

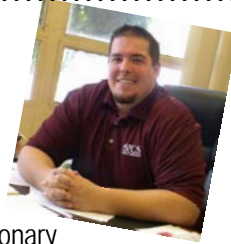
Bulldog Briefs



SEPTEMBER 21, 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,

When I graduated from college my brother bought me a small stone paper weight inscribed with a quote; "The dictionary is the only place where Success comes before Work". It has rested on my desk in every place I have been since, and I often glance at it to remind me of its meaning. What we accomplish in life is not due to luck or good fortune; it is a result of efforts we have made to put ourselves in the best position to succeed.

God has blessed all of us with talents and gifts which provide us with the tools necessary to achieve our goals. The success of an individual is not always considered the success of the group, but it is something to be celebrated, as that success is a representation of the talents and gifts given to us.

St. Jude has been blessed to have so many talented students, parents, parishioners, and community members. It continues to amaze me how this community will do what is needed for the school and parish, and I am constantly reminded how lucky this school is to have that kind of support.

Later this week I will write again for the Gazette and share my thoughts on the importance of community to a school like St. Jude, and how a school like St. Jude influences the community it is in. I have been so blessed to have been given the opportunity to be a part of your community, and will continue to Work for St. Jude as we continue to see our Success! We are....St. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

Glenn J. Benjamin

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Open House

November 16 from 9-11:30 am

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Mr. Benjamin for details!

SJRCS BOY/CUB SCOUT PACK NEEDS YOU!

Does your son have an interest in joining the Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts? St. Jude sponsors Troop 1071 and Pack 1071 and is recruiting new members. Troop 1071 meets almost every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the music/prayer room. Pack 1071 meets usually 1st and 3rd Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Blue room, plus the 4th Wednesday night of each month, during the school year

For more information contact Mike Holder at Michael.Holder@itt.com

IPAD RAFFLE FOR TECHNOLOGY!

Help SJRCS with its technology needs and win an iPad 2! It's a win-win situation! Raffle cost is \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets are available in the main office. Winner will be announced at the Sept. 30 Family Bingo Night.

GIVE "SPIRIT" OUR MASCOT A NEW LOOK!

There is still time for you to design "Spirit the Bulldog's" new look. Submit your entries to the main office or you can e-mail them to Mr. Benjamin. Entries will be accepted until **Sept 30**. Good Luck!

SHRINE OF ST. JUDE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: DESSERTS & HELP NEEDED

The Shrine of St. Jude's International Festival will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 8**, beginning with the 5 p.m. mass and ending with a potluck and dessert.

The school will be hosting a Dessert Table at the event. **School families are asked to donate a dessert.** The dessert should be able to feed the number of people in their family and 10 additional people. Please note any nuts used for those with nut allergies, and bring copies of your recipe to share. Attendees are encouraged to wear their native dress.

Parents should note that there will be hot dogs and hamburgers for the children who may not want to sample the international foods.

The International Festival committee is in need of help to set-up on Saturday morning and break everything down on Saturday night. **School Support Hours will be awarded.** Please contact Maureen Martin at MaureenCMartin@verizon.net if you are able to help.

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 to help.

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

HELP SELL VOTIVE CANDLES

Ben Benoit is looking for volunteers to help sell votive candles in the Shrine.

Please contact Ben at 301-949-0594 if you are interested in signing up for a weekend. This will count towards your volunteer hours!

TOT SALE, OCT. 22; WIRE HANGERS NEEDED

Donations are needed for this school fundraiser to be held on Oct. 22. If you have gently used children's items please consider donating these items to the Tot Sale. Donations and wire hangers can be dropped off in the breezeway. Please mark the bags or boxes "Tot Sale." If you have large items, call Cecilia Rowedder at 301-910-0603 or rowedderfamily@verizon.net.

Questions? Call Liz Welton at 301-219-0384 or email at glwelton@verizon.net.

More info at www.stjudetotsale.com.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 30Family BINGO; 6:15 doors open

OCTOBER

Oct. 7No School; Columbus Day
Oct. 10.....No School; Professional Development
Oct. 14.....Half Day; Noon Dismissal
Oct. 22.....Fall Tot Sale

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 (registration begins September 8th)

- 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).

REMINDER FROM MS. CRUZ!

Transportation forms and emergency cards still need to be returned to Ms. Cruz in the health clinic as soon as possible. Thank you!

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*Catch our Spirit!
Come Out and Play*

**St. Jude's Family
Bingo Night**

Friday, September 30th

Door Opens at 6:15 p.m.

Games Start at 6:45 p.m.

Cost \$10.00 per family

The kitchen will be opened to purchase dinner