



# ST JUDE

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Bulldog Brief

Dear St. Jude Community,

Please complete your registration for next fall. We have waiting lists in every grade from first through sixth and only 6 spaces remaining in Kindergarten. Registration also provides the school with its budget for the upcoming school year. Please be sure to complete the process. After February 22 we will begin placing students on the waiting list if they have not completed enrollment. This will include students who have not submitted registration or application fees. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Donnelly or me.

As we begin the season of Lent, please speak to your children about the meaning of this time. Topics such as why is Lent 40 days long? Why do we fast? Why don't we eat meat on Fridays? And of course, why did God sacrifice his only son for us? We will certainly be speaking about these topics in class, but these are excellent topics for home as well.

This school year is not a gala year, but now is the time to start thinking about a gala. St. Jude is in need of a gala chair and a gala committee. If you are interested, please come see me. Our last gala raised over \$100,000 and transformed several rooms in the school. I think we can do it again!!

Please continue to check your children's book bags and your emails for updates on activities and opportunities to volunteer. Thank you for all the support you provide the children of St. Jude!!

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

We are .....St. Jude!

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

Glenn J. Benjamin, Ed.D.

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### TO DO LIST

- ☐ Dress down for **Tag Day**
- ☐ **Register for GOTR and Heart & Sole**
- ☐ **Register for baseball or softball**
- ☐ Support St. Jude at **Restaurant Night!**

## 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

Tag Day.....Feb. 14  
No School.....Feb. 15  
No School.....Feb. 18  
Restaurant Night.....Feb. 19/20

## 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](http://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](mailto: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)

*"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but a great deal more to stand up to your friends."*

*-Albus Dumbledore*

## 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.**

## Upcoming Events

**February 19/20: Restaurant Night at Chuy's Rockville**



## HSA Updates

Thank you to all the families who supported the CSW events and donated to the Johns Hopkins Children Center. We were sad to have to cancel the boogie but rest assured we are planning another family event and details will be shared soon.

**Restaurant Night: February 19 and 20 at Chuy's Rockville.** Eat-in or carry-out, two days to help the HSA raise funds for our school. Kids menu, daily specials and happy hour menus available. Be sure to mention our school so we get credit for your visit. See page 8.

### CertifiKID

SHOP for local family fun at 80% off,

SAVE an extra \$5,

EARN \$5 for St. Jude. Support SJRCS by shopping with CertifiKID. Earn great discounts on local activities while earning money for our school. Just use promo code STJUDE at checkout and you receive \$5 off your purchase of \$30 or more and SJRCS will earn \$5 as well. Share the promo code with family and friends so that they can get the discount too. It's that easy! Code expires June 15, 2019.

## Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole

Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole registration is now open at

<https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/>

These programs inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

Join the Fun! Girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited for GOTR and girls in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for Heart & Sole. You don't even have to love running.

Learn about yourself! Explore who you are and build your confidence. Hang out with friends! Dance!

## Bulldog Locker Room

⇒ Planning for **softball and baseball** has already begun!

**Please register soon so we can determine the number and age group of teams that we will support for CYO softball and RBBA baseball.**

If you're interested in coaching, please contact SJAA at the address below.

⇒ **Attention all Golfers!** Our annual golf tournament is scheduled for **June 7, 2019, at New Hampshire Greens**. Save the date now!

⇒ **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](mailto:stjudesaa@gmail.com).

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to our very own Dr. Glenn J. Benjamin, who last week successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Creighton University in Nebraska! Dr. Benjamin was conferred with his Ed.D. for his work on "An Examination of Behaviors and Strategies of Resurgent Parish Elementary Schools". We are so proud of everything Dr. Benjamin has done for our St. Jude community and for all his hard work pursuing this advanced degree.





## 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
<b>PLAYGROUND MONITOR</b>	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 <a href="mailto:oasangster1@verizon.net">oasangster1@verizon.net</a>
<b>USED UNIFORM STORE</b>	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 <a href="mailto:neden08@yahoo.com">neden08@yahoo.com</a>
<b>SCHOOL STORE (“BULLDOG KENNEL”)</b>	Show your Bulldog Pride and assist with the School Store during morning drop-off and for special events.	Mrs. Lagrana <a href="mailto:nlagrana25@gmail.com">nlagrana25@gmail.com</a>

## THE NEW IQ?

### UNDERSTANDING AND TEACHING EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

**FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

9:00AM – 4:00PM (REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM)

THE HALL AT HUNTINGTOWN (HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD)

4030 OLD TOWN ROAD

HUNTINGTOWN, MD 20639

PRESENTER: DEBI FILIPPI, PCC CERTIFIED PRESENTER, TRANSFORMATION EDUCATION INSTITUTE

#### Executive Function Skills—What are they?

Teaching children to think—clearly and efficiently—is a universal goal of parents and teachers alike. Thinking skills such as planning, goal setting, organizing, prioritizing, self-monitoring, accessing working memory, impulse control and sustaining focused attention are critical to academic success at every age. Most important, the development of these skills allows children to mature into independent, healthy and functional adults. Executive Function skills are the “how” of learning.

**Parent-focused seminar will be held on Feb. 19, 2019.**

**See the full flyer on pg. 10.**



# **Valentine's Day Tag Day**

**Thursday,  
February 14th**

***Cost: 50 Cents***

***Students must wear pink, red, white and/or purple. Please  
follow the dress-down guidelines outlined in the  
student handbook. Thank you.***





JOIN ST. JUDE REGIONAL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL HSA AT

# RESTAURANT NIGHT!

**WHEN: FEB. 19 & 20**

Two days to visit and  
support our school!

**TIME: ALL DAY, BOTH DAYS!**

**PLACE: CHUY'S ROCKVILLE**

12266 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Eat in or carry-out! Be sure to  
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flyer so our school can get  
credit for your visit

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### Highlights of this interactive PARENT FOCUSED workshop include:

- What are some important Executive Function Skills?
- Where do Executive Function Skills happen in the brain?
- Why do Executive Function Skills matter?
- Strategies to help teach EF Skills IN AND OUT of the classroom.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

PLEASE CONTACT SUE RAFALOWSKI, PARENT COORDINATOR, PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS, CCPS

EMAIL: [parentconnections@calvertnet.k12.md.us](mailto:parentconnections@calvertnet.k12.md.us)

Or call Sue at 443-550-8375

This is an all-day workshop. We will have an hour for lunch. You can bring a brown bag lunch or eat out.



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