

# Saint Jude Catholic School

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February 15, 2010

## **REGISTRATION 2010-2011**

It's that time of year for making plans for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Some of our families continue to experience loss of jobs. May the Lord give you strength and hope through this time of struggle. I know you value the high quality Catholic education of your children here at St. Jude, where we support and nurture the Christ centered values of life. As we begin the process of re-registration for the 2010-2011 school year please don't let these hard times deter you from re-enrolling your children at St. Jude. If you are experiencing hard times financially please call us. We want to help you keep your children here. St. Jude School is your children's "second" home and this fact is security for you during these times.

Every "responsible" student was given the registration form for the 2010-2011 school year, which hopefully you received. If you did not receive it, we have attached the Registration form to this newsletter. **This form is due in the office by February 26th with the family registration fee of \$55.00. After February 26<sup>th</sup>, a non-refundable \$25.00 fee per child will be attached to the \$55.00 family fee. These fees will not be deducted from your book and activity fee and tuition.** As you fill out the form, please remember to write your Kindergarten child down on the paper since they are included in the family fee. **Incoming Kindergartners need to have a Special Registration/Enrollment paper filled out.** You do not need to include your preschool child. However, any student in Grade 1-8 attending St. Jude for the first time must come to the office and fill out a new student application. Only families who kept the tuition current for the 2009-2010 school year are candidates for registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Parish vs. non-parishioners rates will depend on your commitment during the 2009-2010 school year. We are continuing to register children for Preschool and Kindergarten.

**Every family** is requested to return the registration form. Those who return the form by **February 26<sup>th</sup>** will have a Dress-Down Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

**Our vision for St. Jude Catholic School is to create a faith-filled academic community composed of students, parents, faculty, and staff which offers a Christ-centered education and embraces the uniqueness of all students to be life-long learners.**

## **St. Jude School Mission Statement**

**St. Jude Catholic School community, a vital part of the St. Jude Catholic parish, is dedicated to educating each child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally culturally, and physically.**

## **St. Jude Catholic School School Improvement Goal**

**Goal: All students will improve reading comprehension across the curriculum.**

**Intervention: All students will participate in a Six Traits of an Effective Reader program for instruction in reading comprehension.**

### **These Six Traits are:**

**Decoding Conventions  
Building Context  
Comprehending  
Interpretation  
Synthesizing  
Evaluating**

### LENTEN MISSION BOXES

The students will be receiving a Lenten Mission Box. They are encouraged to put their Lenten sacrificial money in it. The Holy Childhood Association depends greatly on the financial sacrifices of students in our country. The Holy Childhood Association helps support some 63,000 orphanages/homes for poor infants throughout the world. The students will return the Lenten Mission Boxes (with money) on April 1st during the Agape Service. Please encourage your child/ren to use these boxes.

### 2010 LENTON PROGRAM

Please join the parish for this year's Tuesday evening Lenten program, "The Tree of Life". A simple soup supper will be served at 6pm in the Church basement. The reflection and prayer will be from 6:30 – 7:30 in church. Fr. Tom is putting together a slide presentation with music for each night, which will invite us to reflect on Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. On Feb. 23, Ted and Amy Nitza will share a reflection on their time in Africa and Kenzie Guiver will share about her mission trips as they challenge us to live the Passion of Christ in our own lives. On March 2, Mark Graf and Melissa Kiser will reflect on the experiences of loss in their lives and invite us to share in the love and hope Christ gives us. On March 9, Laura Sweigert will reflect on the Resurrection as she talks about living a life of joy. Our Youth group will be back again with a music and a hands/light presentation on that night.

We continue our Lent with outdoor stations at 1pm on March 14 and our Parish Seder supper at 6:30pm on March 23. These are great opportunities to use Lent as a season of growth. Please join us.

There are other opportunities of conversion during these Lenten days:

- Ash Wednesday & Good Friday-days of fast and abstinence
- Fridays in Lent- day of abstinence (age 14 & older)
- Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 & 6:30
- Reconciliation Service Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

During the 10:00 Mass, a collection will be taken up for the Churches in Eastern Europe. Bishop Rhoades has asked that we support these Churches on this day.

