jude Home and School Association, we wish all of you and your children a happy and successful 2011 – 2012 academic year. For those of you that are new to our school, our organization's purpose is to enhance the quality of campus life for our students and faculty. We strive to achieve our goals through direct service to the school as well as through fundraising. In turn, the funds that we raise are used to support both new and ongoing projects. We will hold three General Membership Meetings during the school year. The first was Open House which was a huge success. Our January 17th meeting will feature a guest speaker, and the last meeting of the year will be held May 1st (in conjunction with the band and honor choir concerts). At the final meeting, we will draw for 5 paid registration fees. In order to qualify, you must attend the General Meeting in January and have volunteered for a least two Home and School functions. The H&S webpage may be accessed through the St. Jude home page by clicking on 'for Parents' at the bottom of the St. Jude home page.

Visit the Home & School Association's webpage [here](#) for the latest information or download all forms related to H&S. Also, Home & School has an email address, homeandschool@stjudebr.org, where you may direct any questions. Your questions will be forwarded to the appropriate officer or committee chairperson. If you are interested in getting involved in H&S, please send an email to the above address.

A BIG THANK YOU: Newcomer Committee members Vanessa Clark and Jeanne Dyess for all their hard work on the coffee held August 5th. Much appreciation to parents that made phone calls to welcome our new families! Lisa Chustz and Jill Soileau along with their School Supply Committee delivered school supplies to all students who ordered through Innisbrook. Thank you for your time! Thanks also to Jackie Westerfield for selling book socks and ordering all of our new school apparel items!

EXTRA FORMS: Please visit the H&S page [here](#) for documents including room mom applications and school apparel forms. Cougar pride t-shirts for pep rally's found on the school apparel forms...be sure to order by September 3rd to secure delivery in time for the first pep rally on September 17! Remember that only the blue St. Jude coats and red fleeces will be allowed on campus as outer wear this year. Order early before the first cold snap!

DIRECTORY: We are getting the school Directory ready to go to press. Please email Kristina Funes Kristilou8@aol.com with any errors or omissions from last year. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Teachers in grades 5th - 8th have made the Oxford Dictionary/Thesaurus a requirement for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have not already purchased a copy, and would like to, there are extras for sale in the office. Please send a check made payable to Home and School for \$4.00 and place that in an envelope labeled Oxford Dictionary Order. Please reference your child's name and grade on the check and have your child's homeroom teacher send to the office. Thanks and have a great year! Lisa Chustz and Jill Solieau (school supply coordinators).

FIELD DAY ASSISTANT NEEDED: This is a two year commitment - one year as the assistant and one year as the chairperson. It is very rewarding to plan such a fun day for the students! Please contact the Field Day Chair, Kristen Dillman at kkdillman@yahoo.com or through the Home & School email at homeandschool@stjudebr.org.

INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP SALE DATES: Catalogs will go home with your designated child on Friday August 26th, and the sale will conclude September 16. Our goal is for each family to sell 10 items. There will be an ice cream party in October for the children of those families that sell 10 items or more. Please go to EZ order page at: www.innisbrook.com to register your child. You can invite family and friends out of town to shop via email. Our St. Jude School code is: **104328**. If you have any questions please contact Alysia Graves at 936-6070 or Helen Roy at 202-0727. Thank you for your support!



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

YEARBOOKS: The 2010-11 yearbooks arrived and have been delivered to students who purchased them last spring. There are a limited quantity left for purchase; if interested, please send a check for \$35 in an envelope marked "Yearbook".

FUNDRAISING OVERVIEW: We would like to thank everyone in advance for participating in all of our fundraising initiatives. We are excited to renew our community partnerships this year with Albertson's and Community Coffee and begin our second year in participation with Box Tops for Education!

