

Bulldog Briefs



OCTOBER 12, 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,

I hope all of you found time to enjoy the beautiful weather as well as get some rest over the long weekend. I was able to attend my first International Fair here at the Shrine and I was thrilled by the sight of a community sharing its diversity. There was one very common thread throughout all of the different activities and that was St. Jude students, parents, and faculty. The school was an integral part of the evening's events, ranging from participating in the mass, to serving food and drink at the festival.

Our students were able to showcase the school from our table, which literally was at center stage and throughout the room as they paraded around in their uniforms. I was complimented numerous times on our students and our presence in this parish event. That was a wonderful feeling to know that our students represented the school in a manner that not only complemented themselves, but their parents and peers.

I continue to be reminded how blessed I have been over the last few months to have been given this opportunity to serve the students and families of St. Jude Regional Catholic School. Let us build upon the wonderful traditions of St. Jude Regional Catholic School as we move forward this year. We are St. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

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STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Congratulations to the newly elected SJRCS Student Council Officers:

CHRISTINA KILMER, PRESIDENT
LAURA NACCARATO, VICE-PRESIDENT
TORI YEAKLE, SECRETARY
TOMMY ORISTIAN, TREASURER
BRIAN VALCARCEL, PUBLIC RELATIONS

TOT SALE, OCT. 22; WIRE HANGERS NEEDED

Donations are needed for this school fundraiser set for Oct. 22. If you have gently used children's items please consider donating these items. Donations and wire hangers can be dropped off in the breezeway. Please mark the bags or boxes "Tot Sale." If you have large items, contact Cecilia Rowedder at rowedderfamily@verizon.net or 301-910-0603. Questions? Call Liz Welton at 301-219-0384 or email at glwelton@verizon.net. More info at www.stjudetotsale.com.

SCHOOLREACH TESTED OCT. 12

SchoolReach, a telephone broadcast system that will enable 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, was tested on Oct. 12. If you did not receive a call on this date or wish to add an additional or change to a different phone number, please notify the main office as soon as possible.

IT'S A WRAP — SALLY FOSTER STYLE!

The Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale gets underway this week and runs through Oct. 31st. SJRCS has been selected by Sally Foster to be one of only eight schools in this area to sell their paper this year. Our school earns 50% on every item sold. This sale is a major fundraiser for our school and the profits will go towards upgrading technology. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Gardner at jmgardhome@aol.com.

St. Jude Regional Catholic School
 Open House
 Nov. 16; 9-11:30 am
 Spread the word! Volunteers needed!
Please contact Mr. Benjamin for details!

GREEN MEADOWS IS THE PLACE TO BE....

The Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are going to Green Meadows Farm in Frederick on Oct. 27, where they will learn about the animals through hands on experiences, such as milking a cow and feeding the goats and sheep. They will also enjoy a tractor-drawn hayride and many other activities.

DON'T MISS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

All are invited to attend the annual SJRCS Halloween Parade on Monday, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m., to see our students parade around the school in their Halloween costumes.

SEND IN YOUR BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

It's time to send in all the BoxTops for Education that you collected over the summer. Please send them in this week as they will be collected by **Wednesday, Oct. 19**. Last year we raised over \$900 for the school. Let's try to raise over \$1000 this year!!!! Remember, the class that sends in the most BoxTops wins a pizza party!

We will have another collection after the new year, so please keep clipping!! For a complete list of participating products, go to www.boxtops4education.com.

For any question or suggestions about the BoxTops for Education program, please call Bridget Launi at 301-793-6401.

**SOLEMN NOVENA IN HONOR OF
 ST. JUDE THADDEUS**

Dates: Thursday, Oct. 20 through Friday, Oct. 28

Service: 8 o'clock each evening

Penance Service: Tuesday, Oct. 25

Several visiting priests will be available for confessions

Novena Director: Rev. Jack Connor, C. P.

Theme: "Our Universal Call to Holiness"

Be a part of the St. Jude Parish Family in these nine days of devotion and prayer in honor of St. Jude. It is a special time of grace that the Lord makes available to all of us. The services will consist of novena prayers, a talk by Fr. Connor, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and veneration of the relic of St. Jude.

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.

If you are interested in helping to prepare for the day, please contact Dana D'Avella at 301-871-1725 or davellabunch@mac.com.

****GALA 55 NEEDS YOUR HELP!****

Gala 55, a celebration marking the 55th year of our school, is set for May 5, 2012. Committees are forming (see list below) and all are welcome.

Contact Dana D'Avella at davellabunch@mac.com for information and to let her know on which committee you would like to serve. Committees are:

- Advertisement/Greeting
- Checkout
- Decorations
- Food
- Item Solicitation
- Logistics
- Marketing/Publicity
- Program
- Registration
- Sponsorship

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.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Oct. 14 Half Day; 12 Noon dismissal
- Oct. 22 Fall Tot Sale (www.stjudetotsale.com for details)
- Oct. 28 Solemn Novena to St. Jude begins
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade; 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Winter uniform begins
- Nov. 2 HSA Meeting; 7 p.m., Thaddeus Room
- Nov. 4 Half-Day; Noon Dismissal; Report Cards Distributed
- Nov. 4 Parish Spaghetti Dinner; 6-7:30 p.m. Tickets needed. (www.shrinesstjude.org for details)