### LENT/EASTER SEASON-CORPORAL

During the Lent/Easter season, you and your child/ren might be interested in placing the corporal on the altar during the Preparation of Gifts. Your child already received this form. Please fill out this form and return it to the office to volunteer.

## **SPRING ISTEP**

**During the first week of March students in Grade 3-8 will be taking the Applied Skills with ISTEPs. It is vitally important to have these students at school these days, having sufficient sleep and eaten a healthy breakfast. We want the students to do well!**

### ***REMINDER:***

### ***School Will Be In Session (Snow Make-Up Days)***

**June 4<sup>th</sup> - School All Day**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> - School All Day**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> - Graduation Mass  
for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- 7pm**

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2010-2011 school year through FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment are available in the Parish Office or you may apply online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). All active, registered families are encouraged to apply. FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment enable the diocese to review applications from families with children in multiple schools at each child's school. Families with 3 or more children in Catholic schools will be automatically eligible for the Large Family Fund assistance. You must send your completed application, along with copies of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return, supporting tax schedules, all 2009 W-2 Wage and Tax Statements, and \$25 application fee to FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment by **April 16, 2010**.

## **FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> – NO SCHOOL**

There will be no school for the students on Friday, February 19 because the diocese is sponsoring a Catechetical Formation Day for all the teachers.

## **MARCH 11- NOON DISMISSAL**

Our superintendent, Dr. Myers, requested a waiver for a half-day of school on March 11 so that the teachers in the diocese could gather at the cathedral in the afternoon for a Teacher's Convocation. Therefore, students will be dismissed at Noon on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS**

We built an extra day in the calendar for a diocesan in service day, which will not be needed. Therefore, our next 2 make-up days will actually take place June 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **HELPING THE PEOPLE OF HAITI**

Thank you for your generous support for the people of Haiti, who are suffering from the devastation of the earthquake. We collected \$1185.26, which will be sent to the Catholic Relief Services. Please continue to pray for the Haitians and all those who have gone there to help them.

## **SCIENCE FAIR/BOOK FAIR NIGHT**

The Science Fair is Wednesday, February 24 in the School Auditorium. Please call Ted Nitza at 471-0879 or email [ted.nitza@theseccantgroup.com](mailto:ted.nitza@theseccantgroup.com) with any questions. Check out the website for information at [www.stjudefw.org/sciencefair](http://www.stjudefw.org/sciencefair). Set-up time for students is Tuesday, February 23 from 4-6pm or before school on February 24. All projects must be set up before 8:00am. This will not only help the committee on the day of Science Fair, but it will reduce the number of students who need to call home the morning of the Science Fair for materials which they have forgotten. Please help us by having your child set up their projects the day before the fair. For set-up questions, call Mary Lou Mettler at 426-5414. Thank you.

On Wednesday, February 24, at 6p.m. all of the students' research and science projects will be on display in the school auditorium, classrooms, and hallways. This is a family night for everyone and everyone is welcome! The teachers also will be present at 7p.m. While you are here to view the projects, stop in the library for the Book Fair, 6-8:30p.m. There is a large selection of books to purchase for children and adults

**Don't Forget McTeacher Night!**



## **Help Your School Earn Money at McDonald's**

The McDonald's McTeacher Night fundraiser will be Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm. McDonald's has promised to have more employees scheduled that evening to help with the crowd. Please come to help support the St. Jude Spirit Club. Spirit Club is a club of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that work as a group to promote "St. Jude Spirit" in and out of our school. Come to see some of your favorite teachers work at McDonald's. Fr. Tom will be there as well this year. McDonald's will donate 20% of it's sales during our fundraiser back to St. Jude. Last year we raised over \$581.00. Let's beat our last year's total. Hope to see you there!!!

## **YOU CAN LEND A HAND BOOKLETS**

Coupon books are still available in the school office for \$3.00ea. (an \$80.00 value). Please stop in the office to purchase them.

