# The Bulldog Brief

#### January 8, 2020

# A message from Dr. Benjamin

### Welcome back!

Happy New Year!! Welcome back!! January is a busy month. We are preparing for Catholic Schools Week, which begins on January 25th and ends on January 31st. I will be visiting St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood to speak to their community on January 26th to invite their community to attend our open house on January 29th. The HSA has some fun plans for the week; please contact Zendi Velazquez or any of the HSA team if you are able to volunteer during the week.

Mrs. Balog is coordinating our International Festival on January 31st. 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.

2020 is going to be an amazing year for St. Jude! Don't forget to register for the Denim and Diamonds Gala and to purchase JEEP raffle tickets! Thank you for your continued commitment to your children and this community!!



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#### Winter Weather?

St. Jude follows Montgomery County Public Schools for delays or closures. 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 Reminders

- ✓ Donate items for International Day
- ✓ Volunteer for the Gala
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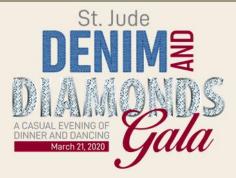
### **Upcoming Dates**

- ✓ January 17<sup>th</sup> Half Day
- ✓ January 20<sup>th</sup> − No School
- ✓ January 25<sup>th</sup> Catholic Schools Week Begins

#### Registration

Please take some time and complete the process. If you have a child entering Pre-K 3, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, please register as soon as possible.

Currently, there are <u>13</u> spaces remaining in PK 3, and <u>9</u> spaces remaining in Kindergarten.



- <u>**Purchase your Gala Tickets**</u>! Check out the site for details about the Gala, including purchase of tickets (\$55 for one/\$100 for a couple/\$450 for table of ten) as well as sponsorship opportunities and car raffle tickets (\$50).
- **Car Raffle**: We will be raffling off the sleek NEW JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4x4 on display in the parking lot. Once again, tickets are only \$50 and only 500 will be sold!
- Ready to help?
  - The Gala Committee is seeking donations of old jeans blue or white for decorations. Bring in your old pairs (any size!) to the Main Office.
  - We are also looking for strings of white Christmas lights.
  - Volunteer to sell Jeep raffle tickets at Mass.

#### Support our goal for an

### **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY LAB**

Silent Auction \* Raffles \* Live Auction

Buffet Dinner \* Online and Mobile Bidding \* Dancing

Featuring Live Band: DOCTORS ORDERS

Casual Dress (Come wearing your favorite denim and diamonds!)



## **International Day**

### International Day is Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

We are asking parents to set up booths that represent the country you come from- with food and items from that country. Students will learn about your culture and sample the different foods from all over the world!

We also need student performers. We want to see all cultures represented.

#### Please email Mrs. Balog at:

<u>Katharine.Balog@stjuderockville.org</u> to let her know how you would like to help. Thank you! We need the following items for International Day-please drop off donations in the main office and earn support hours. Thank you!

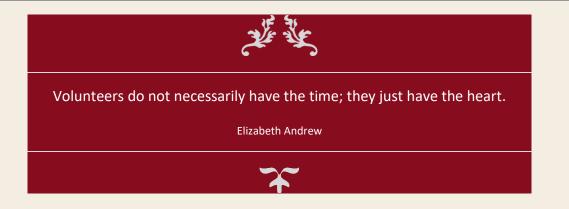
- Paper Plates
- Napkins
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Mini- water bottles



Registration opened today for spring baseball with the Rockville Baseball Association.

Parents can either register their 1st and 2nd graders on the St. Jude Bulldogs team in the Ronald Diehl Instructional Division or 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders can register in the St. Jude Bulldog Buddy Kinder Rookie Division. Please be sure to specifically ask for your children to be registered on the St. Jude teams. Stay tuned for more info for softball registration and for baseball for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Spring Sports Registration begins



We need committed volunteers for the School store, Playground duty, and a Rosary Club leader for the school year.

You must be willing to commit to a set schedule.

For more info:

Playground: Contact Mr. Sangster

School Store: Contact Mrs. Sabados

Rosary Club: Contact Mrs. Donnelly



Winter is here! Come in from the cold and check out our featured School Store item, St. Jude School **Maroon and White knitted scarves with fringe, only \$15.00!** Warm, high quality and comfortable, these stylish scarves can be worn by students, staff, and family all year long as a way to show your School Spirit. Stop by M-F 8-9am or 2:30-3:30pm to check out these and our other unique items that allow students, parents, staff, alumni and friends to show their St. Jude pride.

Help spread our School Spirit while fulfilling your hours! Contact Diana Sabados at artemisdls@yahoo.com or 703-309-4987 today!

