

Bulldog Briefs



NOVEMBER 2, 2011

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,

Earthquakes, hurricanes, and snow in October, who knew it could be so exciting around here!? Never a dull moment! In the grand scheme of things a little excitement is a good thing, it keeps us on our toes, and ready for whatever may be next. As I am learning, there is always something waiting in the wings to create more excitement.

In the past few weeks many projects have gotten off the ground, creating plenty of excitement in the main office. When the Give Your Way letters went home just a few weeks ago, I asked our community for 100% support. My reasoning behind the request was simple; our families are our best indicator of how wonderful St. Jude Regional Catholic School is. Within a few days of the letters going out I received what I believe was an amazing response, an envelope with \$1 in it. Why so amazing? That one dollar represents the belief by one family that this school, and its community, is truly amazing.

Gifts have come in, large and small, from students, alumni, parishioners, parents, community members, and those that love St. Jude Regional Catholic School. As we prepare for Open House on November 16th, I am reminded that the excitement for this school is genuine and the families that are served here truly appreciate the task at hand. I continue to remind myself how blessed I am for the opportunity to serve this community and to continue the incredible traditions of St. Jude Regional Catholic School. We are.....St. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

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Open House fliers and posters are available for parents to hang at work, business establishments, restaurants, etc.
Contact the Main office for copies.

HSA Meeting Agenda

November 2, 2011

7-8 p.m.

WELCOME OPENING PRAYER

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE: HEIDI MCAULIFFE

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: MR. BENJAMIN

TOT SALE UPDATE: LIZ WELTON

GRANDPARENTS DAY/ GALA INFO: DANA D'AVELLA

TREASURER'S REPORT: LIZ GREANEY

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/SUGGESTIONS

SPIRIT AWARDS/ RECOGNITION/CLOSING

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY



Registration for CYO basketball is now open and the registration links can be accessed via the St. Jude Athletic Association page of the St. Jude Regional Catholic School web page: www.stjuderockville.org and then click on the St. Jude Athletic Association tab on the left bar.

VOTE FOR MRS. POS ON GAZETTE.NET!

We are thrilled to announce that Middle School Math teacher, Mrs. Cindy Posluszny, is a finalist in The Gazette's "My Favorite Teacher" contest! Mrs. Posluszny was nominated by 8th grader Megan Lynch.

Mrs. Posluszny has been a St. Jude teacher for 10 years and a St. Jude parent for 20!

Please take the time to support Mrs. Posluszny and St. Jude School by voting for her at: <http://ww2.gazette.net/teacher/>. Under the red apple for Montgomery County, click on "Middle School." Scroll down to read her bio and Megan's essay, if you like, and then scroll all the way to the bottom of the page and click where it says "Vote Now!" Click on Mrs. Pos and hit "done." (You have the option to provide contact info if you want.) Please vote as often as you can

and ask your friends and family to do the same. We want the whole county to see how much we love Mrs. Pos and St. Jude Regional Catholic School!

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

And the race is on! We are off to a great start with Give Your Way as GYW envelopes are flowing in to the main office at the fastest rate ever. Thank you to those who have already sent in a contribution. For those who have not made a donation yet, please do so today and join the race to 100% parent participation.

Thank you, from Co-Chairs Patty Lynch and Jessica Castillo.

REPORT CARD = FREE KIDS MEAL AT ROCKVILLE CALIFORNIA TORTILLA

The Rockville Town Square California Tortilla (near the Regal Movie Theatres) is offering a great deal to our St. Jude students. Within 10 days of receiving their report card, our St. Jude students can present the report card at the Rockville California Tortilla for a free kids meal or burrito!

Be sure to say thank you and let them know how much we appreciate their generosity.

HOT LUNCH UPDATE & REMINDER

A reminder that there is NO lunch being served on Grandparent's Day!! (Nov. 22)

Also, the Hot Lunch Program is very short on volunteers on the 4th Wed. of each month. Any amount of time you can give, even if just one hour, would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Kay Kay Joseph as soon as possible at kaykay_joseph@yahoo.com.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY, NOV. 22

The SJRCS community will unite on Tuesday, Nov. 22, to honor our grandparents at the 9 a.m. mass and then gather in the Thaddeus Room for a special program by our children.

Please contact Dana D'Avella at 301-871-1725 or davellabunch@mac.com for more info.

OLD SCHOOL FAMILY DIRECTORIES NEEDED

Have you kept copies of the St. Jude School Family Directory from years past? If so, the main office would like to borrow them for a brief time. Be sure to put your name on the inside cover and send to the main office at the school.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE DEC. 2

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available to students applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools.

Now through **Dec. 2, 2011**, families can apply for tuition assistance by going to www.psas.org/wash.html. There you will find instructions on how to complete the PSAS application, which may be completed either online or on paper.

DC 'HOOD VS ST. JUDE BASKETBALL GAME REMATCH, Nov. 18

Don't miss this rematch! Friday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 pm at the Heights School. Come out and cheer on your coaches, parents, and principal as they take on Fr. Dave Wells, our priests and seminarians. Don't miss the fun! Stay tuned for more details...

ROSARY GROUP IN NOVEMBER

Rosary Group will be meeting from 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm in the Convent Chapel on Tuesday, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

All are welcome to come and pray with the students. Mark your agendas and bring a friend or two! Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us and the St. Jude Community!

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 HSA Meeting; 7 p.m., Blue Room
- Nov. 4 Half-Day; Noon Dismissal; Report Cards Distributed
- Nov. 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences; 6-8 p.m., Classrooms
- Nov. 11 No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Classrooms
- Nov. 15 Picture Retakes
- Nov. 15 First Penance Meeting; 7 p.m., Thaddeus Room
- Nov. 16 Open House (see below)

St. Jude Regional Catholic School

Open House

Nov. 16; 9-11:30 am

Spread the word! Volunteers needed!

Please contact Mr. Benjamin for details

