

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,



On Monday, August 22nd, the faculty gathered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the all schools Mass, where all educators from the Archdiocese of Washington gathered to celebrate the mission of Catholic education. To see all those dedicated to the continuation of our mission is truly impressive. In that sea of educators St. Jude's faculty gathered and celebrated the Mass.

It is my belief that a community of faith can accomplish anything, and this community is so strong in its faith that the possibilities are endless.

In the next few days, books will be read, bags will be prepared, supplies will be purchased, bulletin boards will be decorated and the school will open its doors to continue its purpose, educating all who enter.

I look forward to meeting each and every student as they enter these halls. This is going to be a wonderful year. SEE YOU TUESDAY!

Live Jesus in our hearts....Forever!

Glenn J. Benjamin
Principal
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WHO'S GOT SPIRIT? WE DO!

Show your school spirit as you carpool your kids to school next Tuesday! Decorate your car in school colors and let everyone know you are heading to the best Catholic school in the area!! Be sure to use our tag line... "Catch Our Spirit" and have fun!!

RITA'S CELEBRITY SCOOPER FUNDRAISER THIS FRIDAY, AUG. 26, 5-7 PM

Stop by Rita's Italian Ice, 13621 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20906 (located in the same shopping center as Outback Steakhouse) on **Friday, Aug. 26, from 5-7 p.m.** as St. Jude Principal Mr. Glenn Benjamin and a few teachers will be scooping out and serving Italian ice and custard to customers.



We will receive 10% of the sales total from that time period, so please spread the word to your friends and neighbors! This is a great way for us to be present in our community and show our community what a great school we have.

MEET & GREET MR. BENJAMIN ON AUG. 28

Stop by and meet the new principal this weekend. There will be a meet and greet with Mr. Benjamin **after the 10:30 am mass on Sunday, Aug. 28th**, in the Thaddeus Room.

Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL BELL RINGS AT 8:20 ON AUG. 30!

Next Tuesday, Aug. 30, the bells will ring at 8:20 a.m. marking the 55th year of St. Jude Regional Catholic School! To mark the beginning of a new legacy, **Mr. Glenn Benjamin, principal, will greet each school student as he or she enters the main door of the school.** And just a reminder that **Tuesday is a half day** with students being dismissed at 12 noon. Those in Pre-K and Kindergarten will have half-days all week, with a full day starting Tuesday, Sept. 6.

VOTE FOR SJRCS FOR A SIGN MAKEOVER!

Please help SJRCS win a \$10,000 sign makeover!

St. Jude Regional Catholic School has entered a competition to have our signs redone. The MetamorphoSIGN competition winner will receive a \$10,000 sign makeover, but **we need you and everyone you can gather to vote for our school.**

From **now until September 2** go to www.Metamorphosign.com and click on "View and Vote." Go to *Entry 352--St. Jude needs a face lift.* and vote for SJRCS. You can vote once each day, and each vote enters you into a weekly drawing for one of six instant prizes (\$50 American Express gift cards).

LOOKING FOR FREE USED UNIFORMS?

Parents may come to "shop" for **free** used uniforms during the following times:

- Tuesday, August 23rd 7-9pm
- Wednesday, August 24th 12-2pm, 5-7pm
- Thursday, August 25th 11am-1pm
- Friday, August 26 9-11am

Used uniforms are available in the basement of the school, just past the music room on the right side of the hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Young at 301-929-9051 or email her at pappyandtrish@juno.com.

P.E. UNIFORM SALE!

CJ Enterprises will be clearing out their old St. Jude uniform inventory on **Aug. 30** in the Breezeway. All old styles will be half price. First come, first served. Sizing will also be available for uniform orders. The sale will last from 8am -1pm.

LEGACY PHOTO TO BE TAKEN SEPT. 1

Alumni parents and their children who are currently enrolled at SJRCS will be photographed for a **group photo** on **Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m.**, during the Ice Cream Social. More details will be provided at the event. This is a great way to showcase our alumni parents who also decided to send their children to St. Jude Regional Catholic School.

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social Thursday, Sept. 1

6 p.m.: Doors open. Families are encouraged to bring dinner and socialize.

7 p.m.: Ice Cream served

Families are asked to bring a topping to share with others. HSA will provide the ice cream, spoons, and bowls.

Mr. Glenn Benjamin, principal, and Kristy Mashburn, HSA president, will have a few brief announcements.



ALUMNI DATABASE & HOT LUNCH

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED

St. Jude is looking for volunteers! Mr. Benjamin is looking for a few committed volunteers to assemble the Alumni database and take on the Hot Lunch program. Please contact Mr. Benjamin if you are interested -- Glenn.benjamin@stjuderockville.org

NEW BULLDOG GEAR COMING SOON

During the first weeks of school new Bulldog Gear will be available for order. Be sure to check out the new fashions for this coming school year!

GIVE OUR BULLDOG A NEW LOOK!

The St. Jude mascot needs a makeover! Starting in September submissions will be accepted for a new look for "Spirit the Bulldog." More details to come, but get your creative juices flowing now!.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GALA 55 SET FOR MAY 5

Come and celebrate the 55th anniversary of St. Jude Regional Catholic School on May 5, 2012. That's the 55th on the 5th day of the 5th month! See you there!

HIGH SCHOOL PENNANTS WANTED

Families with high schoolers are being asked to donate a pennant from that high school to be hung in our new "high school" conference room.

We already have Holy Child, St. John's and Stone Ridge, but pennants from all local Catholic and public schools that our students currently attend or have attended would be a great way to showcase our talented alums!

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- Aug. 25..... 5th Grade Orientation; 10 a.m.
- Aug. 26..... Kindergarten orientation; 10 a.m.
Rita's Celebrity Scooper; 5-7 p.m.
- Aug. 30..... First day of school - ½ day, Noon dismissal
*** (½ day for Pre-K and Kindergarten all week)***

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1..... Ice Cream Social; 6 p.m. (ice cream at 7 p.m.)
Alumni Legacy Photo; 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5..... Labor Day; No School
- Sept. 6..... Back-to-School Night for K-4 Parents; 7 p.m.,
Thaddeus Room
- Sept. 15..... Back-to-School Night for Middle School
Parents (5th-8th); 7 p.m., child's homeroom