- ❖ Key tag scan cards for Albertson's are available in the development office. They are pre-coded for St. Jude School, so anytime you shop at any Albertson's Supermarket and scan your tag at check-out, our school earns dollars! Specifically, 1% on each sale! Last year, we received **\$697.78** from this partnership! Please contact [Starr Driesse](#) to get a key tag.
- ❖ St. Jude School also works with Community Coffee in the Cash for Schools Program. We ask that you clip the UPC codes off of any Community Coffee Product and send them to school with your child. We mail all of our labels into Community Coffee and receive cash back. Last year we earned **\$431.30!**
- ❖ Finally, we began collecting Box Tops last year. It was a huge success! We earned **\$826.00!** Box tops can be found on hundreds of products from cereal to tissues to frozen pizza in almost every aisle of the grocery store. Simply clip and send them into school with your child in an envelope marked "Box Tops".

The money the school received from the above three fundraisers, combined with several corporate matching contributions, funded the remodel our front office underwent this summer. We sincerely thank each of you for your efforts moving forward in continuing to improve our school community!

Lunch Menu – August-2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
		Smacker Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Salad Cup Apple Wedges Whole Wheat Roll Milk Choice CHOICE STARTS NEXT WEEK **NO EXTRA SALES	Turkey & Gravy Steamed White Rice Sweet Potatoes Spinach Salad Cup Blushing Pears Whole Wheat Roll Milk Choice CHOICE STARTS NEXT WEEK **NO EXTRA SALES	Pizza Italian Vegetable Medley Caesar Salad Cup Strawberry Fruit Bar Whole Wheat Cookie Milk Choice CHOICE STARTS NEXT WEEK **NO EXTRA SALES
15	16	17	18	20
Red Beans w/ Sausage White Rice Steamed Cabbage Salad Cup Peaches Corn Bread Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Mandarin Chicken salad OR Pizza **NO EXTRA SALES	Hamburger on Bun French Fries (Baked) Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Cup Mayo/Mustard/Ketchup Red Grapes Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Chicken Caesar Salad or Baked Potato **NO EXTRA SALES	Soft Whole Wheat Taco Mexican Corn Taco Salad Cup Green Apple Wedges Yellow Cup Cake/Vanilla Icing Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Greek Tomato Salad or PoBoy **NO EXTRA SALES	Honey Citrus Chicken Lomein Noodles Steamed Broccoli Salad Cup Pineapple Mini Egg Roll Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Taco Salad or Hamburger **NO EXTRA SALES	Corn Dog Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Salad Cup Raisins Pomegranate Jell-O Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Turkey Waldorf Salad or Cheesy Breadsticks w/Marinara **NO EXTRA SALES
22	23	24	25	26
Chicken Tenders Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Salad Cup Orange Wheels Whole Wheat Roll Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Mandarin Chicken Salad or Pizza	Southwest Pie Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dressing Salad Cup Kick'n Corn Bread Dream Pie w/Fruit Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Chicken Caesar Salad or Baked Potato	Spaghetti w/meat Sauce Steamed Cauliflower Spinach Salad Cup Frozen Fruit Bar WW Garlic Breadsticks Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Greek Tomato Salad or PoBoy	Memphis BBQ on Bun Potato Wedges Confetti Cole Slaw Watermelon Whole Wheat Cookie Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Taco Salad or Hamburger	Whole Grain Beefy Nachos Cheese/Salsa/Jalapeno Broccoli Salad Cup Cantaloupe/Yogurt/Granola Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Turkey Waldorf Salad or Cheesy Breadsticks w/Marinara
29	30	31		
Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Jicama Corn Salad Mixed Fruit WW Honey Graham Crackers Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Mandarin Chicken salad OR Pizza	Beef- Cutlet Mashed Potatoes Lima Beans Salad Cup Satsuma or Orange Wedge Whole Wheat Roll Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Chicken Caesar Salad or Baked Potato	Chicken & Pasta Parmesan Marinara Sauce Peas Salad Cup Strawberry Fruit Bar Whole Wheat Garlic Breadsticks Milk Choice <u>Choice:</u> Greek Tomato Salad or PoBoy		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Notification Statement</u></p> Peanuts and Peanut Butter are not purchased for meals produced by the Baton Rouge Diocese Child Nutrition Program. However, some products served may contain nuts, may be produced in plants that use nuts and may contain traces of nuts.

***NOTE: MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ** ACCOUNTS MUST BE CURRENT AND HAVE PERMISSION FORMS ON FILE TO PURCHASE EXTRA SALES.**