



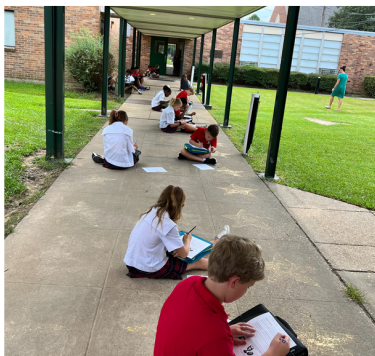
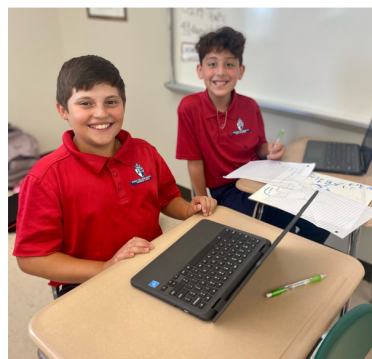
JGS RAM READER

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic School's Newsletter

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IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

The first few weeks of school have gone very well. Our students are happy to be back at school and we are thankful to have them. We are participating in Mass weekly. JGS football is in full swing and the first PTO event of the year, Donuts with Grownups is right around the corner on Wednesday, September 14. *(Please see Donuts with Grownups flyer with Tuesday reminders)*

Thank you to everyone who donated to last year's JGS Annual Fund drive. We are seeing the fruits of your labor at JGS School. The new digital marquee in the front of the school looks great and is being constantly updated by Mrs. Grace in the school office. Our JGS Daycare now has a gated enclosure to ensure the safety of our smallest students and our teachers received bonuses from the annual fund that help maintain their salaries at 80% of public school teachers. We are also in the process of a few campus upgrades, including adding a Merry-Go-Round to our main playground, obtaining bids for new touchless bottle filling stations and awaiting our additional safety panic buttons for all of our remaining teachers. Every teacher on campus will be equipped with a safety panic button in the event of an emergency. These buttons are directly linked to the Monroe Police Department.

Reminder that Tuesday test folders will continue to come home each week in the student's backpack with test papers to be signed. Be sure to check your Rams email every Tuesday for reminders and other school correspondence. Please call the school office 318-325-8569 with questions or email us at ramsejesusgoodshepherd.org.

PTO News

2022-23 PTO Calendar

We are excited to welcome our new and returning families back for the start of the 2022-23 school year and hope you had an enjoyable summer! The PTO has been working hard to get ready for an awesome year! We would like to announce **Ashton Mintz** and **Susie Lefebvre** as our PTO Co-Vice President's this year. We are fortunate to have them as a part of the PTO committee and look forward to planning upcoming events.

A special thanks to our PTO members who helped us restock the teacher's lounge for the 1st day of school. We have added a new committee this year that will oversee the restocking of the lounge once a month to show our teachers how truly special we think they are! You can sign up to join this committee on our volunteer form that went out last week.

We enjoyed seeing you all at our Back to School Bash! We appreciate all who stopped by our table to sign up for committees and purchase a new shirt. If you missed this opportunity to purchase a shirt, please see attached for a pre-order form.

Please keep in mind that The JGS ANNUAL FUND brochure should be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Please be sure to fill out THE JGS ANNUAL FUND donor card that you receive in the mail. Donation cards will also be available at the church and school offices as well as in the gathering space of the church and on the JGS School website. You may also make a donation online through WeShare at <https://jesusgoodshepherd.weshareonline.org>. Your generosity in the form of a tax-deductible donation to The JGS Annual Fund will afford us the opportunity to provide teacher retention, tuition assistance and campus improvements. If you need more information regarding THE JGS ANNUAL FUND, please do not hesitate to give us a call!

Reminder to fill out your PTO committee volunteer forms that went home last week! Please fill those out and return them as soon as possible. Without the volunteerism of our parents, none of these events would be possible! A big thank you to all of those who have already volunteered their time and talent!

Sincerely,
Christi Blakeney and Cynthia Nyquist, PTO Presidents

SEPTEMBER 14: DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS:
PK3-2ND (7:00AM-8:00AM)

OCTOBER 25-28 BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 28 GRANDPARENT'S DAY

DECEMBER 16 CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES
(11AM-12PM)

JANUARY 12 (during Parent Teacher
Conferences) USED UNIFORM SALE

JANUARY 25 DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS:
3RD-6TH (7:00AM-8:00AM)

FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY
(2PM-3PM)

FEBRUARY/MARCH TBD RAFFLE

MAY 1-5 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 5 FIELD DAY

MAY 23 6TH GRADE BREAKFAST AND
MAY POLE

MAY 24 K AND 6TH GRADE GRADUATIONS

MAY 25 AWARDS DAY

Principal's Note

Mrs. Lisa Patrick

School is off to a fabulous start, thanks to our wonderful student body and dedicated faculty and staff. Our current enrollment at JGS is 336 students.

