

The Bulldog Brief

January 22, 2020



A message from Dr. Benjamin

Stay warm with some HOT events at SJRCS

It's cold outside!! Please be sure to send your child(ren) with a jacket, gloves, and a hat. When the temperature is above freezing, we will send the students outside for recess. With the cold weather finally settling in, it is also important to monitor the weather. In the event of inclement weather, we will follow Montgomery County schools on closings and delayed openings. You will also receive a call from me through our automated school notification system.

Buy your Jeep raffle tickets! You could walk away with a brand-new car or the cash equivalent!! Registration for Denim and Diamonds 2020 is underway! Reserve your seats, table, or make a donation to the party of the year! Proceeds will go towards a brand-new Advanced Technology lab. While you don't need to be present to win the Jeep, you could be missing out on the incredible auction items that have been donated already. There are some amazing class baskets: a Nintendo Switch basket, a fire pit basket, a date night basket, and so much more!

Catholic Schools Week is around the corner! We begin with Mass at the Shrine of St. Jude on Saturday, January 25th and at St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, January 26th. Please join us to kick off our celebration of this wonderful school and all Catholic schools. Please contact Zendi Velasquez if you can volunteer for the many events taking place that week. We are...St. Jude!



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Upcoming Reminders

- ✓ Donate items for International Day
- ✓ Donate items for Cup of Joe Service Project
- ✓ Volunteer for the Gala
- ✓ Volunteer for International Day

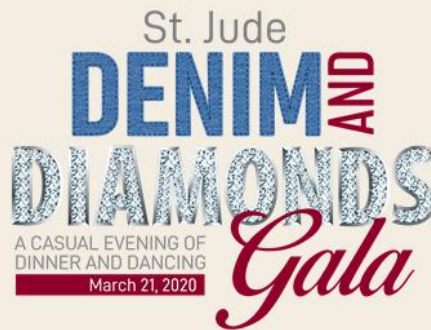
Upcoming Dates

- ✓ January 25th – Catholic Schools Week Begins
- ✓ January 31st – Half Day

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 9 spaces remaining in PK 3, and 9 spaces remaining in Kindergarten.



**BEAT THE
PRICE INCREASE**

- **Ticket Prices increase February 6th!!** 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). Prices increase to \$70 for one/\$130 for a couple/\$550 for table of ten after February 6th.
- **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** for an hour or two at Sunday 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 31st

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!

Please email Mrs. Balog at:

Katharine.Balog@stjuderockville.org 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

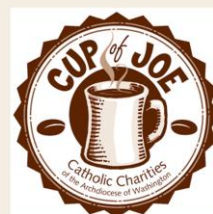
Catholic Schools Week

Lots of volunteers are needed for Catholic Schools week.

Please sign-up to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Zendi at zgvelasquez@gmail.com.

January 25th – January 31st

Saturday, January 25 th	Opening Mass	5:00pm	Shrine of St. Jude – Wear School uniform
Sunday, January 26 th	Opening Mass	9:30am	St. Francis of Assisi– Wear School uniform
Monday, January 27 th	Parent Appreciation Day	Drop-off	Coffee & treats in main lobby with Dr. Benjamin at morning drop-off
Tuesday, January 28 th	Service Day Project		Volunteers needed to assist with assembly line management of bags for Cup of Joe for the homeless in our community. See Mrs. Donatelli .
Wednesday, January 29 th	Open House/ Souper Bowl- Teacher Appreciation	9:00am 6:00pm	Volunteers needed for both morning and evening to meet prospective families and share with them just how great SJRCS is! Volunteer to bring in a crockpot of your favorite soup! Drop-off the crockpot in the morning and pick-up in the afternoon.
Thursday, January 30 th	Family Lunch/ Student Appreciation Day	TBD	Thaddeus Room—bring lunch to share with your children. PK through Gr. 2 will eat first, followed by Gr. 3 through Gr. 8.
Friday, January 31 st	Closing Mass/ International Day/ Bulldog Boogie	9:00am 10:00am 12 noon 6-8pm	St. Jude Mass Thaddeus Room. Volunteers needed. Dismissal To close Catholic Schools Week, we will have a Bulldog Boogie in the Thaddeus Room. Bring the family and enjoy an evening of great music and dancing! Volunteers needed. This is not a drop-off event and parents are expected to stay on site with their children.



Supply List

Please return no later than Wednesday, January 22nd

PreK	napkins
Kindergarten	brown lunch bags
1 st grade	Applesauce (variety of flavors 12 cups each)
2 nd grade	Applesauce (variety of flavors 12 cups each)
3 rd grade	granola/breakfast bars (12 each)
4 th grade	granola/breakfast bars (12 each)
5 th grade	Coffee cups (2 dozen each)
6 th grade	plastic spoons (24 each)
7 th grade	variety of juice boxes (dozen each)
8 th grade	variety of juice boxes (dozen each)

Spring Sports Registration begins

Registration is open for spring baseball with the [Rockville Baseball Association](#).

Parents should either register their 1st and 2nd graders (8 and under) on the Saint Jude Bulldogs team in the Ronald Diehl Instructional Division coached by Carlos Rojas or the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders (10 and under) can register in the Saint Jude Bulldog Pee Wee AL team coached by Luis Cardona. Please be sure to ask for your children to be registered with the Saint Jude team or they will be placed with another team.



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

Elizabeth Andrew



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 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!

To spread the word about our upcoming Open House, we have purchased 200 yard signs. These signs will help us promote the Open House in the school neighborhood and throughout the vast area our school families come from. Please consider putting a sign in your front yard. Please come by the office of School store to collect your sign.

- You must sign one out so we can then track neighborhoods.
- Must be placed in a visible location on your property.
- You are responsible for the yard sign once you sign it out.
- You may return it after the Open house or keep it until next fall.
- We will provide stickers to update the sign.