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The March Madness More Than Hoops Fun-Raising Night

#### **8th Grade Girls vs. Boys Basketball Game Friday, March 5th 6:00pm-8:00pm at the University of Saint Francis.**

This is an event that is hosted by the 8th grade students and their parents to provide an event for the entire St Jude student body and staff. We are well on our way in creating a fun event for all. Challenge your teachers and fellow classmates in Wacky contests. Win a prize for you class; enter the Hula Hoop, limbo, jump rope and balloon relays, class competitions and much more. Something for fun everyone (see attached poster)!!!

### **BRINGING HOME THE GOLD...AGAIN**

St. Jude Catholic School choir members participated in the ISSMA Solo and ensemble for piano and voice this past Saturday and every member received a gold rating (see attachment)!!!

### **YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS DUE FEB 19TH**

The yearbook forms are due back in the office by February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you want your child to have a yearbook, please make sure to order at this time because there will be very few extras. The yearbook cost is \$17.00 checks payable to St. Jude School, **No cash please.**

### **MOTHER-SON BOWLING BASH**

There is still time to sign up for the Mother-Son Bowling Bash. It is on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00pm at Lakeside Bowling Lanes. The cost is only \$6.00 a bowler! Each bowler will receive 2 bowling games and rental shoes. Please see the office for a sign-up form.

### **SPECIAL LUNCH RESCHEDULED**

The Special Lunch scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> is going to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict. We will keep you posted on when the next one will be. We apologize for the confusion.

## **HASA FAMILY DANCE**

The weather didn't stop our fun! The night was filled with dancing, prizes, helpers, and many talented singers! I want to first thank Amy Simmons, who unknowingly but graciously, became my co-chairman. I am truly grateful! Others I need to thank are Jennifer Bobay, Mason Simmons, Ava Simmons, Zoe Simmons, Morgan Schenkel, Alex Grotemat, Amy Delaney, Karen Leffers, Mathew Litchfield, Jody Deiser, David Brelage, Megan Brelage, Abby Brelage, Gina Obergfell, David Obergfell, Jerry Berghoff, Ryan Berghoff, Alex Crick, and Mike Crick. I know I'm forgetting someone, so thank you all!

Lisa Grotemat

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Family Registration Form

March Madness More than Hoops

St. Jude Music Dept.  
(Bringing Home the Gold)

Volunteers for Placing Corporal  
SCRIP EXPRESS

*Happy Lenten Days!*

*Sr. Kathleen Knueven, SND*

# ST. JUDE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

## GRADES ONE TO EIGHT FEBRUARY 15, 2010

**This form is to re-register students presently enrolled at St. Jude School.** List the child/ren and grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Include Kindergarten students on this list, but please note that this is not the official registration for Kindergarten or Preschool students. A \$55.00 non-refundable family registration fee must accompany this registration form unless previously paid for with Preschool or Kindergarten registration. **DUE DATE IS FEBRUARY 26, 2010.** **A late charge of \$25.00 per child will be added onto the registration fee if you register after February 26, 2010.**

Grade for 2010-2011 year

Name of Student

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Registered Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents names: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ married \_\_\_\_\_ divorced \_\_\_\_\_ separated \_\_\_\_\_ single \_\_\_\_\_ remarried

Current address where child/ren lives: \_\_\_\_\_

Current home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Custody papers are required to be on file in cases of divorce, separation, remarriage.)

Name of Parent/Guardian responsible for Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Special services needed: (speech, tutoring, Ritalin, medications, therapy, LD consultation)

Name of child and the special service needed for 2010-2011 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following student(s) will not be returning to St. Jude School for the 2010-2011 school year. Name of student(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of school registering at for next year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Records will be transferred upon completion of tuition payment.**

For office use only:

Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**March Madness**  
**More Than Hoops**  
**Fun Raising Night**

Friday, March **5th, 2010**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
The University of St. Francis