Daycare-23	Prek 3- 32	Prek 4-22	Kindergarten-32	1st- 39	2nd- 33	3rd- 33
4th- 30	5th- 43	6th- 49				

The Daycare allowance is 12 children per class with 2 adults in each classroom. We limit grades Prek3-Prek 4 to 40 students total and 20 per homeroom. We limit grades K-6 to 50 students total and 25 per homeroom. Our student average this year is 17 students per homeroom. This is a wonderful ratio in any academic setting especially since the State of Louisiana allowance in grades K-12 is 35 students per homeroom. This puts JGS well below the student/teacher ratio allowed by the State Department of Education and ensures that the classroom experience is positive, personal, and very productive for each and every student. Please continue to share the good news about our wonderful school.

We appreciate your support as we work to provide a safe environment with excellent academics for all of our students. We will have our Lock Down drill on Wednesday, September 7th with Monroe City Police Chief Zordan; Director of Homeland Security, Archie Brown and State Police Investigator Hank Smith. Please discuss the importance of this drill at home with your children. We will sound the alarm and will use our school panic buttons during the drill.

We offer school tours by appointment each week. Also remember, our new family referral reward is \$300 per new family who enrolls and remains at JGS through December. We award these rebates in January each year. Please remember the State Law with the number of days allowed for unexcused absences according to Non-Public Bulletin 741. The State of La will allow 15 days total unexcused per school year. This is only 7.5 days per semester unexcused so please remember to send a doctor's excuse to school for illnesses requiring a visit to the doctor's office. These first few weeks of school have gotten off to a wonderful start thanks to the teamwork and cooperation of our JGS families, students, teachers and staff. May God continue to Bless Jesus the Good Shepherd School.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Patrick

No Cell Phone Use In School Zone

(LA Revised Statute Title 32.300.8)

If you are driving through a school zone, during posted hours, it is against the law to use your cell phone or other mobile device for ANY REASON, including:

- Making a phone call
- Texting
- Social Networking

The only exceptions to this rule are:

- You need to report an emergency (including traffic hazard or accidents.)
- Your personal safety is at risk.
- You need to report or avert a criminal act against someone (including yourself).
- You are legally parked.

You operate an emergency vehicle and must use your cell phone as part of your job.

If you are caught using your cell phone in a school zone, a police officer could charge you with a moving violation.



Thank you to our Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Department, **Officers Aaron Vincent & Dakota Rodermund**, for providing security at JGS daily.

Mrs. Barger's 3rd Grade STEM Project



Mrs. Barger's 3rd grade class has been busy learning about force and motion in science. In a preliminary activity, the students built their own golf courses and applied different forces to put the ball into motion. This activity helped them understand and apply their knowledge when doing their STEM project, which consisted of building slides and testing them through the Scientific Method.



**Saint Vincent de Paul
Community Pharmacy's**



Chicken & Sausage Gumbo To Go Supper

1 quart of gumbo
1 pint of rice

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Jesus the Good Shepherd Church parking lot
\$10 Donation • Tickets must be purchased before event
Phone: 381-9670 • P.O. Box 14903 • Monroe, LA 71207

SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, September 21, 2022
11 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at Miro's

201 Walnut St., Monroe, LA 71201

A percentage of all food purchases that day benefits the SVDP Pharmacy.

Louis Vuitton Purse Raffle



Louis Vuitton Carry All MM

Drawing to be held Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm
Jesus the Good Shepherd Poor Man's Supper
DONATION \$10.00
Need not be present to win.

Save the Date:

St. Vincent De Paul Silent Auction

- Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Miro's
- 11am-8:00pm

St. Vincent De Paul Chicken & Sausage Gumbo To-Go Supper & Purse Raffle Drawing

- Wednesday, Sept. 28 at JGS Church Parking lot
- 4:30pm-6:30pm

**gumbo tickets must be purchased before event*

**need not be present to win for raffle drawing*

**all tickets may be purchased at the JGS Church Office*



DONATION \$10.00

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Man's Drive Through Chicken & Sausage Gumbo To Go Supper

Jesus the Good Shepherd Church parking lot
Wednesday, September 28, 2022
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Benefitting S.V.D.P. Pharmacy
All tickets pre-sold

IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

JGS is a Peanut & Fish Restricted School



Please do not send any peanut or fish products to school.



