

Saint Jude Catholic School

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Happy New Year 2012! We thank God for the many blessings He has given us. We are a strong parish and school because God is at work among us.

JANUARY'S 3R'S

Reverence- Proper posture at Mass

Respect- Say "Thank you", "Please", "Excuse me", "May I?"

Responsibility- Be on time

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK- JAN 29TH – FEB. 3RD

The following article expresses the meaning of the National Catholic Schools Week Theme, "Catholic Schools Faith Academics Service." As a faith community we proclaim our priorities-first, faith, the foundation of our life; then, academics, the learning that characterizes our schools; and finally service, putting our faith and learning to work helping others.

These three priorities make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith-not just the basic tenets of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Children are taught academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, to help each child reach his or her potential. They experience service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, as an expression of both faith and good citizenship.

There are nearly 7,000 Catholic schools in the U.S., with more than 2 million students. At the college level, 234 Catholic institutions enroll more than 700,000 students. Education, the process of learning, is a key value in the Catholic Church. We understand that before we can love God, neighbor and self, we must know something about them. We believe that "The glory of God is humanity fully alive," and we know that the fullness of life comes when we know, understand and appreciate God's wondrous creation.

Thank you, parents, for your support of our St. Jude Catholic School. Share the good news about our school and invite others to attend our **Open House on Sunday, January 29 from noon to 2:00p.m.** We have an outstanding, National Blue Ribbon Award school at St. Jude.

We also thank our teachers, staff & volunteers for their outstanding contributions to our school and students. They truly are people of service. *Please see the attached form, which outlines the week's activities of celebration.* HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK



VISION STATEMENT

Our vision for St. Jude Catholic School is to create a faith-filled academic community composed of students, parents, faculty, and staff which offers a Christ-centered education and embraces the uniqueness of all students to be life-long learners.

St. Jude School Mission Statement

St. Jude Catholic School community, a vital part of the St. Jude Catholic parish, is dedicated to educating each child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally culturally, and physically.

St. Jude Catholic School School Improvement Goal

Goal: All students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum.

Intervention: All students will participate in a Six Traits of an Effective Reader program for instruction in reading comprehension.

These Six Traits are:

Decoding Conventions
Building Context
Comprehending
Interpretation
Synthesizing
Evaluating

OPENING MASS-JANUARY 29TH

To open the celebration of Catholic School Week, the students will participate as Cantors, Lectors, and in many of the ministries during the 9:00a.m. Mass on January 29th. We invite as many students as possible to be present at this Mass and volunteer for a part. Please fill out the permission form, which was given to each student in Grades 1-8. At the 11:00am Mass St. Jude choir and band will provide music for the Mass.

VOCATION AWARENESS

Ideas for Families to Nurture Vocations

1. As a family, pray the Rosary.
2. Support and participate in any school or parish vocations activities.
3. Cultivate an attitude of service by responding as a family to the needs of others. Seek out those in need and find ways to care for them.
4. Encourage your children to be involved in the liturgical life of the parish as servers, lectors, musicians and attending masses.
5. Celebrate the family feast days with stories of their saints special gifts or work for others.
6. Name the talents of each family member on their birthday. Express gratitude for these talents.
7. Be thankful and remember in your prayers those called to priesthood and religious life.

May our parish be gifted with vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All of us, because of our baptism, have been called by God to build His kingdom and spread His love. We need to be open to God's call.

GRADES 6-8 HONORS

After the Masses on January 24 & 25 the students in Grades 6-8 who have achieved High Honors and Honors during the 2nd Quarter will be recognized for their achievement. Parents are welcome to attend these Masses.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Congratulations to all Geography Bee participants. This year's champion is Max Joley(7th Grade). Second place went to Mark Korson(8th Grade), and third place went to Ana Pjanic(5th Grade). Great job!

