



# PEN-GU-IN THESE FUN FACTS



## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

St. Jude of the Lake Catholic School is a Catholic community dedicated to fully preparing children for their future by developing their faith, mind, and character.

# OUR STORY

St. Jude of the Lake School began in 1939 with Father James Francis Cronin, a mission priest from Ireland, appointed as pastor. More than eighty years later, both our church and school continue to thrive!

In May 1953 approval was granted for construction for 8 classrooms and all the necessary amenities. Today, St. Jude of the Lake has fifteen classrooms, a Gymnasium, Cafeteria, Library and Media Center, Science and Engineering Labs, Art Studio, Music and Spanish Rooms, and Gymnasium.

The dedication was held in May 1954 with Sister Felicia, a Benedictine nun, as principal.

The cost of educating a child was approximately \$25.50 a year. Larger families only paid for the first two children. Today, the tuition in our school is \$4,500 which is approximately 40% of actual costs per pupil of \$11,500. We have several opportunities to assist with tuition, in the form of financial gifts, to make our educational experience affordable to everyone.



# OUR PATRON SAINT

St. Jude of the Catholic Church, he is the patron saint of desperate and lost causes. Saint Jude's attribute is a club. He is also often shown in icons with a flame around his head. This represents his presence at Pentecost when he received the Holy Spirit with the other apostles.



# OUR MORNING PRAYER

A student favorite  
recited every morning  
and remembered  
throughout the years.

Oh my God, I offer you  
every thought, word,  
and act of today.

Please bless me, O  
Lord, and help me to  
be good today. All for  
the honor and glory of  
God. St. Jude Pray for  
Us.



# JUST THE BASICS

OUR LOVED MASCOT:  
Snowflake, the penguin



OUR SCHOOL COLORS:  
Royal blue and goldenrod

OUR SCHOOL MOTTO:  
Challenge the Mind. Inspire  
the Spirit

OUR SCHOOL EMBLEM:



# OUR SCHOOL SONG

Our St. Jude of the Lake School song is sure to  
put a penGRIN on your face!

St. Jude of the Lake.... St. Jude of the Lake  
A school with a difference and a difference we  
make.

We're here to have fun....Praise Father, Spirit  
and Son.

We won't stop working 'til the working is done.

We read and we work.

We do arithmetic.

We love to play soccer.

It's really a kick

We paint and we draw and as a matter of fact

St. Jude of the Lake ....St. Jude of the Lake

SAINT JUDE OF THE LAKE

St. Jude of the Lake!



# EVENTS

- SPIRIT WEAR DAYS are the last Friday of every month. Students are welcome to wear St. Jude of the Lake spirit wear items, in addition to jean pants, skirts, shorts, and/or in combination with their Loved school uniform tops, pants, shorts, skirts, and jumpers.
- PENGUIN POP-UPS- Surprise events for the students and/or the community that are not publicly on the calendar. During the school day, staff will surprise the students with hot chocolate and cookies, popcorn, root beer floats, a hallway carnival, and/or other fun activities. Three times a year, the school community shares a surprise special treat with our parishioners to say thanks for all the prayers and support. In the past, we have served fresh popcorn, pretzels, and hot chocolate.
- PENGUIN POWER! - A fun program in which students are encouraged to wear their uniform and/or spirit wear outside of the school day. For each day, outside of school, that the student wears their uniform, they may get ONE token from the classroom bucket, put their name on it, and place it in the big bucket in the hallway, outside the Principal's Office. This activity is on the honor system. The fun re-starts each week. There is NO backfilling from previous weeks allowed. Every Friday, a 5th Grade leader will pull 4 tokens out of the big bucket. Each winner will have a chance to spin the wheel for fun opportunities to share with their classmates. There will be special occasions where the spinning will be replaced with scratch off tickets.

# COOL FACTS ABOUT PENGUINS

- World Penguin Day- Observed the world over on April 25th, World Penguin Day recognizes one of the most unique birds on the planet, and OUR ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE MASCOT. The St. Jude of the Lake School Community PengWINNERS celebrate the day with all sorts of fun activities and tasty treats.
- Other fun facts:
  - There are 17 species of penguins, and all their natural habitats are in the Southern hemisphere.
  - The Emperor Penguin is the biggest of the 18 penguin species and largest of all birds.
  - There are estimated to be (2017) approximately 595,000 adult Emperor penguins today, and from birth, they spend their entire life around the Antarctic ice. These wondrous critters also incubate their eggs like other birds; only they can do so in temperatures nearing -50 degrees Celsius – that is cold!
  - Emperor Penguins are the tallest... about 4 feet tall. The smallest, Little Blue, stands about 16 inches.
  - Penguins are excellent swimmers with the fastest penguin swimmer getting up to about 22 mph.