Free & Reduced Lunch

If you think you qualify for free and reduced lunch. Please complete the free and reduced lunch application that was sent home the first week of school and return to the school office as soon as possible.



JGS School Tardy Policy: PreK 3-6th Grade

Each student is allowed 2 unexcused tardies each nine week period. Upon the third unexcused tardy and each tardy thereafter, a fee of \$50 per child must be paid within 5 days of the offense. Excused tardies include medical and dental appointments or excuses at the discretion of the principal.

New Family Referral Incentive

The new family referral incentive is \$300 per family. If you know someone interested in JGS School please ask them to call the school office for more information. When the new family enrolls, please ask them to list your name on the "referred" line on the new student application and you will receive a check by mail in January 2023 if your referred new family enrolls at JGS and remains thru Dec. 2022.

Mass Uniform Policy

- BOYS wear uniform shorts or pants with white oxford shirt. Boys in grades 4th-6th are required to wear the school neck tie (available at Midsouth Medical Scrubs, 3209 Breard St. Monroe)
- GIRLS in PreK 3-3rd grade wear jumpers and girls in 4th-6th grade wear skirts with sailor blouse and blue tie.
- Please send your child to school in the proper uniform on Mass days. School Mass is at 8:10 a.m. each Friday and on Holy Days.
- Please refer to the red student handbook or the school website for more information on the school uniform policy for Mass.

Car Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures

MORNING DROP OFF

- Daycare only should be dropped off at the double doors of Moore Hall. No older siblings are allowed to be dropped off here.
- PreK3 & PreK4 only should be dropped off at the church overhang. No older siblings are allowed to be dropped off here.
- Kindergarten, 5th & 6th grades with older siblings drop off at the gate by the gym.
- Grades 1st-4th with older siblings drop off at the Main Office.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

- Daycare only should be picked up at the double doors of Moore Hall. No older siblings are allowed to be picked up here.
- PreK3 & PreK4 only should be picked up at the church overhang. No older siblings are allowed to be picked up here.
- Kindergarten, 5th & 6th grades with older siblings picked up at the gate by the gym.
- Grades 1st-4th with older siblings picked up at the second awning on Good Shepherd Lane.

Mass & Religion Spotlight



- Last week Mrs. Frantz's Religion class held an outdoor classroom to study and discuss the Emmaus Walk in small groups.
- Fr. Mike took the opportunity during School Mass on Friday to explain the purposes and benefits of Adoration to our students.

"God is good all the time and All the time God is good!"

JGS ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

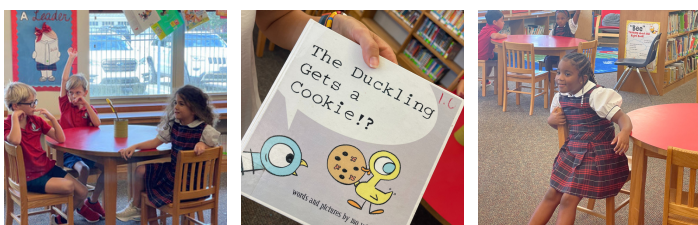
JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Catholic School
Annual Fund Appeal
Providing Academic Excellence
Rooted in Christian Teachings for Over 50 Years

Be on the lookout around mid-September for The JGS Annual Fund brochure in your mailbox. Our annual fund drive will kick-off September 15. From the JGS School website donor forms can be printed and a link to donate online can be accessed. The Annual fund tab can be located under "Support" on home screen. Please remember JGS School in your end-of-year tax deductible donations.

Important Upcoming Dates at JGS



- 9/8 Thurs: JGS Football vs Glenbrook @ Cedar Creek.....7:00pm
- 9/9 Fri: Fall school pictures: wear Mass uniforms (*no money needed/all students will be photographed*)
- 9/13 Tues: JGS Football vs Lakeside @ SFHS.....6:00pm
- 9/14 Wed: Donuts with Grownups (PreK 3-2nd grade only) in cafeteria.....7:00am-8:00am
- 9/16 Fri: JGS or SFHS Spirit shirt & jeans day
 - 6th grade to attend SFHS pep rally.....2:00pm
- 9/19 Mon: JGS Football vs Beekman @ Beekman.....6:00pm
- 9/26 Mon: JGS Football vs River Oaks @ River Oaks.....6:00pm
- 9/30 Fri: JGS or SFHS Spirit shirt & jeans day
- 10/1 Sat: JGS Football Championship @SFHS Chip Luffey Field
- 10/20 Thurs: Parent/Teacher Conferences.....3:30pm-8:00pm
- 10/21 Fri: Dismiss School Early.....12:30pm
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences.....1:00pm-2:00pm
- 10/24 Mon: Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)



JGS 1st grade sharing their current favorite authors to read during Library and for Accelerated Reader. Junie B Jones and Mo Willems were the most mentioned authors.