SPELLING BEE- CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

Here are the winners of the St. Jude Spelling Bee:

First Place – Mairead N. (8th Grade)

Second Place – Claire S. (6th Grade)

Third Place – Mary Grace B. (6th Grade)

This was the longest and most difficult spelling bee in many years. Words such as rhododendron were spelled correctly by our outstanding spellers. Mairead and Claire (our top two winners) went “nose to nose” for 20 minutes until Mairead won *counterfeit* and now will go on to represent St. Jude at the county spelling bee in February.

3 & 4 Year Olds & Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, February 9, 2012

9:30-11:00a.m.

&

11:30-1:00p.m

In the church basement

Please Bring:

*Registration fee of \$55.00

*Copy of child's Birth Certificate

*Copy of child's Baptism Record

*Copy of child's Immunization Record.

(Must be of age by August 1st)

Open House

Open House for new families

will be held Sunday,

January 29th

Noon-2:00pm

SPRING COACHING

If anyone is interested in coaching a spring sport for St. Jude, please complete the coaches' application and return to attention of David Westendorf in the school office no later than January 27th. You can find the coaches application on the St. Jude school website (Athletics link) or see the school office for copies.

INTERESTED IN 4-H?

If you are interested in 4H call Kathleen Crick at 424-3184 or email her at kealey88@excite.com

MARCH FOR LIFE

March for life with your family, Saturday, January 28th. The Rally starts at noon at the Scottish Rite Center on Berry Street between Ewing and Fairfield. Following the Rally join us around the St. Jude Banner to show support to stop the evil of abortion by participating in the Allen County Right to Life 38th Annual Rally and March for Life.

21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS

The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low-and moderate-income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a college education for their children.

Income-eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th graders that enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship to the state are guaranteed the cost of four years of undergraduate college tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If the student attends a private institution, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a public institution. If the student attends a participating proprietary school, the state will award a tuition scholarship equal to that of Ivy Tech Community College. Please see Mrs. Buckel, for an application.

WINTER TIME BOOTS

On page 28 in the Parent/Student Handbook it states: "Boots are not allowed to be worn in class." Boots may be worn outdoors but the students are to change into school shoes for the classrooms. Thank you for following this guideline.

SCIENCE FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE IS ALMOST HERE!

Science Fair Entry Forms. The Science Fair for students K-8 is February 29. An entry form is included with this newsletter and should be returned to the Main Office. Check out the Science Fair website www.stjudefw.org/sciencefair or contact Ted Nitza at 471-0879 or ted.nitza@theseccantgroup.com.

STUDENT TEACHERS

We are very blessed to start the New Year off with two new student teachers. Ashley Wilson is working with Mrs. Mary Berghoff's 2nd grade class and Mary Jane Manning is working with Mrs. Dykhuizen's 4th grade class. They have definitely been an asset to St. Jude School and we feel very fortunate to have them!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night is Saturday, February 11th at 7:00pm. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends as well as spend time with fellow parishioners! Start putting your team of ten together. If you have questions please email Julianne Toenges at jtoenges@comcast.net.

FAMILY FUN & FITNESS NIGHT

This year's Family Fun and Fitness night will be January 30 from 6:30-8:00. I will e-mail the schedule when the date gets closer. All classes are now in a flag football unit and then basketball.

Health tip: take snacks out of their bags and put them on a plate. This will help get the bag out of your hand and back into the pantry. Coach J

Eagle Showcase



Do you have a collection or hobby that you would like to share with the students of St. Jude School? A form is available in the school office.

PICTURES IN YEARBOOK

The yearbook staff is currently accepting photos for the 2011-2012 yearbook. All photos should be emailed to stjudeclickitclub@yahoo.com no later than February 14TH

Catholic Schools' Week Jan. 29 – Feb. 3, 2012

Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service

Daily scheduled events:

Sun.-

- Open House for new families from noon-2:00 P.M.
- Opening Mass for Catholic Schools' Week will be Sun. January 29 at the 9:00 Mass. Our Young Cantors will be taking part in this Mass. Students will also be doing other parts of the Mass.
- At 11:00 Mass, St. Jude choir and band will provide music for the Mass.