**FEATURING:**

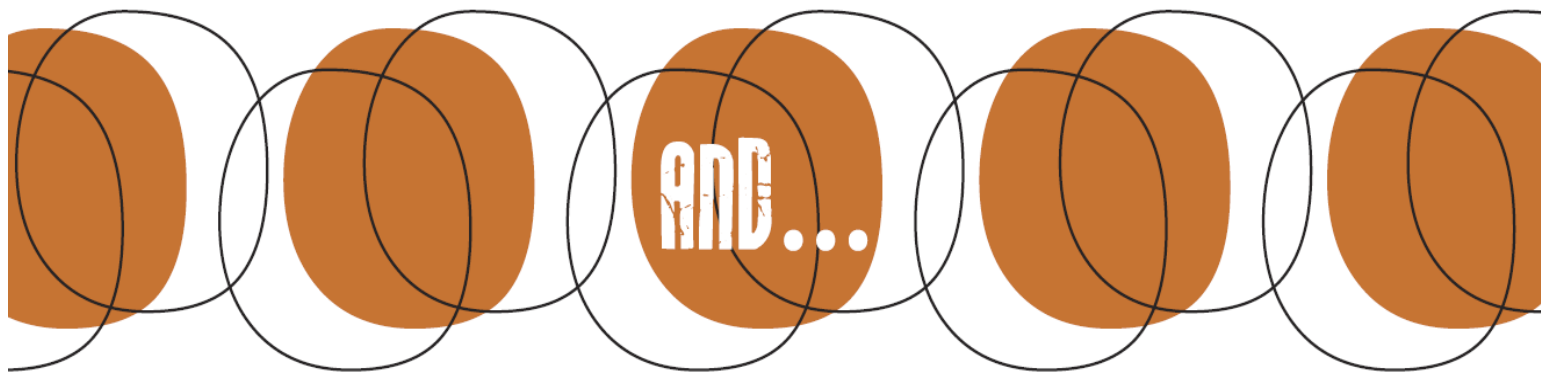
The **2**nd Annual **8**th Grade Girls  
**US.**  
Boys Basketball Game

**And**

**Prized Performances By Teacher and Student Groups**

**+++ Plus...**

**activities, raffles, and competitions**  
**for ALL St. Jude students, families, and friends**



**Challenge Your Teachers And Fellow Classmates in**  
**Bubble Gum Blowing Contests**

**Win**  
**PRIZES!**

**Biggest Bubble Contest AND Bubble Sculpture Building Contest**

## Bringing home the Gold... AGAIN!!!

St. Jude Catholic School choir members participated in the ISSMA Solo and ensemble for piano and voice this past Saturday and every member received a gold rating!!

Kathleen Zschernitz	group V	piano solo
Kathleen Zschernitz	group V	Vocal solo
Emily Kucharski	group V	Vocal solo
Elizabeth Boullion, Caroline McMasters and Aubrey Motherwell	group V	Vocal trio
Karen Eckrich, and Bekka and Emily Ferguson	group IV	Vocal trio
Allison Kelty, Natalie Okleshen, and Emily Sedestrom	group IV	Vocal trio
St. Jude Boy's ensemble	group IV	Large ensemble
Alanna Kolkman, Emily Kucharski, Anna Stachofsky, and Kathleen Zschernitz	group III	Vocal quartet
St. Jude Girl's ensemble	group III	Large ensemble
Anna Stachofsky	group I	Vocal solo

\*Anna Stachofsky will be competing at State Competition in Indianapolis on February 20th!

### **Other St. Jude grads:**

Casey Auer	group I	Vocal solo
Emma Sanders	group I	Vocal solo
Stephen Stachofsky	group I	Vocal solo

All three of these grads will be going to states in Indianapolis on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all!!! We are so proud of you!!  
Next up... Festival choir and band contest on March 20th. Go Judes!!

# VOLUNTEERS FOR PLACING CORPORAL

During the Lent/Easter season, you and your child(ren) might be interested in placing the corporal on the altar during the Preparation of Gifts. We will be doing this each weekend Mass from February 20, 21 through May 22, 23. You will be given special instructions for this.

If you are interested in participating, please fill in the information below and return this paper to the school office next week. You will then be called to schedule a date convenient for you.

Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass preference: 5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

7:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

9:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Jude Catholic School**  
**SCRIP EXPRE\$\$**

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**February**

Can you believe we are almost 7 weeks into the New Year? How many New Year's resolutions have you kept? Is saving money one of them? St. Jude SCRIP-For-Tuition is here to help offset your tuition costs at St. Jude, Bishop Dwenger, and Bishop Luers!

**End of the 2009-2010 SCRIP Year**

**The 2009-2010 scrip Year ends February 28, 2010!** Tuition credit earned on SCRIP purchases made up to this date will be applied to your May 2010 tuition payment or to your balance for the 2010-2011 school year. We are planning to issue Final Tuition Credit Earning Statements mid-March, via kidmail, depending on when we receive February statements from the Kroger reloadable program and the final Hall's Community Partnership program.

**Please remember that a minimum of \$20.00 needs to be earned in order to process a tuition credit. If a family's total tuition credit is less than \$20.00, the money will be transferred to the St. Jude Tuition Assistance Fund.** If you filled out a "Family Permission form" at the beginning of the school year, it covers you for Kidmail through the end of the school year.

**Spring Break and SCRIP**

If you are traveling out of town over Easter or Spring Break, now is the time to start "budgeting" ahead for gas cards, restaurant, grocery, motel, or airline SCRIP. Check out the national Merchant List from our SCRIP broker at **glscrip.com**. You can Special Order/Prepay SCRIP with us for your traveling needs.

For those of us who are staying in town during Spring Break, why not treat the kids with Rave or Regal movie tickets, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Burger King, etc.

**Please keep in mind that there will be NO SCRIP SALES over Spring Break.**

Remember that we can only send SCRIP home with your responsible child on the scheduled SCRIP Kidmail day (Tuesday). Please remind your child to give your SCRIP order to his/her teacher when school starts. We also suggest that you ask your child for your SCRIP ASAP after school...if you pick them up, ask them as soon as they get in the car. If they gave it to their teacher on Tuesday morning, they should have your SCRIP Tuesday afternoon. If they don't, we strongly suggest that either you or your child go back into school and inquire about it. When we are contacted after school, faculty and staff have left for the day and our hands are tied until the next school day.

We still a few "*While Supplies Last*" of Christmas vendors, such as, Panera \$25, Kay Jewelers, Applebee's \$25, and iTunes in stock if interested. Feel free to browse our national brokerage website, **glscrip.com** for many national vendors that you can special order/prepay.

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**SCRIP Updates**

- If you know of anyone entering St. Jude School for the first time, especially parents of incoming preschoolers and kindergartners, let them know about the St. Jude SCRIP-For-Tuition Program. **Everyone can start saving for their 2010-2011 tuition beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>!**
- Attention to parents of departing 8<sup>th</sup> graders: keep in mind that you can continue to purchase SCRIP to help defray tuition expenses after your child leaves the halls of St. Jude and heads off to Bishop Dwenger or Bishop Luers! Just let a SCRIP Coordinator know!

**SCRIP Ideas**

- Men's and Women's CHRP weekends are quickly approaching. Pick up some Abba House or All Saints Religious SCRIP for that special someone participating on a weekend.
- Science Fair projects mean a trip to United Art and Education. Young Authors books mean a trip to United Art and Education. Home-made board games and President Reports mean a trip to United Art and Education. We have United Art and Education SCRIP in stock!!
- Did you remember that special someone yesterday for Valentine's Day?? If it slipped your mind, it's not too late to pick up some SCRIP for him/her. It's the thought that counts!!!
- **"McTeacher Night" is back!!! Monday, March 8—get your McDonalds's SCRIP!!**
- **Land's End SCRIP(\$25 @14%)** can be used at **Sear's**.
- **WalMart SCRIP (\$25 @ 1%)** can also be used at **Sam's Club**.
- **SCRIP-For-Tuition Hours**

St. Jude School Kidmail is on Tuesdays, when school is in session.

Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm in the Parish Center; Thursday 8-10am in the Parish Center.

**Weekend Schedule---2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month** (all sales in are conducted in the Parish Center):

**\*after Saturday evening Mass** **2/27/10**

**\*after 7, 9, and 11am Masses** **2/28/10**