Easy Ways to Help Support JGS School

Office Depot: Give Back to Schools Program



Simply make a purchase of qualifying school or office supplies, provide your school's ID (JGS School ID: 70042348) at checkout (in store and online) and your designated school will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference.

AmazonSmile Program

JGS School received \$143.51 in the last quarter from Amazon Smile donations. Thank you to all of our JGS families who participate in this wonderful program when they shop!



AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on your iPhone.

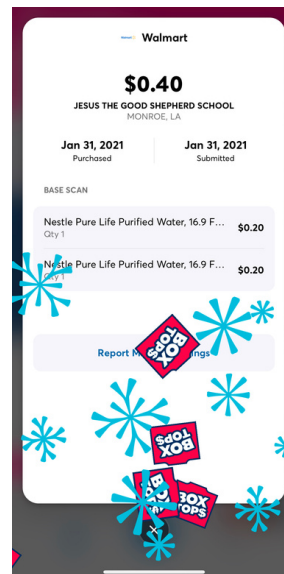
Turn on to start generating donations in the app, at no cost to you.

You are currently supporting:

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic School

Box Tops for Education

Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipts for participating products. JGS will automatically earn cash with every Box Tops product you buy. Download the App today!



JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING YR 1 7TH GRADE

Thursday, September 8
6:30pm

WHERE: JGS CHURCH (IN THE CHURCH)

Topic of Discussion
Schedule and Expectations

For more information contact Kerri @ (318) 325-7549 or dre@jgschurch.org

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING YR 2 8TH GRADE

Sunday, September 11
6:30pm

WHERE: JGS CHURCH (IN THE CHURCH)

Topic of Discussion
Schedule and Expectations

For more information contact Kerri @ (318) 325-7549 or dre@jgschurch.org

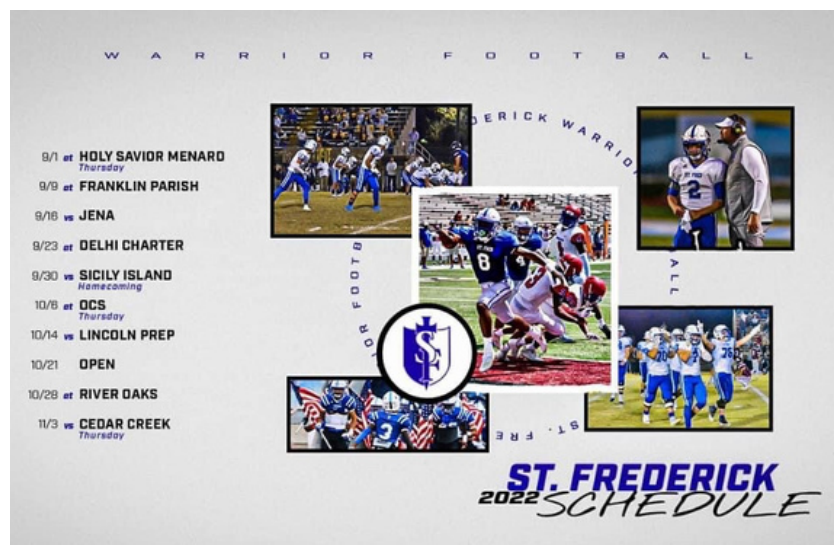
What's Up With The Warriors?

Off to a Great Start!

We are excited about the 2022-2023 school year, and we have gotten off to a great start! We started the year with full enrollment for our junior high, and we have launched a new school app. Search for "St. Frederick" in your app store.

More recently, the junior high football won their first game last Tuesday 22-14 against OCS! Go Warriors! We are also excited about our future Warriors coming to visit us on October 14 for our pep rally and game. JGS players will be recognized that night, and JGS cheer will perform as well. Members of our football team and spirit groups will be at JGS to greet the Rams as they head to school on the mornings of Sept 16 and 30, Oct 6 and 14, and Nov 3. Go Rams! Go Warriors!

Our IB Program is going strong. We had a two-day training workshop for teachers at the end of July, and we just had our first of three "late starts" so that teachers can utilize that time for unit planning. Our student of the month program this year is based on the IB Learner Profile, beginning with "Open-Minded." Look for this month's recipients on Facebook. Thank you for your continued support of St. Frederick High School. We love you!



It's a great time to
BE A WARRIOR!