Mon.-

- **Have Pride in your Parish Day-** Each class will spend time doing a small service project within the school/church or on the grounds.
- Dress Down – Students may wear DDD clothes to do their service work.
- Family Fun and Fitness night from 6:30-8:00. This will be a no homework night for the whole school so families can truly relax and enjoy coming to the Fun and Fitness Night. A Dress Down Day will be issued to the students of families who participate. This DDD will be on Feb. 27th.

Tues.-

- **Faith Day-** Each classroom/grade level will say a special prayer service, rosary, or share their faith in some other special way.
- Students may wear Flannel PJ pants or sweat pants. Junior High will need to change out of their uniforms after Mass.

Wed.-

- **Share the Love Day-** students will make Valentine cards appropriate for a special group such as a nursing home.
- Students may wear mismatched clothes but grades 4-6 will need to wear their uniforms to school and change into their dress down clothes after Mass.
- 7th/8th grade girls vs. faculty/parents/alumni basketball game at 1:00 in the gym. 7th graders who are not playing may wear spirit clothes.
- Jump rope contests and student performances will take place at halftime.

Thurs.-

- **Penguin Day-** Everyone will wear black and white. Grades 1-3 will have to wear their uniform to school and change after the Mass that morning.
- Penguin snacks will be served in the afternoon.

Fri.-

- All school Mass at 8:15. The Light of Learning Award will be given to Bobi Tierney.
- **Get Up and Move Day-**
- **“Blue/Gold Day.”** Children should wear their uniforms to school and change into blue/gold dress down clothes after Mass.
- 1:00- 8th grade boys versus faculty/parents/alumni BB game for grades 5-8. Those 8th graders who are not involved in the game may dress as spirit leaders before the game. A jump rope contest and various student routines will take place at halftime.
- Family Dance 6:30-9:00- This year's theme is “Alvin and the Chipmunks.”

HASA Wants You To Know Everyday Purchases Help Our School!!

Did you know things that you buy everyday for your family can help our school earn lots of great items? Here is a list of ways you can help us earn great gifts:

- Box Tops for Education,
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Coke Rewards program - save coke bottle caps or cardboard carton
- Drink Pouches (i.e. Capri Sun, Kool-Aid Jammers, even store brand pouches)
- Target- use a Target charge card
- Office Depot- tell them you would like St. Jude to get credit
- Ink Cartridges.
- Pop Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

All of these things help our school. For Example: In two short months, we have already earned **1,577** points to go to towards school supplies, playground equipment, art supplies, etc. Your favorite Coca-Cola beverages have codes, either on the cap or carton. Either enter the codes online to get points and donate them to our school, or drop them off at school in the container in between the box tops and Campbell's soup label containers.

Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels and Coke Rewards all have boxes set up outside of Mrs. Maffey's in the main hallway. Just have your child drop them off on their way to class. The Ink cartridges and the pop can tabs may be dropped off in the office. As for Target and Office Depot just remember to use your Target Red card and tell them it is for St. Jude and at Office Depot just tell them when you check out to give St. Jude Credit.

The points add up quickly so start saving and help us purchase new items for our classrooms, the playground and the art room. Thanks for your support.

HASA

St. Jude Athletic Committee News

January 15, 2011

Happy New Year sports fans!! Basketball season is nearing the home stretch with the CYO tournaments quickly approaching! Several of our basketball teams competed in Holiday tournaments with great success! Our 7th/8th grade girls team were runners-up in both the Queen of Angels Invitational tournament over the Thanksgiving weekend and Hoopfest Tournament over the Christmas holiday. The boy's 8th grade team was runner-up in the Q of A Invitational and finished 3rd in a very strong Hoopfest tournament. Believe it or not, we are now accepting coaching applications for our Spring sports (*boys and girls soccer, boys and girls track, and girls softball*). **Spring sport coaches applications are due January 27th**. Please see the office for the necessary coach application or it is also available on the Athletic website (<http://stjudefw.org/school/athletics.htm>). Please remember that anyone who has any type of contact with any St. Jude student must have viewed the Diocesan Safe Environment video and have had a background check completed. If you are interested in coaching at St. Jude but have not yet completed a background check, please contact me immediately so we can get the process started.

