

The Laker Legend

an alumni newsletter

“Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the feet with which He goes about doing good,
and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.”

- St. Theresa of Avila



Catholic Education Since 1954

St. Jude of the Lake Alumni

Welcome to your first alumni newsletter. Our hope is that you will stay connected to St. Jude of the Lake in body, mind and spirit. We are blessed to count you among our friends and appreciate your continued support.

Alumni Social over Christmas Break

Wednesday December 30, 2009

2:30-4:30pm PINZ Bowling in Oakdale
(bring \$)

5:00-7:00pm TGI Fridays in Maplewood
(bring \$)

School Wish List Items

Ellison Die Cuts Library Books Library Shelf
Smart Boards Web Cams Digital Camera
Classroom Bible Set Video Camera

Pillars of Catholic Education

Worship * Academics

Service * Enrichment

Angel Fund

The actual cost to educate one student at St. Jude is currently \$5,000 while the tuition is \$3,878. The difference of ~\$1,200 per child is covered by the parish, fundraisers, and donations. However, even \$3,878 is difficult for many families. We know that sending a child to Catholic school is indeed a financial sacrifice and we never want money to stand in the way of receiving an education rooted in faith. That is why we have the Angel Fund. The Angel Fund was established to help families who need financial assistance with tuition costs. Now, more than ever, the scholarship need is rising. Would you consider a gift to the Angel Fund? All donations post-marked by Dec. 31st are tax deductible in 2009.

\$50 buys a new textbook
\$90 buys a graphing calculator
\$250 buys a continuing education class for a teacher
\$500 pays the bus rental for a field trip
* your donation goes a long way in helping our students succeed.



Prefer to give online?

Go to:
www.stjudeofthelake.org
and click on
Online Giving and
Donations

Fall Issue 2009

Upcoming school events:

Dec. 21 Christmas Pageant &
Band Concert

Dec. 30 Alumni Social Event

Jan 26-31 Catholic Schools Wk

Jan. 31 School Open House
and Book Fair

Jan. 2010 Begin Registration
for 2010/2011 school year

Mar. 4 Kindergarten Round-up

Apr 29-May 2 Annual Spring
Musical: *High School Musical*

May 15 Parish Spring Dinner

June 8–8th Grade Graduation

**St. Jude of the Lake
Microfleece Sweatshirts
Now Available**

**\$34 – adult sizes
\$29 – youth sizes**

**Call Rocky at 426-3245 to
find out how to get one.**

**Do you contribute to the
United Way?**

Did you know you can designate St. Jude as the recipient of your donation?

Check with your HR department to find out how.

How are alumni giving back to St. Jude?

- Being a guest speaker
- Helping as classroom volunteers
- Donating wish list items
- Attending school events
- Enrolling their children

You can get involved too. Call for more information.

Passive Fundraising = easy money (i.e. fundraising with little/no work)

7th annual spring musical production is: *High School Musical* April 29, 30, May 1 & 2

For the past six years, St. Jude has brought a theater experience to its students in every sense of the word. From the 4 ft high 70'x36' stage that is brought in, to the outstanding costumes, lighting, sound, and set design, these students become "stars" in a matter of months.

Educators have told us that children who are given opportunities to express themselves in a variety of ways tend to do better academically and socially. The self confidence that blossoms in a child both in and out of the classroom because of a performance opportunity is amazing to watch. For some students, the courage it takes them to say or sing a few lines, then encourages them to try out for the sports team they've always dreamed of, but were too afraid to attempt. A theater experience encourages teamwork, self reliance, synergy, and self discipline.

Please come and support our students in this year's production of *High School Musical*. Tickets will go on sale in April. Watch the website for more information.

Note: alumni from previous productions are recognized before each show. We would love to see you there!

Want to help? The big set building weekend is April 23-25. Call Rocky at 426-3245 if you have questions. Come and join us!



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Do you shop at Target? Have you ever seen Box Tops for Education on your cereal? Do you eat Campbell's Soup or drink Kemps or Land O'Lakes milk? Do you drink beverages in aluminum cans?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you can help St. Jude. Here's how:

Target: sign up for the Target RedCard/Check Card and designate St. Jude as the recipient of the Target's "give back to the community" guarantee

Box Tops: clip and send to St. Jude. They're worth 10 cents each.

Kemps or Land O'Lakes milk caps sent to St. Jude are worth 5 cents each.

Campbells: clip and send to St. Jude. Labels = points; points = educational products for the school

Aluminum Cans: Bring cans to the can cage behind the Ministry Center. The money raised benefits Catholic youth education (dayschool, faith formation, and young adults)

Electronic Newsletter? How do you get updates and the next newsletter in color? Provide us with your email address. It's that easy. Email rocky@stjudeofthelake.org or call 651-426-3245x233. You'll be added to our email list and learn all about current school news and upcoming events. Send your email address today and stay connected to St. Jude School.

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What's the buzz?



Become a fan of St. Jude of the Lake School for the latest event details and school news.

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**May this Advent and Christmas season be filled with peace, love, and joy.
Merry Christmas to you and your family.**