

Bulldog Briefs



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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,

As Open House approaches I am reminded of how wonderful this place is. The legacy and traditions of St. Jude permeate the community. It is rare that I go somewhere and I do not encounter someone who has been touched by St. Jude. It is my hope that next week's Open House will spread the news about St. Jude and its future in our community.

During Open House St. Jude will introduce some changes for the upcoming year. The most significant of the changes is the expansion of our Pre-K into a Pre-School. Our Pre-School program will add a 2-year-old and 3-year-old class for the 2012-2013 school year. Our 2-year-old class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 11:30pm and the 3-year-old class will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9am to 12pm.

As we grow it is my hope that we begin to involve ourselves even more in this community. Our school's mission is to provide a high-quality, faith-filled education, and with the expansion we can further our mission.

Like many of the wonderful things happening this year it is a direct result of the support from the community. St. Jude exists because of those that love the school and parish. I continue to feel blessed with this opportunity. 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.

VOTE FOR MRS. POZ ON
GAZETTE.NET! VOTING
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my favorite teacher
Contest

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. Poz 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. Poz 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. Poz and St. Jude Regional Catholic School!

SJRCS 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.

SAINTS ALIVE! 4TH GRADE WAX MUSEUM OF SAINTS, NOV. 15

On Nov. 15th at 1:30 in the Blue Room, the 4th grade will present their Wax Museum of Saints. The students dress as a saint and explain their life and how they became a saint. Everyone is invited!

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.

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.

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.

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 alumni as they take on Fr. Dave Wells, our priests and seminarians. Don't miss the fun!

ROSARY GROUP IN NOVEMBER

Rosary Group will be meeting from 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm in the Convent Chapel on Tuesday, November 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!

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.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to SJRCS alumna **Alyssa Barnes '09** (sister to Travis in 7th grade and Riley in 1st grade), who has been selected for this year's Our Lady of Good Counsel's Peace and Justice Team. The Peace and Justice team is a year-long commitment for a team of eight Xaverian leaders. Their mission is to bring awareness to human rights issues that occur locally, nationally, and even internationally — quite a feat for a small group of juniors and seniors.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 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 Wax Museum of Saints; 1:30 p.m., Thaddeus Room
- Nov. 15 First Penance Meeting; 7 p.m., Thaddeus Room
- Nov. 16 Open House (see below)
- Nov. 22 Grandparents' Day
- Nov. 23-25 No classes; Thanksgiving break



St. Jude Regional Catholic School

Open House

Nov. 16; 9-11:30 am

Spread the word! Volunteers needed!

Please contact Mr. Benjamin for details