Coach Evaluations

Please take the time to complete a coaches evaluation for the basketball. An evaluation form is available in the school office or it is always available on the Athletic website: (<http://stjudefw.org/school/athletics.htm>). After completing an evaluation form, it can be returned to the school office via "kid mail". Evaluations may be completed at any time during the season, but we ask if you are having an issue during a particular sport that you contact the coach and/or Athletic Committee sport representative immediately to seek resolution.

Important Athletic Dates

Here is a *tentative* schedule of some of the remaining important Athletic Committee events for this school year:

January 27, 2012 - Spring sports (*soccer, track, softball*) coaches' letter of interest due
February 13, 2012 - Spring sport sign-up sheets distributed to all 5th - 8th grade classrooms
February 28, 2012 - St. Jude Spring sport coaches meeting (*mandatory for all Spring head coaches*)
April 27, 2012 - St. Jude Athletic Committee member applications due (*come join the fun!*)
April 30, 2012 - Fall sports (*volleyball and football*) coaches' letter of interest due
May 20, 2012 - 7th/8th grade Sports Banquet
May 22, 2012 - Sport physicals at St. Jude

St. Jude Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear orders forms for January (*see school office*) are due January 24th!

Here is the schedule for Spirit Wear order dates for the 2011-2012 school year:

September 28, 2011 (*Delivery made the week of October 17th*)

November 22, 2011 (*Delivery made week of December 12th*)

January 24, 2012 (*Delivery expected week of February 13th*)

March 20, 2012 (*Delivery expected week of April 16th*)

Please continue to look for the Athletic Committee newsletter and on the Athletics page on the school website for the latest information for all things St. Jude Athletics!!!!

GO EAGLES!

David Westendorf (e-mail: dwestendorf2@frontier.com / phone: 482-5639)

St. Jude Athletic Committee President



**Do you have an interest in science,
math, engineering or technology?**

Do a Science Fair Project!!!

The 2012 Science Fair will be great!
Certificates, prizes, awards and an opportunity to
be chosen to represent Saint Jude Catholic School at the
Northeast Indiana Regional Science & Engineering Fair
at IPFW are offered to those who participate.

Who can participate? **Kindergarten through 8th grade.**

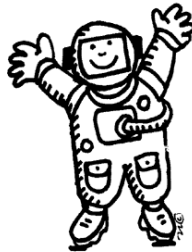
When is the Registration deadline? **Thursday, January 26, 2012.**

When is the Science Fair? **Wednesday, February 29, 2012.**

Be sure to get the **Science Fair Packet** which gives detailed information on how to prepare for the Science Fair.
This packet is sent by KidMail to each entry or available in the School Office upon request.
It is also available at our Website at www.stjudefw.org/sciencefair where you can get additional help.

Questions, comments, concerns? Check out our Web Site or feel free to contact the following:

Ted Nitza at 471-0879 or ted.nitza@theseccantgroup.com



Fill-out and return this Entry Form to your teacher by the above deadline.

Saint Jude Catholic School Science Fair Entry Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Room: _____

Project Category/Topic: _____

Short explanation of the project and objectives: _____

Email: _____

Note: all email contact information will be kept confidential. Additional science fair information may be provided by email if one is provided

My project will need an electrical outlet: Yes (bring a six foot extension cord). No, it won't.

SCRIP EXPRESS

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It was a busy holiday season for St. Jude SCRIP-For-Tuition. A big thanks to all who purchased SCRIP during the holidays. We hope SCRIP helped to make the season a little less hectic for you!

