



ST JUDE

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Bulldog Brief

Dear St. Jude Community,

Happy New Year!! Welcome back!! January is a busy month. We are making preparations for Catholic Schools Week, which begins on January 26th and ends on February 1th. I will be visiting St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood to speak to their community on January 28th to invite their community to attend our open house on January 30th. The HSA has some fun plans for the week; please contact Sandra Cortez or any of the HSA team if you are able to volunteer during the week.

Mrs. Balog is coordinating our International Festival on February 1st. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our incredible diversity. Please consider volunteering or contributing to the event. Last year the Thaddeus room was full of so many wonderful stations. This year we are planning to use all available space in the Thaddeus room, Madigan hall, and even the lobby!! Consider sharing your heritage with our community! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Balog.

2019 is going to be an amazing year for St. Jude! Thank you for your continued commitment to your children and this community!!

Please take some time and complete the registration process. If you have a child entering Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, I strongly recommend you do so now.

Currently, there are 0 spaces remaining in pre-K 3, and 10 spaces remaining in Kindergarten. Please do not wait, register as soon as possible.

Thank you for all that you do for our community!!

We areSt. Jude!

Live Jesus in our hearts..... Forever!

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TO DO LIST

- ☐ **Order Hot Lunch**
- ☐ **Donate Blood**
- ☐ **Sign up** for March for Life
- ☐ **Volunteer** for HSA activities

2019-2020 Enrollment

If you have not yet completed the re-enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year, please do so as soon as possible. Registration is now open to everyone and you must register to secure a spot for your child(ren) for next year.

CALENDAR

Early dismissal.....Jan 18
Blood Drive.....Jan 19
No School.....Jan 21
CSW begins!.....Jan 28
Open House.....Jan 30

Hot Lunch Orders for Feb. Due!

Orders for February Hot Lunch are due Jan. 12. Late orders may be placed for an additional charge of \$1.00 per item from the 13th to the 15th. Navigate to <https://mainandmarket.boonli.com> to place orders today.

Registration for New Parents:
Click Register to Create an Account

School Password is: BULL-DOG27

Support Hours

Start the new year off right by volunteering! Track your hours from the School website using the Chrome Browser.

Navigate to www.stjuderockville.org > Parent Resources > School Support Program > Enter Your Support Hours [Here](#)

Register by creating a user name

and password, then log on and input your hours. The site will tally all of your hours for the year.

We have a computer in the Main Office that is available to you at any time if you need access to enter your hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email elen.donnely@stjuderockville.org

	December 29, 2018	May 28, 2019	Total Hours Completed
Multi-Family Household	15 hours or \$225 (\$15 per incomplete hour)	15 hours or \$225 (\$15 per incomplete hour)	30 hours or \$450 (\$15 per incomplete hour)
Single Parent Household	7.5 hours or \$112.50 (\$15 per incomplete hour)	7.5 hours or \$112.50 (\$15 per incomplete hour)	15 hours or \$225 (\$15 per incomplete hour)

**"The new year stands before us,
like a chapter in a book, waiting
to be written. "**

-Melody Beattie

Inclement Weather Policy

(K-8) St. Jude Regional Catholic School follows the Montgomery County Public Schools policy regarding school closings due to inclement weather. St. Jude will alert the community using School Messenger (phone call & email), Facebook, and Twitter (@StJudeRCS). **If Montgomery County schools are closed - we are closed. If Montgomery County schools are opening 2 hours late - classes begin at 10:10 A.M.**

(Pre -K) In the case of inclement weather, we follow the Montgomery County Public School schedule for closings. **If there is a 2 hour late delay, our class will start at 10:30am** and if, during the day, schools are told to close early, we ask that you come as quickly and safely as possible to collect your child.

There is no before care when we have a delayed opening.

Classes BEGIN at 10:10am and the doors open at 10am for K-8.

Pre-K begins at 10:30am.

St Jude March for Life bus

The bus will leave on Friday, January 17th immediately following the 9 am Mass. We will leave by the breezeway entrance. It is necessary for each Marcher to bring a bag lunch since we will not return to St Jude until 3 pm. Please contact Jen Kilmer at 202-660-2848 or kilmerteam@msn.com with questions or to sign up.

We will be having a "Cupcakes for Life" fund raiser next week-end 1/12 and 1/13 after all Masses to raise money for the bus. If anyone is willing to bake delicious cupcakes for the cause, it would be appreciated. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus have donated 6 coats to our community. If you truly are in need, please come to the Main office.

Sizes

- 5-6
- 8-10 (2)
- 10-12
- 7
- 6X

International Day



International Day is Coming!

We are asking for donations of plastic utensils, Styrofoam plates, napkins, and mini water bottles. Please send donations to the main office. Thank you!

Join us on Feb. 1 as we celebrate the rich culture and worldwide traditions that make St. Jude such a special place. We need you to help make this event a success! Complete the form on pg. 7 to let Mrs. Balog know how you can help!

