

Bulldog Briefs



OCTOBER 5, 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,



It seems we are finally settling into the 2011-2012 school year, and as the days grow cooler and the students get into the daily routine it is refreshing to change things up. The month of October will not be a dull month; we will have numerous opportunities to share our spirit within our community and elsewhere.

This weekend, the parish's International Festival will take place and St. Jude Regional Catholic School will have a table in the Thaddeus room to showcase our school to the community. We will be providing desserts to compliment the wonderfully diverse menu of our community. It is my hope that the festival will begin to reconnect the school and parish and strengthen the bonds within the community. I hope to see many of you there, as St. Jude will be involved in many aspects of the evening's events.

The month of October also allows the school to remember our patron saint, St. Jude Thaddeus, and the patron of our partner parish, St. Francis of Assisi. On Tuesday, we welcomed Father Beaubien to celebrate mass on the Feast of St. Francis. Father Beaubien, gave a wonderful homily to our students and after mass was able to visit some of the classrooms. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Jude on October 28th — please join us if you are able.

As the month wanes, we will show our support for the seminarians and those dedicated to the vocations by supporting the annual "Run for the Vocations," and have some fun by having our annual Halloween celebration. As the days grow shorter and colder, we cannot forget that we are always in the holy presence of God. We are St. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

Glenn J. Benjamin
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St. Jude Regional Catholic School
Open House

Nov. 16; 9-11:30 am

Spread the word! Volunteers needed!

Please contact Mr. Benjamin for details!

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OCT. 8:
DESSERTS & HELP STILL NEEDED!!**

The Shrine of St. Jude International Festival will be this **Saturday, Oct. 8**, with the 5 p.m. mass and a potluck and dessert extravaganza.

School families are asked to donate a dessert and 7th and 8th grade student volunteers are needed. Confirmation service hours will be awarded. Please e-mail Mrs. Donatelli at Jeanne.Donatelli@stjuderockville.org.

SCHOOLREACH TO BE TESTED OCT. 12

SchoolReach is 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.

A practice call will be made to all school households on the morning of **Wednesday, Oct. 12**. If you do 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.

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.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Oct. 7No School; Professional Development
- Oct. 10.....No School; Columbus Day
- Oct. 11.....Confirmation Meeting; 7 p.m., Thaddeus Room (parents only!)
- Oct. 14.....Half Day; Noon dismissal
- Oct. 22.....Fall Tot Sale

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.

TITLE I (STATE) FORMS DUE ASAP!

Parents of students in grades K-5, please be sure to fill out the Title I (state) form and return to the main office as soon as possible,

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:

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| •Advertisement/Greeting | •Logistics |
| •Checkout | •Marketing/Publicity |
| •Decorations | •Program |
| •Food | •Registration |
| •Item Solicitation | •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 within the archdiocese.

All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Applying for tuition aid has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school.

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.

REGISTER YOUR GROCERY CARDS NOW

Register your grocery loyalty cards at Harris Teeter, Safeway and Giant to earn money for St. Jude. Contact Karen Sanders at washk@yahoo.com or 240-997-5482 with any questions.

To register:

Giant

- At <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>, select **Register your card**.
- Enter the St. Jude Group ID: **00742**
- Use your Giant card when you shop, including Extra Credit items in the store

Safeway

New Users:

- At <http://www.eScrip.com>, Enter **St. Jude Catholic Church** or the Group ID: **1038450**.

Renewals:

- At <http://www.eScrip.com>, select **Yes! Renew your commitment to Safeway stores**
- Enter the phone number, email address, or Safeway card number originally registered

Harris Teeter

- Follow the instructions at http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx or ask the Customer Service Desk to link you to St. Jude (7944).

CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE!

Saturday,

Oct. 22, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Half-price sale Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Dollar Dash 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thaddeus and Blue Rooms

Get great bargains on children's clothing (infant to preteen), toys, games, books, maternity, baby equipment, shoes, videos and MORE!

Proceeds benefit St. Jude Catholic School.

To donate call Cecilia Rowedder 301-910-0603.

www.stjudetotsale.com

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! Contact Liz Welton at 301-879-7563 or glwelton@verizon.net.