Attached to this newsletter/website is an **updated order form**. You may see some of these merchants return to the "Seasonal" section in the near future (in time for Valentine's Day and Easter). In addition, some of the holiday merchants have been removed from the order form as our supply of their SCRIP has been depleted. **We have added the following Christmas vendors to the "in-stock" section since they did so well over the holidays:**

***Amazon.com *BakerStreet *Buffalo Wild Wings *I-tunes**
***Peerless Cleaners *Penn Station *Ulta Salon**

We still have the following Christmas vendors in stock with limited quantities; once these are depleted, we won't be restocking them:

***Ihop \$25 *Bath & Body \$25 *Amazon \$100 *Burlington Coat**
***Chuck E. Cheese *Journey's *Michael's**

SCRIP weekend selling dates have returned to the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Our weekday selling times remain the same: Kidmail on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm on Wednesdays, and 8:00-10:00am on Thursdays.

Bad Weather/SCRIP Sales

- If there is a **2-hour delay** due to inclement weather on a Tuesday (Kidmail day), **we will fill orders** and get them back to you that day. If there is no school on a Tuesday due to inclement weather, Kidmail orders will be processed **the next day school is in session**.
- **If there is a 2-hour delay on a Thursday, SCRIP sales will be from 10:00am until 11am!!!!**
- **If school is closed due to bad weather on a Wednesday or Thursday, there are NO SCRIP sales.**

Final Estimated Tuition Credit Earning Statements will be distributed via Kidmail **in March**. **The 2011-2012 St. Jude SCRIP-For-Tuition year ends on February 29, 2012.** There's still time to increase your tuition credit earnings! **Please remember that a minimum of \$20.00 needs to be earned in order to process a tuition credit.** If a family has accrued less than \$20.00 as of February 29, 2012, that amount will be transferred to the St. Jude Tuition Assistance Fund SCRIP account.

Also, keep in mind that SCRIP tuition credits will be automatically applied to your May 2012 tuition balance unless your tuition is paid in full for the 2011-2012 school year. If that is the case, your SCRIP credit will go towards the 2012-2013 school year. If your youngest child graduates from St. Jude this year and your tuition has been paid in full, you may direct your SCRIP credit to Bishop Dwenger or Bishop Luers.

SCRIP Updates

- Don't forget: you can use **Kohl's SCRIP to pay on this credit card** from the holidays!!
- You can **print off our current order form** and view our newsletter anytime online: **stjudefw.org**.
- It's not too late to start saving tuition earnings with a **Kroger Reloadable card**. If the one you're currently using is giving you problems, or you need some more to pass to family or friends, contact a SCRIP Coordinator for details.

SCRIP Ideas

*Report cards come home soon! Treat your student to lunch at **Chipotle's, Logan's, Applebee's, Dicky's Wild Hare, or Atz SCRIP**.

*Science Fair and Research projects mean a trip to **United Art and Education!!**

*Cold weather brings dead car batteries...get some **Sears SCRIP** or special order/prepay **Advance Auto Parts**. Cold weather also brings colds and flu...grab some **Walgreen's, CVS, Meijer** or **WalMart SCRIP** for all your prescriptions and other cold remedies.

SCRIP-For-Tuition Hours

Please Note: St. Jude School Kidmail is on Tuesdays, when school is in session.

Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Parish Center

Thursday 8-10am in the Parish Center

Weekend Schedule---2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (all sales in the Parish Center):

After Saturday evening Mass **(1/21, 2/11, 2/25)**

After Sunday 7, 9, and 11am Masses **(1/22, 2/12, 2/26)**

Reminders

Any checks returned for insufficient funds are your responsibility. A \$20.00 fee will be charged for each check returned. You will be unable to purchase SCRIP until the matter is resolved.

You may drop off your form, with payment, before any Mass; simply give it to a SCRIP salesperson (when the orange SCRIP sign is posted) or put it in the Parish Office mail slot (located on the Pemberton drive door). Your order will be available for express pick-up after Mass.

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