

# 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,

I hope your Labor Day weekend was an enjoyable one. I had the opportunity to reconnect with my college football teammates and their families. We are now outnumbered; there were eight adults and 11 children! We had the opportunity to revisit our "glory days", but ultimately the time was spent going to the park and setting up scavenger hunts for the children. All in all it was a wonderful time spent with family.

I share this because many of us get lost in the hustle of our daily lives, and look beyond the simple pleasure of being with family. During the Ice cream social this past Thursday night, I witnessed family, community, and fellowship. Families and friends gathered to break bread, share a treat and revel in the joy of their children. I continue to be amazed at the hidden treasures of this school community, and what St. Jude can offer the surrounding area.

St. Jude Regional Catholic School gets stronger each day, and will continue to get stronger with the help of the talents and treasures of the community. Due to the gifts given by families we have been able to upgrade the school's server. The new server cost about \$8,000, all of which came from the Give Your Way Campaign. The new server will give the school improved speed, protect school data, reduce electricity use, and increase the security of our network. Mrs. Durfee has already begun preparations for the installation.

I will continue to work with the community to improve the school any way we can. I hope you have a wonderful week, try to stay dry.

Live Jesus in our hearts...Forever!

Glenn J. Benjamin  
Principal

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## FIRST DAY BLOGS!

St. Jude Regional Catholic School Principal, Mr. Glenn Benjamin, student Xavier Daschner, and mom Andrea Barish blogged about their first day at the school to the Gazette. Go to: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20110907/NEWS/709079993/1094/thoughts-on-the-first-day-of-school-at-st-jude&template=gazette>

## GIVE "SPIRIT" OUR MASCOT A NEW LOOK!

Students and parents? It's time to get creative! We need 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!

## GET YOUR ST. JUDE INSULATED CUPS!

Get your cool insulated cups with the new St. Jude logo for \$8 each or 2 for \$15. Stop by the main office! Don't miss out!

## FAMILY BINGO, SEPT. 30

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family. The kitchen will be open for dinner! See you there!

## NEW BULLDOG GEAR IS HERE! ORDER NOW!

Bulldog Gear is now available for order. Be sure to check out the new fashions on display in the main office. Orders need to be placed by Sept 17. Orders will continue throughout the year but the initial order goes out on the 17<sup>th</sup>.



BE OUR FRIEND!

**Facebook Page For St. Jude Regional Catholic School:** [www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd](http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd)

If you are a Facebook fan, please be sure to check out our Facebook page for St. Jude Regional Catholic School. Here you will find up-to-date information about school happenings.

Go to Facebook and search for St. Jude Regional Catholic School (or type in URL above) —

and be sure to "like" the page and pass it along to your friends and family.

Lots of good information and photographs are being posted on a daily basis.

### REGISTER YOUR GROCERY CARDS NOW

Register your grocery loyalty cards at Harris Teeter, Safeway and Giant to earn money for St. Jude. Last year we earned over \$3,000 through these programs! Contact Karen Sanders at [washk@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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).

### FALL TOT SALE, OCT. 22

Donations are needed for this school fundraiser to be held on Oct. 22. If you have gently used children's winter/fall clothing, jackets, coats, games, toys, books, shoes, DVDs, Halloween costumes, holiday outfits, baby equipment, play equipment, and/or children's furniture, please consider donating these items to the Tot Sale.

Donations can be dropped off in the breezeway anytime beginning today! Please mark the bags or boxes "Tot Sale." If you have large items, call Cecilia Rowedder at 301-910-0603 or [rowedderfamily@verizon.net](mailto:rowedderfamily@verizon.net) to arrange a drop off.

We desperately need wire hangers for the sale! Please place these in the bin in the breezeway marked "hangers." If you frequent a dry cleaner, ask for a donation of hangers. Questions? Call Liz Welton at 301-219-0384 or email at [glwelton@verizon.net](mailto:glwelton@verizon.net).

See more at our website [www.stjudetotsale.com](http://www.stjudetotsale.com).

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 15..... Back-to-School Night for Middle School  
Parents (5th-8th); 7 p.m
- Sept. 30..... Family BINGO; 6:15 doors open

### HOT LUNCH HELP NEEDED

*By Kay Kay Joseph, Program Coordinator*

The Lunch Program is a fundamental part of the school community for students, parents and teachers. It is with great optimism and hope – with the help of dedicated volunteers – that the program continues. For the past four years, I have coordinated school lunches. Tricia Young has overseen Tuesday cold lunches and I have supervised Wednesday hot lunches in the Thaddeus Room. In the past year, our responsibilities have increased outside the home while still taking care of our families.

In order for our program to continue, we are inviting committed and enthusiastic volunteers to join our "team"! NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED!! It takes many hands to maintain such a big, yet important endeavor. As a current parent as well as a faculty member, I cannot impress upon you how important it is to get together once a week as a **community** and have lunch.

Below is a list of jobs that need to be filled in order to get lunch up and running. With that being said, I can assure you that I will be physically available to help every Wednesday and to transition and train any and all! Many of these jobs can be done from home and are an excellent way to get your volunteer hours.

At this time, I have a volunteers lined up to shop at Costco, wash hot lunch linens, and prepare lunch bags!! It is my hope that all my volunteers who worked cold and hot lunch will come back to help again this year. *Please remember this is to benefit the kids – the most important part of our school community!!*

Thank you in advance for your generosity and help.

Potential opportunities include:

- Choosing menu items (from current vendors) and creating lunch order forms
- Collecting order forms from Main Office on due date and examining forms to make sure checks and balances are equal. Alphabetizing order forms in each grade.
- Tallying orders for each class and placing on spread sheet. This also entails tallying orders for vendors and sending each vendor numbers for the "quarter." Also, communicating totals with HSA Treasurer so that checks can be cut and signed in advance.
- Prepare Homeroom Hot Lunch Folders with hot lunch tickets and spreadsheet.

Feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or to simply volunteer @ [kaykay\\_joseph@yahoo.com](mailto:kaykay_joseph@yahoo.com) or at 240.678.9949.