Box Tops

As in previous years, we are collecting Box Tops to earn cash for the school. You can clip Box Tops from a list of participating [products](#).

You may submit Box Tops using the mailbox outside of the Main Office year round.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Saturday, January 19

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thaddeus Room

Register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Enter Sponsor ID: "SJC Rockville" or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your life-saving donation.

Eligibility concerns? Please call the Red Cross at 1-866-236-3276.

Please remember to print a photo ID (with date of birth), eat lots of protein-rich foods and drink a few extra glasses of water before you come in to donate.

Contact:
Frank.Benedetti@gmail.com or **David.Hull@redcross.org** for more details.

Upcoming Events

Select the links for information on volunteering.

Save the Date!

Catholic Schools Week: Week of January 27, 2019

We are planning a week of activities to celebrate the value of Catholic education. Schedule will be shared soon.

HSA Updates

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 27, 2019. We need a lot of volunteers to run all of the successful events that week. Look for a Sign Up Genius in the coming weeks or contact Sandra Cortez (scortez1108@gmail.com) to assist.

Spotlight on
St. Jude Regional Catholic School



OPEN HOUSE

We would love to share the story of our school with you. Attend St. Jude Regional Catholic School Open House to see our wonderful teachers in action and experience our welcoming community first-hand. SJRCS will be hosting an Open House on
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
9:00-11:30am ~ 6:00-8:00pm



Bulldog Locker Room

Basketball teams are all playing their games and planning for **softball and baseball** has already begun!

Any parent interested in coaching a spring sport (assistant or head) should contact the SJAA at the email below. Stay tuned to future Bulldog Briefs for information on registration.



Have a Pre-K to 2nd grader? Register for Blue Room Basketball on [SportsPilot](#). Blue Room is a fun opportunity to learn the fundamentals of basketball and takes place in Madigan Hall on Saturday mornings.

Questions? Contact stjudesaa@gmail.com.





CONTACT LIST

QUESTIONS?

Ready to volunteer or have a question? Reach out to the Contact for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteer Opportunity	Description	Contact
PLAYGROUND MONITOR	Consider taking a day or two each week to help set-up and monitor the children right before school or during your lunch break.	Otis Sangster oasangster1@verizon.net
USED UNIFORM STORE	Volunteers help manage and sort the used uniforms donated back to the school. Everyone is welcome to browse the available used uniforms available in various sizes and styles in the “store” in the basement of the school.	Ms. Negash neden08@yahoo.com
SCHOOL STORE (“BULLDOG KENNEL”)	Show your Bulldog Pride and assist with the School Store during morning drop-off and for special events.	Mrs. Lagrana nlagrana25@gmail.com

Join us for a parish-wide event headed by our Pastoral Council on Saturday, February 2, 10am till noon.

Topic: PARISH MINISTRY AND THE FORMATION OF DISCIPLES

This talk will look at parish ministry from the viewpoint of Pope Francis’ call that all Catholics live as missionary disciples. It will help prioritize the directions of parish activities and show how parish ministry is strengthen through the lens of evangelization.

Fr. Frank DeSiano was ordained a Paulist priest in 1972. He has served as pastor in downtown parishes in New York and Chicago, and been a national leader in Catholic Evangelization for 40 years. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Boston University in 1990, and was elected President of the Paulist Fathers in 1994. He has written numerous books, and is published in several magazines. In 2016, he was named Director of Formation, a ministry he does while directing Paulist Evangelization Ministries. He travels nation-wide and is a noted preacher and presenter to Catholic leaders and catechists. He regularly serves on Sundays at St. Elizabeth (Rockville) and Resurrection (Burtonsville). His latest book, Catholic Discipleship: Spiritual Exercises and Reflections appeared in November, 2018.



International Day!

We need your help!



International Day is on: **Friday Feb. 1** (The last day of Catholic Schools Week) - and we want YOU to help by representing your country!

We are asking parents to set up booths that represent the country you come from. The booth will contain different artifacts from your country (flags, posters, photographs, art, etc.) We are also asking that you bring samples of food from your country for the students to try at International Day (small appetizers, small desserts, etc.). Students will learn about your culture, and sample the different foods from all over the world!

We also need parents to volunteer to run the country booths that represent the country their children studied in their individual homerooms. This would involve the parents working with the classroom teachers.

Please let Mrs. Balog know if you can volunteer to run a booth to represent your country. Parents can earn volunteer hours for setting up/ running a country booth. This will be a fun community event for the parents and kids!

Please email Mrs. Balog at: Katharine.Balog@stjuderockville.org and let her know what country you would like to represent, and how you would like to help. Thank you!

Family Name and Email: _____

My children are in the following grades: _____

I would like to volunteer to: (Please circle)

Run a country booth (please indicate which country you would like to represent: _____)

Volunteer at International day

Clean-up after the event

Donate food

Help Plan and organize International Day