

# Bulldog Briefs



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

## PRESIDENT'S POINT



Dear St. Jude Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. My family and I were blessed to celebrated Thanksgiving at Disney World. I was reminded of how truly thankful I am for my family and for the wonderful memories we created on our trip.

It is almost December and time to start celebrating the season of Christmas. We will start off with a door decorating contest. Each class will decorate their classroom door with a scene that reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. Classes will decorate their doors after school this Friday. The winning class will be announced at **Family Bingo this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please plan on attending and starting of the holiday season with fun, family, and faith.

This year, the HSA will purchase gift cards for all of our wonderful teachers at St. Jude Regional Catholic School. These tokens of our appreciation will distributed with Christmas thank you cards from all the students. Each class will create Christmas cards to let our teachers know what a wonderful job they do and how much they mean to all of us throughout the year.

Finally, I want to wish everyone at St. Jude a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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## 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](http://www.psas.org/wash.html). Instructions on how to complete the PSAS application, which may be completed either online or on paper, are there.

## IT'S A WRAP — SALLY FOSTER STYLE!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Sally Foster fundraiser. We sold nearly \$7,500 in products, resulting in almost \$3,000 for St. Jude School.

The Top Ten selling families were:

Etti (2)	Kuzma (8, 6, 4)
Carroll (5)	Posluszy (8)
Lacayo (Pre-K)	Lietz (2)
Foster (8)	Hogan (6)
Bader (4, 1)	Lushniak (7)

## NATIVITY DISPLAY CONTEST & BETHLEHEM MORNING — SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Calling all families! Got creative juices flowing?? Please join us in making your own Nativity or displaying your favorite Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Last year, there were some very creative and beautiful Nativity entries....from aluminum foil creations, Polly Pocket dolls, to a Nativity in a Coconut shell. Everyone who comes to see the display will vote and the 1st Place winner receives a \$25 gift card to Toys R Us; 2nd Place 2 - \$10 Movie passes to Regal Rockville Cinema; and 3rd Place a home baked treat for the family!

All children can enjoy the Bethlehem morning by making a Christmas craft, learn a Christmas song, vote for your favorite Nativity, learn how the first Nativity scenes came about and support this project by buying some of our baked goods at our bake sale! Sponsored by Challenge Girls Club.

Questions and to reserve your space so we have enough tables set up, call Cecilia Rowedder 301-910-0603



## FAMILY BINGO

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM

BINGO BEGINS AT 6:45 PM

THADDEUS ROOM

**MEET OUR NEW BULLDOG MASCOT!**



**DESIGNED BY  
REBECCA CARROLL, MOM TO  
CHRISTINA IN 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**SPIRIT TREE FOOD DRIVE, NOW THROUGH  
DEC. 9**

Parents, help us make someone less fortunate's Christmas a little bit merrier! From now until Dec. 9, please send in the item listed below for your child's class.

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| Pre-K: Box of Special K/<br>Corn Flakes cereal | 4: crackers                      |
| K: hot chocolate                               | 5: Box of chocolate chip cookies |
| 1: can of tuna                                 | 6: 1 pound of pasta              |
| 2: Box of macaroni + cheese                    | 7: stuffing                      |
| 3: breakfast bars                              | 8A: Can of green beans           |
|  | 8B: can of peaches               |

**CHILDREN'S NIGHT OUT!! CHRISTMAS  
MOVIE AND DINNER — FRIDAY, DEC. 16**

**Drop off** children 4:45 p.m. and pick up by 8:15 p.m. **TEEN ROOM** (lower level of school). **Cost:** \$10 per child or \$20 max per family

Along with the movie and dinner, Challenge girls will play games with children, and help your children enjoy a fun evening out!

Go on date with your spouse or enjoy hours of Christmas shopping! **RSVP** your space by calling Cecilia Rowedder 301-910-0603.



Future scientists! Proud winners of the 2011 St. Jude Regional Catholic School Science Fair are: (front row) Sarah Castellano, Rebecca Welton, Lucy Young, Danielle Valcarcel, and Matthew Tull; (middle row) Nolan Connolly, Mary Kate Wasel, Annie Martin, Aidan Connolly, Kevin Gibbons, and Nick Ribas; (back row) Middle School Science Teacher Ms. Carol Hampe, Sean Gibbons, Justin Szajek, Jack Posluszny, Stephanie Lushniak, Angelo Cuna, and Principal Mr. Glenn Benjamin.

**CALENDAR**

- Dec. 2 ..... ½ Day- Noon Dismissal
- Dec. 2 ..... Family Bingo; doors open at 6:15; Bingo starts at 6:45
- Dec. 13 ..... Band Concert; 2 and 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 ..... Christmas Pageant; 1 and 7 p.m.
- Dec. 20 ..... Christmas sing-along (all school)
- Dec. 21 ..... Christmas break begins

**God Bless Our Grandparents!**



Above, Kindergarteners Naomi Barish, Malachi Rodriguez, Isabella Ragasa, Nicholas Mazariegos, Rachel Shrestha, and Tim Sanders entertained the crowd at Grandparent's Day with their rendition of "Zippity Doo Dah" and the "Presidents Song," a song in which they name every president of the United States.



**Grandparent's Day last week was a great success!**

Thank you to Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Donatelli, and to ALL the teachers, staff and students. The program ran smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone! The grandparents loved the delicious array of goodies – THANKS to all the bakers of the school and the volunteers! Thanks to Fr. Evans, the altar servers, readers, gift bearers and Ms. Lindekugel for the music. Thank you to Ms. Cruz for setting up the sound system and Mr. Manuel and Mr. Candi for setting up the Thaddeus Room and Ms. Neale for helping the kids create the Disney character covers for the program! It was very heartwarming to have such a wonderful turnout.

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