

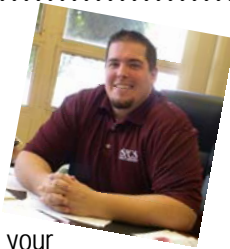
Bulldog Briefs



JANUARY 4, 2012

NEWS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE OF ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ~ PUBLISHED EACH WEDNESDAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN



Dear St. Jude Community,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a blessed Christmas with your families. January begins with many different projects moving forward and making progress. Upcoming this month is Catholic Schools Week, beginning January 28 with 5:00 pm Mass and lasting throughout the school week with a variety of events to promote the excellence of Catholic education. During CSW we will have an Open House for prospective families, current families, parishioners, and anyone interested in seeing our amazing school in action, and we are always looking for volunteers.

St. Jude will also celebrate 55 years of academic excellence this spring with what will be a wonderful event. Gala 55 is shaping up to be quite a celebration, and with your help (another pitch for volunteers, contact Dana D'Avella) it will be. The school's website will have information detailing the donation of auction items and how to sponsor the Gala, please go out and ask your hairdresser, plumber, local coffee shop and more for their support.

In the past few months the school has had the opportunity to work with Ilean Solutions on a new website for the school. Many of you have seen the promotion on the electronic bulletin board in the main entrance and we hope to have the new site up and running soon.

There is so much more to tell you but with limited space I will save all of the other exciting happenings for the next issue. I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with your children and have your support. Thank you! We are....St. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

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HELP SJRCS WIN A WIRELESS COMPUTER LAB! ENTER NOW!

You can help the school win a Wireless Computer Lab by entering the CDWG/Discovery "Win a Wireless Lab" contest. Go to: <http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com/waw/> and enter. Be sure to pass along the link to others.

FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO SJRCS FAMILIES MARCHING FOR LIFE

St. Jude Regional Catholic School will provide a bus to transport any families that wish to go to the March for Life on Monday, Jan. 23.

The bus will depart from St. Jude at 10 a.m. (after Mass) and return at approximately 3:30 p.m. This opportunity is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. This is a family event and all students **must** be accompanied by their parent/guardian; there are no chaperones attending.

Gala 55: Save The Date!



**Silent Auction to benefit
St. Jude Regional Catholic School**

**May 5, 2012
Thaddeus Room**

More details to come soon!



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012
JAN 28-FEB 4**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Mass at 5 p.m.
Shrine of St. Jude

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Community Service Projects

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Class Community Service Projects

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

School Open House,
9-11 a.m. and 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dave and Busters — 5th-8th grade students
(no homework), 6:30 - 8:30 pm

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 2

Student Appreciation Day – all students out of uniform
and no homework for K-4th graders.

Family Lunch Day — 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Bulldog Boogie Sock Hop for K-4th graders
Thaddeus Room, 6- 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

First Friday Mass
Half-day for Students
Teacher's Luncheon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Catholic Schools Week is a time to celebrate all that we have at St. Jude Regional Catholic School. Many volunteers are needed to make this week successful. Volunteer hours are counted toward School Support Program hours. Please call Karen-Ann Miller if you can volunteer.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER!

With winter getting off to the early start it did (before Halloween!), it's a good time to remind you to listen to your local news for school late openings, early closures, or cancellations. Also, we will be using **SchoolReach**, the telephone broadcast system that enables school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation, or a late start.

To add or remove phone numbers from the SchoolReach system, please see Melanie Corless in the main office.

GIVE YOUR WAY 2011-2012: 100% PARENT PARTICIPATION IS OUR #1 GOAL!

Thank you to those who have already sent in a GYW contribution. For those who have not made a donation yet, please consider doing so today and join the race to 100% parent participation.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012 THEME



The National Catholic Education Association explains the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 — “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.”

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith — not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Jan. 13 ½ day, Noon Dismissal
- Jan. 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day;
No Classes
- Jan. 20 Report Cards distributed
- Jan. 28-Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week (see sidebar for tentative details)