



Saint Jude *the* Apostle Catholic School

nurtures *the* formation of saints *and* scholars

The annual *Praise and Worship Service* had faculty members and parents alike dabbling their eyes, as few things in life are more moving than hearing 500+ students raise their best singing voices in praise to God. One student described it as “being as much fun as singing at camp!”

For who can stop the
Lord Almighty



Talk about a *joyful noise*



*“Christ is the BREAD of LIFE
and the CUP of ETERNAL SALVATION,
helping you to ALWAYS LIVE as a child of God.”*

We celebrated our second grade First Communicants during a special school Mass on May 20.



May Crowning

A favorite spring tradition is our annual May Crowning. After an all-school procession while reciting the rosary, the students entered the church for the Litany of Mary and songs of praise. The prayerful morning culminated with Mary's crowning by eighth graders Caelan McCulla and Andrew Hagley.

Living Stations * April 16 & 18: Each year during Holy Week, the eighth grade students re-enact Christ's Passion by presenting the Living Stations of the Cross. One class portrays the stations outside in front of the rectory, and the other class presents in the gym. The eighth graders are wonderfully devoted to this long-standing tradition.



Serving Others

As they do every Lent, Saint Jude School fifth graders held a food drive for the Community Assistance Center in Sandy Springs. They collected, loaded, unloaded, unpacked, organized, and shelved nearly 1000 lbs. of food to share with our less fortunate neighbors, thereby demonstrating one of God's corporal works of mercy, "Feed the Hungry."



Maddox Day

Saint Jude School demonstrates the meaning of community

Saint Jude School children participated in a rosary for 4-year-old Maddox Kelly, (younger brother to Jackson, sixth grade and Bennett, second grade) who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Every student in the school wore a blue Maddox Strong t-shirt – Maddox's favorite color.

The school strives to instill faith in God's promise of "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Our students learn about the power of prayer, and pray daily for healing for Maddox and for strength for his family. We are excited to welcome Maddox to our kindergarten class in August!



Once Upon a Lily Pad

The first graders acted, sang, and danced their way into the hearts of everyone as they performed the play *Once Upon a Lily Pad*. In what is now tradition, the first graders present the same play that was performed by current sixth grade students when they were in first grade. With many of the sixth graders wearing THEIR play t-shirts and even reciting the same lines they once spoke, the message of the play was clear. That each of us has a "light," maybe it's just being OURSELVES!





Middle School Spring Play

Our Middle School drama students took a step back in time during their presentation of *Melodramatics*, wherein they portrayed a ragtag band of actors trying to save a theater during the Great Depression. *Melodramatics* is a western themed play within a play that had our actors facing fire, floods, and even bank robbers!

Don't miss our next stellar performance in March, 2020, when *Music Man Jr.* will be on our stage.

One character said it best,
**"You may go out there a nobody,
 but you will come back a star!"**

The eighth grade class enjoyed sporting their chosen high school t-shirts, a popular and fun tradition! We are pleased to share that this year's eighth grade class will be heading to:

St. Pius X	23
Blessed Trinity	16
Public Schools.	5
Marist	3
Other.	2



Eighth Grade Honors Night

Congratulations to the students who received the following special awards at the eighth grade Honors Night. Many are memorial awards displayed on plaques in the front hall of our school. We thank their families for choosing to honor their loved ones here at Saint Jude School.

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory Award recognizes a student who strives to "Live in Christ Jesus" and is dedicated to academic excellence.

2019 winner: *Meghan Hamrick*

Archdiocesan Scholarship: This scholarship was established in 1980 by donors interested in rewarding academic excellence by an eighth grader who will attend Catholic high school at St. Pius X, Blessed Trinity, or Our Lady of Mercy.

2019 winner: *Alex Guigou*

Bob Moorefield Award: Bob Moorefield was a father who was very involved in the school while his children were students. He coached several different teams and enjoyed the sports program. This award is given to an eighth grade girl who is involved in athletics; is a real team player; tries hard, and is willing to do whatever is needed.

2019 winner: *Maeve Miller*

The Chi-Rho Award is given to an eighth grade student who possesses the qualities of scholarship, faith, determination, caring, and integrity.

2019 winner: *Maria Cerbone*

Emily Johnston Award is given to one boy and one girl who demonstrate an interest and ability in literature and writing, a willingness to read other literary selections above and beyond those which are required in class, and an interest in writing as a possible career, or as an elective course in high school.

2019 winners: *Irena Lively and Pierce McCarthy*

Evelyn Harris Memorial Award recognizes one eighth grade boy and girl for their dedicated service to their school, parish, and community.

2019 winners: *Madelyn Cowan and Will Waters*

Hayden Jacques Memorial Award recognizes one boy or girl who demonstrates great effort in the classroom, has high participation in school activities, exhibits a positive attitude in all his/her actions, is a well-rounded student, shows compassion toward others, and possesses a great love for Saint Jude School.

2019 winner: *Caoimhina Sloan*

Rob Paulinelli Memorial Award recognizes an eighth grade boy who is involved in athletics; is a real team player; who tries hard, is respectful, cooperative, helpful, a good friend, likes to participate, and is willing to do whatever is needed.

2019 winner: *Andrew Oliver*

Thaddeus Award is presented to two students who demonstrate the love of and enthusiasm for Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School.

2019 winners: *Pierce McCarthy and Christina Sweeney*

St. Thomas Aquinas Award is presented to a student who exemplifies a determination to achieve personal goals with diligence and perseverance.

2019 winners: *Lauren Sharp and Alejandro Ahart*

Student of the Year: This award is presented to one girl and one boy who have above average grades and behavior, demonstrate the spirit of Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School, participate in extra-curricular activities, and demonstrate leadership abilities and qualities.

2019 winners: *Katie Brandt Braswell and Joey Connell*



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“Chastain” *Night* ANNUAL FUND KICK-OFF SJA STYLE 2019-20

Join us on the SJA soccer fields for our version of Chastain Night...SJA style!

Don't miss our 2019-2020 Annual Fund kick-off on Saturday, September 21, 6:30pm-10pm with live music from the Stephen Lee Band! Tables and chairs will be provided – bring your own food and beverages!

Your ticket for entry is your Annual Fund commitment pledge form.

Upcoming Dates

2019

Wednesday, August 7

First Day, Noon Dismissal

Sunday, August 25

*Major Donor Dinner,
Naylor Hall in Roswell*

Friday, August 30

*Noon Dismissal,
Labor Day Holiday*

Monday, September 2

Labor Day Holiday

Saturday, September 21

Chastain Night

Wednesday – Sunday, September 25 – 29

Circus of the Kids

Saturday, October 5

Fall Festival

Friday, October 11

Noon Dismissal

Monday – Tuesday, October 14 – 15

Student Holidays

Sunday, October 20

*Open House for 2020-2021
school year*

Monday, October 21

*Online Applications open
for 2020 - 2021 school year
(closes February 3, 2020)*

Tuesday & Thursday, October 29 & 31

*Noon Dismissal,
Parent-Teacher Conferences*

Monday – Friday, November 25 – 29

Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday, December 19

*Noon Dismissal,
Last Day of School before
Christmas Holidays*